

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 25th August, 2020

The House met at 10.40 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Mwangangi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: There are some members who have a funeral of some relatives and for me I also have a meeting of CASB which is urgent to do with matters of the Assembly. So I call upon Mr. Clerk that we start.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW REGARDING COVID-19

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, I have some communication; please kindly listen and the communication is on matters that pertain to our operations in this Assembly. Allow me, Hon. Members first to start by addressing the issue of Covid 19 pandemic and I know I have noted many of you it is like you are getting tired of hearing about it but you will not get tired because the public and your families are looking unto you. Secondly, you are needed in the service of this county and country; we don't want to have anyone of you sick and unfortunately and God forbid, we don't want to lose any of you to that pandemic.

Hon. Members, if you note from the time this matter came to Kenya in March 2020, the Ministry of Health and the Head of Public Service has been issuing various guidelines to assist us keep safe. The Assembly has also issued guidelines because you also are leaders and you are knowledgeable and we have a law really that is the basis of this guideline. We have the public health Act, we also have the Occupational and Safety Act 2007 and that places the duty of the owner of any premises to take care of the people who are in the premises.

Hon. Members, it has come to a time when we must take care of you, the CASB because it is the one that is in charge of this premises. Whatever directives that we are going to give make sense and they are for your good and if we don't do it, we stand liable before the law for your safety. So, whatever we will do, we need to do to enforce those regulations. The office of the Clerk started way back with the members of his staff to address the Covid 19, for your own good and they set up a committee and it is that committee that came up with various issues that you have been seeing ways of implementing protection for you against Covid 19.

It came a time when the CASB felt that we need to beef up that committee with members representing you and Members representing the CASB and to that effect the CASB formally set up this committee that is comprising of:

- a) Hon. Peter Mutiso - Chairperson, MCAs representative
- b) Hon. Alex Kitili - Member, representing CASB

- c) Mr. Dominic Musyoka - Staff
- d) Ms. Judy Mulinge “
- e) Ms. Faith Peter “
- f) Ms. Cynthia Watuka “
- g) Ms. Luiza Kamau “
- h) Mr. Joel Kiptum “
- i) Ms. Monica Musyoka “
- j) Mr. David Musyoki “

Hon. Members, this is an *ad hoc* Committee, the minute we are through with the issue of Covid 19, we are going to disband it but it is a committee that you must work with closely and it is a committee that you must give your suggestions to because it is the one that is going to assist us fight this pandemic.

Hon. Members, I think you can even hear the weight in my voice because I have noted a number of you are taking this matter very lightly and it worries me a lot. I visited the cafeteria this morning and I know you are excited because it has been closed and it is now open; it is a service that is important to you, but you cannot go there excited and start haggling closing to each other and then you don't know who has Covid 19. As we are talking, we have two lawyers from Machakos in the hospital, one of them in the ICU, we also have prosecutor and it is for real. Why is it that Members, you who have a responsibility over your families and the members of public don't seem to be taking this matter seriously?

When I entered in the cafeteria, I was impressed and I found the social distance because that committee I read names off, has made arrangements guided by the department of county public health; they came and showed us how we should keep that social distance but then the minute we put those seats, when you are not being supervised you bring the seats together. Why? Why don't you be your own policeman and policewoman really? Think about the child in your house, think about your wife, think about your parents who are old, what example are we setting as leaders? All this is being seen, the staff there are young and they are looking at you and if you are haggling close together, like there is nothing; what message are you sending to them? Please Members, I am appealing to you because what you do matters so much.

For me when I came there, I washed my hands, I wasn't coming to sit there, but I was coming to see what's happening there but I washed my hands. The first thing you need to do when you enter the Assembly is to wash your hands and I am told that a number of you are saying that I have washed my hands and you refuse. At the end we hear, we have a bucket, we have toilet papers, we have soap but every time you find that bucket for waste paper is empty, even by evening meaning that nobody is washing hands. Why?

Don't trust yourself, suspect yourself just like I suspect each one of you and suspect me so that then we are safe because if the Assembly has provided those hand-washing stations with soap, we have provided sanitizers automatic machines, you don't need to touch them, we have provided you with masks and I will talk about masks shortly, and we are telling you sit apart from each other.

Why do you still want to come close, why do you want not to wash hands, why do you want to do *gota* that you are greeting somebody and it has been established this stuff is also on fabric? Please members, help me because I have seen a circular from the head of public service that I will be held liable, if it is found that I am not giving you ideas on you being safe but then I will not go down alone and I will not be punished for your mistakes.

The Serjeant at Arms is not going to allow any member into the premises who is not following those instructions. The Serjeant at Arms are directed not to allow any Member who is coming in without a mask and this brings me to the issue of masks. CASB must provide each member with 50 masks of quality masks every month and that is going also for the staff that you have even in the ward offices. Every staff must have 50 masks every month and I have given that direction to the CASB.

At the moment they are procuring and so there will be no excuse for any member to come here to be seen without a mask. We cannot afford the N95, those who can afford the N95 are okay, but we have been taken through by experts that this, that what I am wearing is a surgical mask, is good enough in fact you can even wear it for two days and later discard. But because we come here occasionally, 50 of them in a month should be sufficient for you and 50 of them for each of your staff outside and here should be enough. Members of the public are highly restricted from entering here, the reason is that we want to reduce that movement but if it must be, a member of the public coming here for a physical interaction, which is a must, they will be given a mask as well.

Some of them may come with masks that are not proper or without, they will be given a mask and they will be required to wash hands but members of the public who you interact with please advise them; let them come through mostly electronic communication to the Assembly except where it is necessary like for the interviews that we are doing.

For the cafeteria, Hon. Members please note you are going to be served food by the staff. You have gone to hotels now on report writing; don't touch those spoons, be served and those members of staff are going to have certificate for handling food normally and also for Covid-19 free and every other time insist on seeing those certificates from our staff here who are serving you.

That cafeteria will be fumigated every other time and high standards of ventilation will be kept windows open throughout and Members please not at any time the cafeteria is going to accommodate only 34 of you. Please learn to have your meals in turns so that you don't all go to crowd there, and the minute you find in a seat indicated 'don't sit here,' please don't, don't move the seats from the posters on the floor which are going to be put there.

