

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 12th February, 2020

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro) in the Chair

PRAYER

MOTION

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Hon. Lentukunye Christopher, the Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Orders number 150 (1), The Assembly approves the following members nominated to serve in the House Business Committee. In addition to the Speaker of the Assembly who, pursuant to Standing Orders number 157 (1 a, b, c, d) shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Deputy Speaker who shall be the Vice Chairperson, the Leader of Majority and the Leader of Minority and also with the following members:

1. Hon. Aisha Mohammed
2. Hon. Lesoipa Shadrack
3. Hon. Lucas Lekwale
4. Hon. Josephine Lesilampa

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Hon. Member, you need to have a Hon. Member to second.

The Leader of Majority, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker for reminding me, I beg to call upon Hon. Kiragu to second the Motion.

(Hon. Kiragu bows in seconding the Motion)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Hon. Members I now propose the Motion **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Orders number 150 (1), The Assembly approves the following members nominated to serve in the House Business Committee. In addition to the Speaker of the Assembly who, pursuant to Standing Orders number 157 (1) part (a, b, c, d) shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the deputy speaker who shall be the vice chairperson, the Majority Leader plus the Minority Leader together with the following members:

1. Hon. Aisha Mohammed
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Hon. Members I think it is your opportunity to ventilate on the list and say something for or against before we put on the question. Honorable Leshipayo.

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Joseph Leshipayo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Honorable. I stand to support the names of the Business Committee. The names that we had the Honorable Speaker are the active Members of this House. So we support. Thank you Honorable Speaker.

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank Hon. Speaker, although you have actually ambushed me because I am one of the committee members. But I think I need to support the motion because we have actually been doing a good job making the calendar of the House. And I think the Members will bear us witness that we have actually worked very well and I do not think there is any Member who will like oppose or contrary to that. So by that I really support. Thank very much.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Yes, Hon Letura.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Raisy Letura): Hon. Speaker before I support or oppose, let me first air my sentiments. Hon. Speaker I think the first or the last House Business Committee was very dormant. Many a times we found the House with no business or we found the Speaker or the Speaker's panel coming to the Assembly without anything on the Order Paper. The reason has been many a times I think the House Business Committee are supposed to be sitting on every Thursday, I have not checked on the new Standing Order but on the old Standing Orders, they were supposed to be sitting on every Thursday. But you find they have not been observing the time to sit every other Thursday. And you see Honorable Speaker if there is anything that would done in this House through the law or somebody challenges an issue that has been raised in this House which has not been prepared ... *(Interruption by a call for a point of order by Hon*

Lucas Lekwale) ...by the House Business Committee, Hon. Speaker it would be disastrous for this House.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Hon Lekwale, what is it?

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Hon. Speaker the hon. Member is out of order saying that probably we have not been sitting because I know very well that, we have the records and you can check with our assistant clerks. we have been sitting consistently. And we have been developing the House Business in this House including the calendar of this House. So the hon. Member is out of order saying that we are not active. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Okay.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon Rais. Letura): Hon. Speaker to continue, the Hon. Member for Wamba East is not to inform me that I am out of order, actually he should point out which Order that I have not followed or I am not in tandem with rather than brushing saying that I am out of order. So actually I think he is the one out of order. So Hon. Speaker, I think this time round the honorable House Business Committee should actually pull up their socks so that the House is active and we have business on the table that actually we can transact. We remember very well; I think one of our dormant moments was the last session of the House or the last calendar. And sometimes it is being contributed by a dormant House Business Committee. I have nothing against them, yes I will support but I will say pull up your socks so that this House could be lively and active. Thank you.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker, although the year is a little bit old but I would like to say happy new year to all Members including the Speaker on the session. I stand also to support the motion for the House to adapt the new house business committee and I would like to urge all of us so that in this session, we become a vibrant house. So that every committee becomes active and also to engage the executive because we have been having challenges in terms of implementation of projects. I think this is the only remaining financial year before we go into politics and forget about priorities.

I would also like to point out that house business committee is made active by active members. If we do not bring business as respective committees as regards to statements, motions, Bills, public participation, the House Business Committee will also become dormant. I do not blame them per se but, it us, various committees that should engage house business committee. So I stand to support. Thank you.

