COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, 17th July, 2013

House met at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker, Mr. Mariru is the chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

[Leader for Majority Hon. Wachira]

Hon. Wachira: (*Leader of majority)*

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of County Public Service Board. (Resumption of debate adjourned on Thursday, 11th July 2013)*

Speaker: Thank you, Majority Leader. I think this is just a resumption of the discussion we had earlier and it was cut short when the House was adjourned on Thursday, 11th July, 2013. Now I cannot remember who had spoken and who had not. So Hon. Members you will get an opportunity even if you had spoken earlier now that I cannot remember. Remember one member speaks once for a motion but on this one allow us to take some time for the Members to discuss. So the floor is open. Yes, Hon.Wakahiu.

Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Public Service Board that has already been appointed, I have just noted that due to gender representation, the list does not have women representation and having seen the qualifications of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi, I support her appointment to be the chairperson of the County Public Service Board because of her qualifications and the gender. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Member, I do not think we are discussing about the appointment. The appointment is another issue. What we are discussing now is rescinding the decision of the Assembly that it took at some point.

Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the decision not to reject her nomination.

Speaker: Yes, Member for Marmanet.

Hon. Mukuria: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir for this opportunity this morning. After I have discovered that we need to rescind the decision that we made for rejection of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi. I support that we rescind that decision simply because I have come to realize that when we were making this decision we made out of emotions …. A reason to say that we rejected Mary Wairimu Mutonyi of her merit not because

of poor consultation but through the mood of the House. So I stand to support we rescind the motion of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi to be considered to be in the Public Service Board. Thank you.

Speaker: I am deliberately giving some time on this matter. I think the decision that we want to make is key for the House. Hon. Members, understand that we are trying to rescind the decision we made. This House accepts the nomination of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of the County Public Service Board and the essence of today therefore is to rescind that decision. I would like to give Hon. Members some time on that.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand in support of rescinding the name of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of the County Public Service Board. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues have said the decision was made with emotions on that day and I would also like in future the Hon. Members to decide on passing the name without being controlled by emotions. So I also support the rescinding of Mary Mutonyi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Member, I am very deliberate on this matter, and you know why. It is because when the House is rescinding its decision then it must have deliberated quite a bit. So am taking more taking more time here Hon. Members so that the Members have an opportunity to talk. I don't want to rush on that decision. Yes, Majority Leader.

Hon. Wachira: Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand here to support the rescinding of the name of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of the Public Service Board. Reasons being, from our vetting this lady qualified in all areas that we asked questions on and again on gender sensitivity as Members have said we passed names with one gender representation. So when we do this we are going to have gender balance and make our board operational. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Okay. Before I put the question, is there any other contribution from the floor? This is very deliberate the time I am taking on this matter. It is good to hear the wisdom of the Members. This is extremely deliberate for me to give more time on this matter. You remember that in the last meeting it was quite a heated discussion in the Assembly around this matter. So when you see me taking that time, it is because I want to be very deliberate. Yes, Mheshimiwa Jacob.

Hon. Jacob: Mimi naunga mkono Mary kwa sababu hata siku ya kwanza nilikuwa nimeunga mkono. Ile shida ilikuwa ni mambo ya jinsia na tunataka ukweli vile Bi alisema tuangalie jinsi. Kwa vivyo mimi naunga mkono ndio mswada uendelee.

Speaker: Ok Members. I will have to put the question now,

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(Motion agreed)

I want to make it clear Honourable Members that what the House has just done is not to appoint Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chair person of the County Public Service Board. What the House has done is just to rescind the decision of the House to reject that

name. What that means is that that name will need to be brought to this House at a time when the House Business Committeeshall decide so that then the issue of whether to nominate or reject that name shall come. Therefore, we have come from the negative to neutral. So this House will have to decide again whether to approve or reject but now she will be on the floor at a time when the House Business Committeeshall decide.

MOTION

[Leader of Majority Hon. Wachira]

Hon. Wachira: Thank Mr. Speaker,

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a board member of the County Public Service Board. (Resumption of debate adjourned on Thursday, 11th July, 2013)*

Speaker: Okay. This is again a resumption of debate; I will get some time for the Members to talk before I put the question. Yes, Member for Marmanet.

Hon. Mukuria: …. (*Off record)* so that we don't just make a decision that will affect this House out of emotions. Hon. Members I just ask honorably that we support the rescinding of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a member of the County Public Service Board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, Hon. Wachira.

Hon. Wachira: For the same reasons Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand here again to support the rescinding of the name Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. She qualified when we were vetting her, and she has the papers that were required. On gender sensitivity she is a lady and when we asked for memorandum so that we may reject her, none was received. I therefore stand here to support the rescinding of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Again Hon. Members, am very deliberate on giving more time on this. I do not want to rush. Yes, Member for Salama.

Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I also rise to support the rescinding of the decision to reject the name of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a Board Member. I support the rescinding of the decision. As I have said earlier, the gender balance is very important as per the constitution. So I also support the rescinding of the decision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Ok if there is no other member I would like to put the question;

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(Motion agreed)

Again just like the first motion I think the House is clear that it has not approved the nomination of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. The nomination of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a member of the County Public Service Board is subject to a different motion that will be brought to the House as the House Business Committeeshall determine. For that reason I would propose that the House Business Committee meet after this for five (5) or ten (10) minutes so that that matter is discussed among other matters. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The House is adjourned. We meet at 2.30 p.m. and I think there are quite a number of motions that the House Business Committee needed to put for the afternoon. Deputy Speaker, I think you have something you will tell the Members when I have left. The House is adjourned. Hon. Member you are just slightly late.

The House rose at 9.20 a.m.