Members, once you finish your business here in the Assembly, please stop hugging each other, I have noted it and I cringe; hugging each other. Please don't. Treat each one of you as a suspect or as a candidate for this disease and that is how we will be safe. Let the disease catch you when you are taking care but not because you are careless and we have underlying conditions many of us, and you don't know what will happen when you go to the hospital, whether you will actually get that treatment. The information is that our hospitals are getting overwhelmed. So if you go there and you need a ventilator and it is not there, what are you going to do? Why don't we assist so that we do not overcrowd also the hospitals by taking care of ourselves and our families and our electorates?

Hon. Members, I have said this because I think we have been not so careful and please don't do it because you are seeing a police officer, the Sergeant at Arms, the Speaker or anybody; do it because it is in you, you are convicted that, that is the way to go. We will continue supporting you members and giving you different information as matters change. The information we have is that Covid 19 is going to be with us, we may start relaxing maybe just towards next year, January or February that is the information we have. You have a long way to go and it is a disease that is not known so the little that we know about it which can be used to safe us let us use it and let us keep our eyes open as we go on.

CONSTRUCTION OF WARD OFFICES

The other communication Hon. Members that I have is on the issue of ward offices. I am glad to report that the first ward office is complete and that is for Hon. Ikusya in Kangundo West.

(Applause)

He has really been pushing it and he is a first, he has gone into history now of the Assembly and so this office, we are going to open it officially as CASB on the Thursday, 27th August, 2020, the day after tomorrow and the House Leadership is invited to represent the members, remember we are still avoiding crowding and I also know that is a day of report writing. So you will be busy, report writing, but the House leadership is invited to witness the occasion will also have the media at least to show, to cover what the Assembly has been doing or has done.

I know you are asking about the others. The information I have from the Clerk is that another 20 ward offices are at various stages of construction in which about 12 of them are over 50 percent complete and these are; Ikombe (95%), Matuu (90%), Lower Kaewa (80%), Mlolongo Syokimau (80%), Kinanie (80%), Kathiani Central (80%), Upper Kaewa (80%), Mumbuni North (80%), Kyeleni (70%), Kangundo Central (70%), Mitaboni (60%) and Muthesya (50%). Hon. Members, the other eight ward offices out of these ones which are awaiting inspection on their status because as you construct there is that requirement of inspection from stage to stage and that is ongoing.

Now, these which are on inspection, sorry Members they are not part of the ones I have read are Athi River, Katangi, Kalama, Matungulu West, Masii, Ndithini and Matungulu North. You will notice that some of the wards are not mentioned here and I believe those are the ones especially like Machakos Central where Hon. Mutiso has been having serious problems like availability of land. If you are in the same and I think even Masii, if you are in the same category members please come to the office of the Speaker, and office of the Clerk, we must assist you get that land so that you have your offices in the long run.

RESUMPTION OF INTERVIEWS

Hon. Members, the final communication which I have is on resumption of interviews and must know what is happening in the Assembly. You remember we advertised those positions and we got a lot of applicants, we shortlisted we have been doing interviews which had been halted because of coronavirus. So we resumed, we are going on well but then there is some and it happens, I think it is very interesting in the public that we are getting information that some members of public are saying that they are being asked to give money, to bring to the board members so that their candidates can pass the interviews.

I just want to assure you members, no such a thing has been requested for in the board, the board is operating above board we notice these things even when there is police recruitment, when there is army recruitment. So, Members, if you hear any such information, please dismiss it with the contempt that it deserves and I just want to assure the public that the board is not asking anyone penny.

What is surprising is that most of the candidates, actually all of them who come before us are young people who have tarmacked since 2013 and others graduated without work, without job and they are still looking for jobs. How would anyone really ask for money from such a destitute case? So, we are assisting the public through those interviews and the best candidate may they win and get the positions. So, Hon. Members, thank you very much.

PAPER LAID

REPORT ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by the Majority Leader Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 155(1), I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, 25th August, 2020; report of the Committee on Selection on nomination of Members to committees. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Can I see if the paper is signed? Next Order!

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have two businesses; the first is by the Hon. Majority Leader Mark Muendo and the second one by Hon. Irene Mbivya. Hon. Mark Muendo.

REPORT ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, that aware that the committee on Selection is mandated to nominate members to serve in committees pursuant to Standing order 152(2); Further, aware that membership of a committee can be affected by resignation of a member or removal of a member from a committee pursuant to Standing Order 153(3);

Madam Speaker, cognizant that the Assembly party that nominated a member to a select committee may give notice of discharge in writing to the Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 156(1) and (2);

Aware that Standing Order 157 provides for guidelines on the number of members a select committee should have;

Madam Speaker, Informed that the committee on Selection is in receipt of several discharge cases as effected by Assembly parties pursuant to Standing Order 156;

Madam Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on nomination of members to committees.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo; next Member Hon. Irene Mbivya.

SETTING UP OF DESKS WITH SPECIFIED PERSONNEL TO HANDLE VICTIMS OF
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY

Hon. (Ms.) Mwende: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker; that aware that the Constitution of Kenya, 2010---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mbivya, I know you want to be on the HANSARD; just get a little closer to the mic and be a little louder.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwende: Okay. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, places significant emphasis on human rights, equality and justice;

Aware that the Constitution further establishes independent commissions to oversee the protection of particular rights and freedoms. One of these is the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) which is mandated with promoting gender equality and freedom from discrimination, with a special focus on special interest groups including women, youth, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and minority or marginalized communities;

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that gender-based violence undermines the health, dignity, security and autonomy of its victims yet it remains shrouded in a culture of silence; Further aware that with the recent closure of learning institutions due to Covid-19, cases of Gender based violence have been on the rise;

Aware that Media reports citing data from a government-managed health information system have stated that up to 4,000 adolescent girls may have visited health facilities for ante-natal services in the county of Machakos alone between January and May 2020;

Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the fact that none of the County health facilities has put up a desk to handle matters of gender-based violence hence exposing the victims to stigmatization;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this House discusses and approves that;

1. All the Level 3 and 4 Health facilities in the County should have a desk and specified personnel to handle victims of gender-based violence.
2. The County Government of Machakos should establish rescue centers to take care of Gender based violence victims.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Irene Mbivya. Mr. Clerk, next Order.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have two businesses; the first by Hon. Mark Muendo and second one is by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki. Hon. Mark Muendo.