MCA Suguta Ward, (Hon. Lesoipa Shadrack): Thank you hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion but with your permission, allow me to condole with the family of the late president Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi and give him the last respects that he deserves. Some us here like Hon Leitore and Hon Lekwale we took Nyayo Milk and the free school feeding programs when we were in primary school. So we do not miss a word to say thank you to the late president and may his soul rest in peace as we continue to push our country forward. I think he was the longest serving member of parliament in this country, so being one of the parliamentarians of this nation I must utter a word to the departed soul of the former president of Kenya.

Having said that Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the formation of this committee. Being one of the members, honorable Speaker, I assure this house that going forward we must be vibrant and be able to provide services to the people of this county. I only urge all these members even the committee on house business committee may not function without a vibrant house knowing very well the order that they are supposed to make is contributed to by active members. The house business committee cannot sit down and tell members what to debate. I think it should be an initiative from the members themselves for this committee to move forward.

So I assure you the Speaker, this house and the people of Samburu, mostly the people of Suguta, going forward as a member of this committee, I will discharge my duties without fear or favor. Thank you very much and God bless you.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Kiragu Fred): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I too wish to support membership of the committee and the said has been widely chosen out as it represents all the interests of the house, that is the majority, the minority and gender balance. I only note that people living with handicaps are not represented but I'm sure they are properly represented by

Hon Leparsaiya because he is very merciful. Maybe he should take charge of the disabled and the minority. With those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I wish to support.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Leitore Benjamin): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too stand to support the motion. Although I have some reservations it's only that the leader of majority did not consult widely on this because a great number of Members are dormant Members Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker at some point truths need to be said. Mr. Speaker, why do I say this; it is provided in our Standing Orders ... *(Interruption by the Speaker)*.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Hon. Majority Leader, at what Standing Order are you standing on?

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, *(Inaudible)*...

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): No, I requested the Standing Order number. Remember we have now new Standing Orders.

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, without quoting the exact number where I am withdrawing the point of order but Mr. Speaker ... *(interruption by the Speaker)* ...

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Okay for now,

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): The kind of language the Honorable Member is using I think is un-parliamentary. Saying Members are dormant, he should tell us the measure of dormancy of Members.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): The Hon. Benjamin to continue.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I will not take much of my time to reply on that. But Mr. Speaker I want to say that it is clearly provided on our Standing Orders; that the sittings of the House Business Committee is on Thursday to prepare for the coming week's calendar and events. But Mr. Speaker some people

may deny this or oppose; that in our last term House Business Membership or Committee there were no such sittings. You can rarely have House Business Committee sitting on Thursday. That's why Mr. Speaker for the last two years we have not been moving on well because we lack that leadership of the House Business Committee; to allocate events for the coming week.

Mr. Speaker a number of questions were raised by the Members of this Honorable House. And the questions disappeared in between, between the clerk's office and the department. There were no clear timelines on when to respond on these questions. At some instances, Members come to request through the speaker that 'I sought a question on a certain date that has not been replied'. Mr. Speaker such kind of framework is provided by the House Business Committee. This is a fact. A great number of the party leadership in this House do not even understand that they are Members of the House Business Committee by virtue of them being leaders of the party. That's is a fact. That is a fact. They do not even understand that it is provided in our Standing Orders, that by the virtue of them being leaders of the party they are Members of the House Business Committee. So such leadership would not take us anywhere.

But for the sake of time and because Members have supported the motion, Mr. Speaker I think through the new Standing Orders and within the shortest time possible, we will give it a remedy in. Because we need to move, we need to move Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, just because the rest of the Members had called for the Committee to make sure that they pull up their socks, I would also wish to do the same. That this time round we need to see a vibrant leadership, a committed leadership and a leadership that understands their roles well as provided under the laws before this honorable House Mr. Speaker. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Thank you Hon. Members. I think for those Members who are in the House Business Committee have noted the concerns of the Members, that it is time for them to pull up their socks. So reading from the mood of the House, I now put the question, **THAT**, pursuant to the Standing Order No. 151 the Assembly approves the following Members nominated to serve in the House Business Committee in addition to the Speaker of the County Assembly who pursuant to the Standing Order No. 157(1 a b c) and d)

shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Deputy Speaker who shall be the Vice Chairperson, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader with the following members;

1. Hon. Asha Mohammed
2. Hon. Lesoipa Shadrack
3. Hon. Lucas Lekwale
4. Hon. Josephine Lesilampa.

(The question was put and the motion passed)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Hon. Members, the time being 25 minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

