

**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY****OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015**

The House met at 3.22 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Let us proceed Clerk.**MESSAGE****LETTERS FROM THE MINORITY WHIP****Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I am in a receipt of a letter from Hon. Alex Kamitu, the Minority Whip. It reads:

Deputy Leader of Minority

*'This is to notify you that I have appointed Hon. Ann Musyoki to be the Deputy Leader of Minority replacing Hon. John Sila. It is dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.'*

Another letter of the same date by the Minority Whip on the matter of the Speaker's panel:

*'This is to notify you that I have nominated Hon. Amina Mutio to seat in the Speaker's Panel replacing Hon. Raphael Mutuku.'*

Another Letter from the same hand of Hon. Kamitu

*'This is to notify the office of the Speaker that I have removed the above named member from the committee of Youth, Women and Sports, Hon. Raphael Mutuku.'*

Let us proceed.

**PAPER LAID****SUSPENSION OF SAND HARVESTING IN SEVEN WARDS****Hon. Dominic Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to seek a deferral of the paper so that it can be discussed at a later date with the permission of the member Mr. Speaker, because the Hon.Member is not around.**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Proceed.

## STATEMENT

### RESPONSE TO SELECTION OF WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

**Majority Leader (Hon. Joshua Mwonga):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand under Standing Order number 41(2c) to respond to a statement requested by Hon. Wilson Kasimu on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 in the course of his contribution towards the debate on the progress report of Ward Development Fund as laid by Hon. Sammy Nduva.

Mr. Speaker, the hon member wanted to know why the committee on selection has not complied with the report laid in the House by the committee on Procedure and Rules, in July this year to allocate members to the committee of Ward Development.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I at this juncture want to inform the Hon. Member that the Committee on Selection is preparing to retreat somewhere to allocate members four committees namely: Ward Development committee, Powers and Privileges committee, Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations committee and Broadcasting and Library Services committee.

Mr. Speaker, when this statement was being sought yesterday by my deputy, I was not present. If I were, I would have responded on the spot. Mr. Speaker, I would urge the members of committee on Selection, when we retreat for this noble course, they give me the support which is required and I know we will come up with a balanced composition of these committees and we will have four new chairs and four new vice chairs which will mean a lot to those who will be elected as chairs or vice chairs.

With that Mr. Speaker, I beg to sit but remind this Hon. House, although you directed yesterday that the Liaison Committee chair has to issue a report on apportionment of funds to committees, these committees had been left out and that is why Mr. Speaker sometime back, I complained bitterly.

So Mr. Speaker, as the Liaison Committee sits, they should also consider these committees because in two weeks' time, we will be having names of members who will seat in these committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. In view of what I have come to understand, I think that members are of the view that the business of today be shifted to tomorrow and I agree that we have the motion of today deferred to tomorrow afternoon. Thank you.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** The House adjourns.

The House rose at 3.29p.m.