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 25TH AUGUST TO 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Hon. Muendo: Hon. Speaker, I stand under Standing Order 41(2)(a) where during the Statement Hour, a Member of the House Business Committee designated by the Committee for that purpose shall for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the table, a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House.

Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on Monday, 24th August, 2020 to review and ballot business for the House pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 151. The Committee balloted additional business for 25th August, 2020 and business for 8th September, 2020 as follows:

Tuesday, 25th August, 2020

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Response to a Statement requested by Hon. Moses Mitaa, Majority Whip/MCA Kangundo Central that:

- i. The County Treasury provides the IFMIS uploaded information forwarded to the County Departments in relation to the implementation of the FY 2020/21 Budget.
- ii. Upon receiving the above information, all the County departments and the County Treasury to provide monthly IFMIS records to the Assembly.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Motion by Hon. Mark Muendo (Majority Leader/MCA, Kinanie Ward) that pursuant to the approved Calendar of the County Assembly of Machakos for the fourth session, this Hon. House goes on a short recess from Wednesday, 26th August, 2020 to Monday, 7th September 2020.

Tuesday, 8th September, 2020

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Report of Youth, Women and Sports Committee on Machakos County Stadium Programme by Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu, Chairperson.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Report of Committee on Implementation on Implementation of the Machakos County Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 by Hon. Fredrick Muthoka, Chairperson.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REPORT ON IFMIS DOCUMENTS

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, Standing Order 40 provides for the procedure of members to make general statements. A Statement was sought pursuant to Standing Order 41(1) before the House on 28th July, 2020 that:

- a. The Chief Officer, Finance and Revenue Collection should forward the IFMIS report of the uploaded FY 2020/21 Budget estimates to the County Assembly through the Office of the Clerk.
- b. The Chief Officer, Finance and revenue Collection should provide the County Assembly with IFMIS report for each month on the County income and expenditure in the FY 2020/21.

Hon. Speaker, this matter was committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations pursuant to Standing Order 188(2) as it relates to the mandate of the committee. Consequently, the Committee through the Office of the Clerk forwarded a letter Ref: MKS/PSC/CMM/BAP/VOL.5/13, dated 3rd August, 2020 requesting the Chief Officer to respond on the statement on or before 5th August, 2020.

Hon. Speaker, a response on the above has not yet been received by the Committee and therefore a reminder, Ref: MKS/PSC/CMM/BAP/VOL.5/13, dated 11th August, 2020 was forwarded to Chief Officer to forward the same to the Office of the Clerk on or before 17th August, 2020.

It is in view of the above the above and on behalf of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation, I wish to request for extension of time for two weeks to give the Committee enough time to follow up with the Chief Officer Finance, and ensure that a response is forwarded to this Hon. House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Alright. Hon. Members there is that request which is made by the chair, Budget and Appropriations committee and Members, I believe you are alright with the request for extension because the information that is sought is critical. Do we give them that extension of two weeks?

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, your committee is given the extension of two weeks and make sure that you get that information because this is a critical time and the Assembly is looking into the implementation of the budget that was passed just the other day. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

REPORT ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

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Madam Speaker, I wish to give move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on nomination of members to committees.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mark Muendo who is seconding your motion?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Minority Leader Hon. Kamitu may second my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader Alex Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I stand to second the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Mark Muendo so you take us through the report.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to do a request....I do not know if we are going to have introduction which we normally have.

Hon. Speaker: Indeed Hon. Muendo....we can commit the unnecessary parts and go to the critical parts so that...because the report is still with you. So please guide us where you want us to leave like these preamble and mandate. We know the mandate of that committee. Maybe you need to talk about the composition for the record of it.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As guided; my committee which is the Selection committee;

2.0 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Madam Speaker, the committee has 12 Hon. Members as constituted by this Hon. House; I think there should be a correction. 13 not 12.

Hon. Speaker: Correction noted.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Members of the committee;

1. Hon. Mark Muendo	- Majority Leader/Chairperson
2. Hon. Alex Kamitu	- Minority Leader/ Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Justus Kiteng'u	- Member
4. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva	“
5. Hon. Peter J. Mutiso	“
6. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki	“
7. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa	“
8. Hon. Christine Koki	“
9. Hon. Geoffrey M. Kamulu	“
10. Hon. Johana Munyao	“
11. Hon. Moffat Maitha	“
12. Hon. Pauline M. Munguti	“

3.0 COMMITTEE RETREAT

Madam Speaker, the Committee on Selection retreated from 5th to 8th August, 2020 at Nairobi to nominate and balance the committees' membership as per Standing Order 153. The committee guided by Standing Order 154(1) which states that “in nominating Members to serve on a select committee, the Selection Committee shall ensure that the membership of each committee reflects the relative majorities of the seats held by each of the Assembly parties in the Assembly.”

Madam Speaker, the Committee also made the following rules to guide them in the exercise; those committees which a member holds by virtue of his position such as Liaison (Chairpersons), procedure and rules (Chairperson of Committees)---

Hon. Speaker: I believe Hon. Majority Leader, that that word 'his' also includes 'her.' Can we say his or her position?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, by virtue of his or her position such as liaison chairperson, procedure and rules chairperson of committees and House Business (Leaders of Majority and Minority, Whips and Chairperson of committees) shall not be considered in getting total number of committees for a member.

- That each Hon. Member to have at least three committees comprising of two sectoral committees and at least one select committee.
- In Nominating members to serve in committees, the committee was also guided by the following Standing Orders;
 - a. Standing Orders 153(2) which states that “the Committee on Selection shall give consideration to the need for gender balance and shall, so far as may be practicable, ensure that no more than two-thirds of members of a committee of the Assembly, including a committee established through a resolution of the House, shall be of the same gender.”
 - b. Standing Orders 154(2) which states that “despite paragraph (1), a member belonging to a party other than an Assembly party or independent Member may be nominated to serve in select committee and the allocation of membership of select committees

shall be as nearly as practicable proportional to the number of members belonging to such parties and independent Members.’’

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do not know whether this is 4.0

Hon. Speaker: *Inaudible*

Hon. Muendo: I want to continue from there, Madam Speaker.

4.0 COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

Madam Speaker, the change in leadership and discharge of members from Committees by Assembly parties resulted to members of committees being moved from one committee to another and others replaced so as to align with Standing Order 157 which states that ‘‘subject to any written law, these Standing Orders or a resolution of the House, a select committee shall consist of an odd number of members being not less than nine and not more than 13.’’

A: SECTORAL COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Standing 190(1) there shall be select committees to be known as sectoral committees the membership of which shall be nominated by the Selection Committee in consultation with the Assembly parties at the commencement of every Assembly.

Madam Speaker, Standing Order 190(4) also states that the mandate of sectoral committees in respect of the subject matter assigned under the second schedule of these standing orders shall only be exercised within the limits contemplated under part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya. Madam Speaker, now we move to the committees.

1) TRADE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

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| 1. Hon. Cosmas Kieti Muia | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Anthony Mulu | Vice Chairperson |

Hon. Speaker: *Inaudible*

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We start with the committee of trade, economic planning and industrialization. Madam Speaker, the following are the Members of that committee.

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| 1. Hon. Cosmas Kieti Muia | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Antony Mulu | Vice chairperson |
| 1. Hon. Joseph Wambua | |
| 2. Hon. Betty Nzioki | |
| 3. Hon. Christine Koki | |
| 4. Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku | |
| 5. Hon. Brian Kisila | |
| 6. Hon. Josephat Kasyoki | |
| 7. Hon. Judas Ndawa | |
| 8. Hon. Mark Muendo | |
| 9. Hon. Mohammed Ali | |

10. Hon. Peter Mutiso
11. Hon. Moses Mitaa

2) *EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE*

1. Hon. Daniel Kiilu Chairperson
2. Hon. Hellen Ndeti Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Angela Munyasya
4. Hon. Benedette Musyoka
5. Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu
6. Hon. Francis Kioko
7. Hon. George King'ori
8. Hon. Alice Nzioka
9. Hon. Jane Nyawira
10. Hon. Joseph Musau
11. Hon. Margaret Ndalana
12. Hon. Phoebe koki
13. Hon. Judas Ndawa

Those are the Members of education and social welfare committee, Madam Speaker. We now move to;

3) *TRANSPORT, ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS*

1. Hon. Daniel Mbevi Chairperson
2. Hon. Irene Mbivya Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. John Musyimi
4. Hon. Caleb Mule
5. Hon. Cosmus Masesi
6. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa
7. Hon. Justus Kiten'gu
8. Hon. Margaret Mbithi
9. Hon. Margaret Ndalana
10. Hon. Patrick Kituku
11. Hon. Pauline Munguti
12. Hon. Tariq Mulatya
13. Hon. Winfred Mutua

4) *JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS*

1. Hon. Moffat Maitha Chairperson
2. Hon. Jane Nyawira Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Eric Musembi
4. Hon. Alice Nzioka
5. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki
6. Hon. Francis Kalumu

3. Hon. Betty Nzioki
4. Hon. Brian Kisila
5. Hon. Caleb Mule
6. Hon. Fredrick Muthoka
7. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa
8. Hon. Justus Kiteng'u
9. Hon. Cosmus Masesi
10. Hon. Moffat Maitha
11. Hon. Phoebe Mawa
12. Hon. Hellen Ndeti
13. Hon. Judas Ndawa

8) *HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES*

1. Hon. Cosmus Masesi Chairperson
2. Hon. Pauline Munguti Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Anastacia Mutuku
4. Hon. Daniel Mbevi
5. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki
6. Hon. Jacinta Luka
7. Hon. Patrick Kituku
8. Hon. Johana Munyao
9. Hon. Paul Museku
10. Hon. Peter Mutiso
11. Hon. Winfred Mutua
12. Hon. Tariq Mulatya
13. Hon. Antony Mulu

9) *LABOUR, PUBLIC SERVICE AND ICT*

1. Hon. Francis Kalumu Chairperson
2. Hon. Margaret Mbithi Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Alex Kamitu
4. Hon. Constance Nzioki
5. Hon. Irene Mbivya
6. Hon. Fredrick Muthoka
7. Hon. Anastacia Mutuku
8. Hon. Justus Katumo
9. Hon. Nicholas Mutuku
10. Hon. Paul Nyanzi
11. Hon. Rozina Kanini
12. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki
13. Hon. Eric Musembi

10) *CULTURE, SOCIAL WELFARE AND TOURISM*

1. Hon. Betty Nzioki Chairperson

2. Hon. Benedette Mueni Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Jeremiah Munguti
4. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi
5. Hon. Justus Kiteng'u
6. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki
7. Hon. Daniel Kiilu
8. Hon. Joshua Muli Nzuki
9. Hon. Alice Nzioka
10. Hon. Pauline Munguti
11. Hon. Francis Ngunga
12. Hon. Irene Mbivya
13. Hon. Thomas Mutinda

11) *YOUTH, WOMEN PWDs AND SPORTS COMMITTEE*

1. Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu Chairperson
2. Hon. Jacinta Luka Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Justus Katumo
4. Hon. Christine Koki
5. Hon. Agatha Mutunga
6. Hon. Phoebe Koki
7. Hon. Margaret Ndalana
8. Hon. Micheal Mutiso
9. Hon. Antony Mulu
10. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa
11. Hon. Johana Munyao
12. Hon. John Musyimi
13. Hon. Francis Ngunga

B: SELECT COMMITTEES

Madam Speaker, the select committees and their members are as follows:

1) *BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE*

1. Hon. Florence Mwangangi Chairperson

Hon. Speaker: Please indicate that they are the Speaker.

Hon. Muendo: The Speaker, yes. That is true.

1. Hon. Florence Muoti Mwangangi Speaker and Chairperson
2. Hon. Abdirahman
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3. Hon. Eric Musembi
4. Hon. Jacinta Luka
5. Hon. Cosmas Kieti

2) *PROCEDURE AND RULES COMMITTEE*

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| 2. | Hon. Paul Nyanzi | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Paul Museku | |
| 4. | Hon. Jane Nyawira | |
| 5. | Hon. Constance Nzioki | |

3) *BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS*

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| 1. | Hon. Dominic Ndambuki | Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Angela Munyasya | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Thomas Mutinda | |
| 4. | Hon. Daniel Mbevi | |
| 5. | Hon. Ikusya Kaloki | |
| 6. | Hon. Jacqueline Munyao | |
| 7. | Hon. Winfred Mutua | |
| 8. | Hon. Moffat Maitha | |
| 9. | Hon. Paul Museku | |

4) *WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND*

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| 1. | Hon. Justus Katumo | - Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Johanna Munyao | |
| 3. | Hon. Alex Kamitu | |
| 4. | Hon. Joseph Peter Mutiso | |
| 5. | Hon. Betty Nzioki | |
| 6. | Hon. Michael Mutiso | |
| 7. | Hon. Robert Kisini | |
| 8. | Hon. Rozina Kanini | |
| 9. | Hon. Agatha Mutunga | |

5) *COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION*

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| 1. | Hon. Fredrick Muthoka | - Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Rozina Kanini | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Angela Munyasya | |
| 4. | Hon. Caleb Mule | |
| 5. | Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu | |
| 6. | Hon. Irene Mbivya | |
| 7. | Hon. John Musyimi | |
| 8. | Hon. Justus Kiteng'u | |
| 9. | Hon. Francis Kioko Kalumu | |
| 10. | Hon. Mohamed Ali | |
| 11. | Hon. Moses Mitaa | |
| 12. | Hon. Joshua Muli | |

13. Hon. Eric Musembi

6) *DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATION*

1. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa - Chairperson
2. Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku - Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Justus Katumo
4. Hon. Christine Koki
5. Hon. Benedette Musyoka
6. Hon. Daniel Kiilu
7. Hon. Phoebe Koki

7) *POWERS AND PRIVILEGES*

1. Hon. Florence M. Mwangangi Speaker and Chairperson
2. Hon. Paul Museku Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Margaret Ndalana
4. Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu
5. Hon. Hellen Ndeti

8) *COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS*

1. Hon. Florence Mwangangi Speaker and Chairperson
2. Hon. Mark Muendo Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Alex Kamitu
4. Hon. Winfred Mutua
5. Hon. Brian Kisila
6. Hon. Moses Mitaa

9) *PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS*

1. Hon. Joseph Musau - Chairperson
2. Hon. Winfred Mutua - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Alice Nzioka
4. Hon. Johana Munyao
5. Hon. Josephat Kasyoki
6. Hon. Peter Mutiso
7. Hon. Paul Museku

10) *DELEGATED LEGISLATION COMMITTEE*

1. Hon. Patrick Kituku- Chairperson
2. Hon. George King'ori -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Pauline Munguti
4. Hon. Josphat Kasyoka
5. Hon. Cosmas Kieti
6. Hon. Daniel Kiilu
7. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi
8. Hon. Daniel Mbevi
9. Hon. Thomas Mutinda
10. Hon. John Nzomo Musyimi

11. Hon. Margaret Mbithi Mwikali
12. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki
13. Hon. Constance Mbula

11) SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. Hon. Mark Muendo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Alex Kamitu - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Moses Mitaa
4. Hon. Justus Kiteng'u
5. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa
6. Hon. Christine Koki
7. Hon. Peter Mutiso
8. Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu
9. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva
10. Hon. Johana Munyao
11. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki
12. Hon. Moffat Maitha
13. Hon. Pauline Munguti

12) HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Hon. Florence M. Mwangangi - Speaker and Chairperson
2. Hon. Paul Museku - Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Mark Muendo
4. Hon. Alex Kamitu
5. Hon. George King'ori
6. Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku
7. Hon. Moses Mitaa
8. Hon. Fredrick Muthoka
9. Hon. Patrick Kituku
10. Hon. Rozina Kanini
11. Hon. Hellen Ndeti
12. Hon. Justus Katumo
13. Hon. Judas Ndawa
14. Hon. Joshua Muli
15. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva

13) SPEAKER'S PANEL

1. Hon. Helen Ndeti - First Member
2. Hon. Fredrick Muthoka - Second Member
3. Hon. Alice Nzioka - Third Member
4. Hon. Joshua Muli - Fourth Member

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Madam Speaker, the committee made the following observations:

1. The Committee on Environment, Land, Energy and Natural Resources is mandated to deal with “all matters related to the implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisances and outdoor advertising; land survey and mapping; boundaries and fencing; electricity and gas reticulation; energy regulation; water management systems in built up areas and water sanitation services.” The committee has a wide mandate which restrains the committee from effectively performing its role of oversight.
2. The Committee also noted that the following committees shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that appointed thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the term of the Assembly.
 - a. Budget and Appropriations Committee (Standing Order 186)
 - b. The Public Accounts and Investments Committee (Standing Order 185)
 - c. The Committee on Appointments (Standing Order 184)

The Committee considered the above and nominated members to serve in those committees, save for Committee on Appointments.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Madam speaker, the committee recommends that:

1. The Committees on Environment, lands, energy and natural resources and that of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization have a wide mandate and should be restructured to effectively deliver their mandates.

From the foregoing the Committee recommends that the restructured committees be as follows:

Madam Speaker, my committee considered the work and the mandate of Environment and trade committees and we felt that these committees are overloaded therefore the committee recommended that maybe we can split to make them effective on oversight on the Executive.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, the committee recommends that the Environment, Lands and Natural Resources Committee and that of Trade, Economic planning and Industrialization have a wide mandate and should be restructured to effectively deliver their mandate and from the foregoing the Committee recommends that the restructured committees be as follows:

 - a. From Environment we formed Environment and Natural Resources Committee.
 - b. We merged Lands and Energy Committee.
 - c. Water and irrigation Committee.
 - d. Trade, Industrialization, Urban development and Innovation Committee, from the Trade and we have moved Planning from Trade to finance where it is supposed to be; so the new title will be Finance and Economic Planning Committee.

2. The committee further recommends the establishment of the following committee;
 - a. Women Caucus Committee

My committee considered the gender sensitivity and the issue of women caucus which is very important and it is paramount and we felt that we need to have that committee and also the Chairperson be now representing the Committee in the Liaison Committee which I hope when we finalize the exercise the member will be a lady and not a man.

(Laughter)

Therefore, men keep off that; do not say you want to be a Chair of that committee.

Madam Speaker, the Committee recommends that the committees without Chairpersons or Vice-Chairpersons should meet as soon as possible to elect the chairpersons and their vice chairpersons.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Madam Speaker, the Committee on Selection is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for facilitating the Committee to undertake its mandate. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the meeting and in preparation of this report.

Madam Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of Committee on Selection to table the Report on Nomination of Members to committees in this Hon. House for consideration and adoption. Thank you, Madam Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, the debate is open for your comments. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you Madam Speaker for giving the opportunity to contribute to this motion. First of all, I would like to congratulate the Chairman and the Committee on Selection who is also the Majority leader of this House, Hon. Mark Kimanthi Muendo for the report which he has tabled before the House ably.

When I go through the report and I look at the various issues which the committee under the chairmanship of Hon. Mark Muendo and his vice the Minority Leader, Hon. Alex Kamitu have gone through, it is a tight balancing act in as far as committees are concerned. I would like to congratulate them for having navigated through the many pitfalls which are there in ensuring the committees are well-balanced.

Madam Speaker, I happened to attend one of the committee meetings and some of the issues which were articulated in that meeting which I found to be very key was that they also looked at individual Members' experiences and knowledge in various committees so that they ensure that manages who have got specific experience are put in committees where they can be able to add value.

They also managed to ensure the Standing Orders are adhered to and the ratio of the various committees in as far as party membership is concerned is adhered to. This ensured that all Assembly party Members got their even share of membership in the various committees.

Madam Speaker, key to what I saw in that meeting was the need for all to have leadership and responsibility positions equitably shared between both sides of the House and I saw that there was a lot of effort on both sides and even the majority side to donate positions which they were previously holding to the minority side so that they can be able to enjoy the privileges of being Members of the Assembly and of leading committees either as chairmen or vice chairmen of those committees.

Madam Speaker, the other thing is on the issue of splitting of committees which was done. You realize that for example we had the committee of Environment, Lands, Energy, urbanization, and water irrigation all in one committee and the Hon. Chair was on the floor of the House presenting reports and forever doing site visits which were overwhelming the committee Members because the committee was very wide.

Madam Speaker, the creation of additional two committees because out of this report, it is important to note that the only additional committees which have been created are actually two; the committee of Lands and Energy and committee of water and irrigation because the Environment and Natural resources committee remains as a committee and is not being created afresh.

Also, Trade, Industrialization, Urban development and Innovation committee; it is only the Economic Planning which has been removed from Trade and Industrialization and therefore the committee of Trade remains only now, the directorate of economic planning has been taken to finance where it belongs.

So, Women Caucus, again a very important committee has been created so that they can be able to take care of the interests of our ladies, fellow Hon. Members of this House so that they can be able to articulate their issues as ladies and Hon. Members in their own committee and be represented in the Liaison committee for purposes of inclusivity.

(Applause)

So, Madam Speaker, I support the report and I am grateful to the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader and the entire Select Committee for coming up with a comprehensive list and placing of Members in the various committees and I urge them to keep up with the spirit. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Museku. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also wish to contribute on the report which has been tabled here by our most able chairperson. I want to start by congratulating the chairperson and the committee because of giving us a very elaborate and self-explanatory report. The report is long overdue. As you are aware Madam Speaker, some Members have been working without enough committees and according to the report which has been tabled, it means the issues which have been there have now been sorted.

So, I want to say thank you to that committee and commend them for working with a lot of zeal to ensure every Member is taken care of. Madam Speaker, we have seen from the report that a lot of balancing has been done because we have seen that even people who had no

committees have been taken care of and others have been given responsibilities. So, I want to say the report is okay and I support it 100 per cent.

On the other issue, I want to say, creation of new committees is also another important thing that we must be proud of because if you have a family and the food you have is not enough for all your kids, you need to introduce another pot or enlarge your *sufuria* so that you can be sure the food you are preparing is going to be served to every child or each and every member of the family. So, Madam Speaker I want to agree with the committee to increase the committees.

Madam Speaker, there is another committee of Women Caucus which has been increased; the issue of ladies, our sisters and mothers should be given a priority.

(Applause)

Whenever we are discussing issues we need to give them the first priority so that they can be able to serve the nation well. This morning when we were taking breakfast, I could hear some murmurs from some male MCAs those who were not happy with the introduction of this caucus committee. Madam Speaker, I want to say I am 100 per cent supporting the introduction of that committee and I am very sure that even those who are talking ill about it---

Hon. Maitha: Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think Hon. Maitha, he is doing very well let him continue

Hon. Maitha: This one is very important, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha, you will be allowed to contribute; please proceed Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In fact I want to say, all MCAs including myself, left a lady in his house and he spent the whole of last night with that lady. Why should you be against these ladies when they are been given these responsibilities.

(Applause)

So, Madam Speaker, I want to say introduction of this committee is supposed to be supported by each and every Member of this House so that we can have our ladies being represented in the Liaison Committee. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much for that robust debate. I really wish I could carry on but I will hand over to my able Deputy Speaker at this point but allow me even before voting because I can read the mood. Allow me to thank you very much Hon. Members for showing the cohesion because placing Members in this committees was a big task and I like the lobbying and I like the focusing; thank you for that, you are leaders.

Secondly, thank you for heeding to the cry of the women leaders of this House. I led that request of including the women caucus in our committees so that they can benefit just like any

other committee and I really want to thank you for that too. Allow me to go; remember you have not voted but I can see it is not bad.

(Laughter)

(Hon. Speaker left the Chair)

(Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members, we may proceed. Before we continue, I would like to give this opportunity to Hon. Moffat Maitha who had stood on a point of information so that he can give it and contribution and from there I will continue with the rest of the contributions.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Chairman who has ably presented the committees report. It was not an easy matter when we were balancing those Members to committees; I want to also thank the Hon. Members of the committee on Selection for the work they did. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that all those committees which have been increased were so that Members can get responsibility allowances and therefore I am asking, with your permission Mr. Chair, that the committee meets again very soon to place members in those committees, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, the point of information I wanted to tell the Hon. Member who was here is that the Hon. Members were not complaining about the Women Caucus; they were only showing a desire to have a Men Caucus.

(Laughter)

That is what they were saying so they were not grumbling or complaining and I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Maitha. Hon. Betty Nzioki.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start by congratulating the Chair of Committee on Selection for the great job that they have done. Congratulations our Majority Leader.

I just wanted to stand and make a few recommendations. Hon. Speaker, some committees were overloaded and I want to appreciate that it is good for us as Hon. Members to remove some burden from some committees which were bigger and create some committees so that we can work for the people from Machakos County; that means they are focused and we are humbled to have those committees so that we can work for the people.

Hon. Speaker, I want to recommend the Women Caucus; I am a woman and before this House, I think it is good to have a Women Caucus but to the Hon. Members, Women Caucus,

we are ladies, and most of them, they are like my mothers. As I stand here, this one does not give an opportunity to frustrate an elected Member on the ground.

(Applause)

In fact, I was against this committee. The reason being you find that and it is not every nominated member is just a few and I want to be very specific because I have personal experience in my Ward. Hon. Speaker, you find that it is kind of we are fighting each other on the ground and remembering that Hon. Speaker, sincerely speaking and with you due respect for the women who are in this Assembly, that I normally give them respect as my mothers and as the Hon. Members of this House but it will be too unfortunate if you are going to create a committee that is going to frustrate us the elected Members and if it was not for us to be very sincere, you elected Members would not have been able to come to this Assembly.

So, Hon. Speaker and because I know and because I know the Chair Women Caucus Hon. Hellen Ndeti, you are a mother and I want to request as much as we are going to pass this report and we are going to create Women Caucus, can you be strict and we come up with rules and regulations that are going to guide us Women Caucus that if you misbehave you will be kicked out of the Women Caucus because that one cannot give us duty or else space for us to fight each other.

Hon. Members, a reminder through the Hon. Chair; we are just here for a short period of time and it is a challenge that I want to challenge you and before we came here, we were working in other places. It is only God who knows our destination. It is only God who knows by 2022 where we will be even maybe some of us may not be around or maybe some of us will not be breathing but God forbid but I just want to give you a challenge; can we embrace each other? Can we be there for each other and we come together to serve the people of Machakos County?

So, Mr. Speaker, I fully support the reports but on condition that this Women Caucus will not bring more noise to our Wards because if worse goes to the worst, then we shall face head-on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for granting me the opportunity to air my views on the report which has been presented to this Hon. House by our able Majority Leader through the Committee on Selection. Hon. Speaker, I happened to attend the process as an invited guest because I had not been formalized to have joined the committee and Hon. Speaker, it is worth noting that this report has aborted for almost a year now Hon. Speaker and I thank God because the environment was conducive for us to come up with a report which is fully acceptable by Hon. Members because it has addressed most of the challenges which had been faced before.

Hon. Speaker, I appreciate the recommendation that we create more committees, I would not want to say because of responsibility benefits but Hon. Speaker, we are here to perform, and for us to perform we have to narrow on the direction which we have interests on. Instead of one committee handling two or three Chief Officers, it was felt better that each Chief Officer has a committee because for us to make follow-up on issues to do with accountability, we might not afford to handle different matters and I believe because of one of our most important responsibilities as Hon. Members is to cross-check on the executive and now that we are

creating two committees and realigning other committees it will enable this Hon. House to improve on issues to do with oversight when it comes to the executive.

Again, we have talked about performance from Hon. Members; it is important to note that the creation of these extra committees save for the Women Caucus will now enable Hon. Members who feel better when they are handling matters may be related to energy and water to perform better other than confining them in one committee which would maybe hinder their rate of performance.

So, I appreciate and I thank this Hon. House for according us that environment to come up with a report and I wish to request the Committee on Rules and Procedure to sit down and formalize the extra created committees so that the Selection committee can retreat again in maybe one month or less and we align again Hon. Members to the created committees now that the financial year is almost fresh we start from the beginning if it is the Chief Officers from either water and lands we start afresh when the budget is not yet implemented so that we walk together with the executive.

On the issue of Women Caucus, I agree with my predecessors who have talked before me; I agree with Hon. Ndawa that it is good to put our ladies ahead of us and as per what Hon. Betty has stated. Your candle cannot increase light by blowing another person`s candle off.

(Applause)

So, Hon. Speaker, I always believe what is mine is mine and it cannot be taken by another person, so small fights do not help. You can visit the ground and sell your manifesto without mentioning your opponent's name and people will accept you or refuse to accept you. Hon. Speaker, so I would request because we recognize our sisters in this Hon. House and we appreciate the, let them also emulate and show us that they respond on the honour we have accorded to them. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Peter Joseph Mutiso.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to applaud the committee of selection because of the good work they have come up with. I think the spirit was good because when we began this Second Assembly we had some problems and I thank the Majority Leader Hon. Mark Kimanthi Muendo because of the good leadership he has shown to this Assembly.

We started with a man who was like a beast. He could dictate because Members you can agree with me and I am sorry to say this and not even sorry to say this---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Peter Mutiso, you are out of order; you need to withdraw that statement.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: I will withdraw that statement. What I can say is that we started on the wrong foot Hon. Speaker because if we were well-organized we could not have all these problems which we have right now and even like me I was a Vice-chair on Ward Development Fund committee which I hoped to give it to our colleagues because there was no need for me to have many responsibilities when my fellow friends or colleagues had nothing.

I urge *Mheshimiwa* Kamitu the Minority Leader from the executive also to emulate the same as what the *Mheshimiwa* Majority leader did to us. There are some trips which are given from the other side *Mheshimiwa* Speaker, foreign trips whereby it is only one side given those positions. So *Mheshimiwa* Kamitu through your authority, I request if it will be possible to consider the majority side if you have two positions give one to our side if possible because sometimes we feel bad when members from the executive are given some chances to go to for foreign trips where we do not get anything but it is my humble request, Mr. Speaker.

So, I support this report because it is a good one; it has balanced everything but what I want to say is that members let us know that we have a task more than what we had before because now we have more committees and we must work in harmony with the executive, so Members let us be serious. If we want to call members from the other side, the COs or the CECMs let us all be united because there will be no witch-hunting. I feel when we call some members that is, colleagues some of them say that this is not right there is witch-hunting which is not true.

So, Members let us all unite knowing that this is the last year of development and if we will not be serious then we will all perish. So, I kindly I echo the sentiments of *Mheshimiwa* Hon. Mueni who used to say that we are here for some time and tomorrow maybe there will be other people but it is my prayer that I see all these members coming back here because I know things will be different they will not be as they were before. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, members I support this report 100 per cent. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Now Hon. Members before I proceed with the next set of Members, I would like to remind you that it is now 25 minutes past noon and we only have five minutes because I understand we did not extend the time and therefore I may be requesting the mover of the motion to respond or we adjourn and come back and continue with this debate at 2.30 p.m. which I do not think will be in my view. I do not know what the Hon. Members think. Do you feel we extend to the afternoon or do we vote?

(Loud consultations)

Let me call the Minority Leader to say something for a minute or so then I call the mover of the Motion so that we can be able to finish before the time is over. Hon. Kamitu.

(Applause)

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, very much Hon. Speaker. Mine is just a small summary, one, standing here and speaking on behalf of the Selection committee as the Vice-Chair and once again congratulating our Majority Leader and the Hon. Members of the selection committee for the good consultation that we had and through that consultation, the harmony that we had during the selection committee, Hon. Members, today this morning we are able now to get the report that you have seen, the harmonization that has been carried out, placing of Members in great fairness.

So, in summary Hon. Speaker is to say that, in every aspect of this Assembly, I would urge Hon. Members to be very patient when issues like selection committee or any other committee are on and if there is any problem, we are open; the Majority side, the Minority side are very much open for any consultation---

(Applause)

Because when there is any consultation, there is always harmony and there is always peace in this Assembly. So, for that matter, it is also important for Hon. Members to know that you have seen the two committees that have been created and that committee, that is the Women Caucus, is also going to create some more responsibilities and effectiveness of the committees because we are going to remove the big burden of the environment committee and now to the two effective committees.

My urge to the various committee Chairpersons; let us generate business for the House and for the effectiveness of serving Machakos electorate. Once again, let me tell not even the Minority side that consideration will be given to those Members and that consideration will be given to those Members immediately the committee for Powers and Rules seats down so that we can affect the two sectoral committees. Once again, I thank you, Hon. Members, let us be patient, things are moving in the right direction. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Can I just go to the outside? Hon. Alice Nzioka, can you have half a minute, please?

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Kongole kwa kamati chaguzi kwa kazi ambayo wamefanya, pia uongozi wa bunge yetu, bunge letu lilikua ma uhasama mwingi lakini sasa wametengeza njia. Tunashukuru pia tuwaunge mkono ili tuendelee hivyo. Shukrani zangu kwa Bi. Spika kwa kuona kwamba naweza kua katika jopo la Spika, shukrani zangu binafsi kwa Bi. Spika, kwa hiyo kazi nzuri ambayo amefanya. Katika muungano wa akina mama, ni kamati ambayo itawapa wanawake kipao mbele na pia mahali kuna mwanamke, mwanaume yupo kando.

Kwa wenzetu ambao wamechaguliwa, sisi uwa tunawapa heshima zote na pia nawashukuru kwa kuunga mkono kwasababu ya kutuunga mkono katika hiyo kamati ya akina mama.

(Applause)

Nasema kwa uongozi wote wa uongozi wa walio wengi, walio wachache, asanteni sana. Shukrani zangu kwa naibu wa Spika, Mheshimiwa Museku, Mheshimiwa Mutiso, tangu mwanzo walijitolea na kuona kwamba jukumu ambazo alikua amepewa mbili, tatu, walijitolea na kuwapa wengine. Kwa hivyo naomba katika vile ambavo Kamati zimewekwa kama umefikia kuwa na majukumu mbele ya moja, mpe mwenzako ili tushikane pamoja. Asante sana na Mungu awabariki.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana. Hon. Hellen Ndeti.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank the selection committee, the entire membership because I know the work of balancing was not easy but they have used their wisdom to ensure that we are all happy as one family.

Secondly, I would like to say that, I think Machakos County in the entire Republic is going to reach a milestone for accepting to allow the women caucus to have a committee in the Assembly. This is a great milestone and you have indicated or you have shown that you are ready to accept the Affirmative Action which has been a thorn in the flesh in our Country. We appreciate as women caucus and we promise that we will not use this facility as a vessel to fight our elected Members.

We are going to work together, nominated Members do not have a Ward, we have a County. Members, I would request that, all the nominated Members, when you have got activities, let us all work in the entire County, let us not concentrate in one Ward because we do not have a Ward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mark Muendo, please respond.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me first start by thanking the Members of this House as the Hon. Members for that elaborate debate on this Motion of nomination of Members in the committees. Let me say that, my committee did what could have been possible and I would like to thank the Minority side and also all other Members who belong to the selection committee for the co-operation they have given me.

Let me say that, it has been my wish to have everybody in this House feel comfortable and to be in all the committees.

(Applause)

I have tried before to do that but some forces were resisting when we tried to give out committees to the Members even from the Minority side. Let me say, Mr. Speaker, first of all, we follow the law, I told my committee members that, I have learned that there are some committees whereby the number of majority is more than the required number. In other areas, we found that members from the Minority are more in the committees than the required number according to Standing Order 153.

Hon. Speaker, my committee saw the importance of having another three extra committees and every Member will agree with my committee that, the Chairman of Environment and Natural Resources has been on this floor since we came in and even today he has some reports which are still to come from last year. That is why my committee saw that there was a need to have independent committees for the oversight of this House.

For example, when you take water itself, it has a lot of mandate, when you take for example, lands, it needs to have a committee of its own and also to align the committees with the executive department as they are. So, that is what we considered when we were increasing the committees.

So, Members, thank you very much and I hope that the committee of Powers and Privileges will move with speed and give us these committees whereby the selection committee will go back and come back with the Chair and Vice-Chairs. Let me say, in this House, I have no interest in the committees but I want to have balance in the House. Therefore, maybe minority Hon. Speaker might come up with one or two Chairpersons in the new committees. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo.

(Question put and agreed)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for your healthy debate, this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday the 25th of August 2020 at 2:30 p.m. That is today at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy your lunch.

The House rose at 12.34 p.m.