
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 30th September, 2015**

The House met at 2.37 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker.** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Let us proceed, Clerk.**PAPER LAID****NOMINATION AND BALANCING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Majority leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to standing order 155 (1), I wish to lay on the table of the house today Thursday, 30th September, 2015, report on committee on selection on nomination of members to various committees and balancing on committee membership. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Before the next order, Hon. Joshua Mwonga, the paper you laid is for Thursday and not Wednesday.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, this is a typing error and since morning, Mr. Speaker, I have been stressed so much by this report even I did not know when it is today. So Mr. Speaker, with the leave of the house and the Speaker, I beg to move it as it is but we make corrections to be, Wednesday, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Granted, proceed.

Hon. Speaker: *(Paper by Hon. Katela, who is absent, not laid)* That paper is deferred. Proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION**NOMINATION AND BALANCING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion; that this Hon. House discusses and approves report on labor. Sorry, Mr. Speaker, when I will come to tabling the report.....You will know why I am stressed. Sorry, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion; pursuant to Standing

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Order 155 (1), I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves report of committee on selection on nomination and balancing of members in committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Proceed

NOTICE OF MOTION
NOMINATION AND BALANCING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the committee on selection is mandated to nominate members to various committees pursuant to standing order 155 (2), further aware that in March, 2015 this committee tabled a report on balancing of membership and nomination of members to new committees, informed that this report was referred back to the committee, noting that from 24th to 27th September, 2015 the committee retreated to Mombasa to exercise its mandate of nomination, recognizing that the business of the house is dependent on committees, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on committee on selection on balancing of membership and nomination of members to new committees. I do call upon the Leader of Minority to second my motion. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Minority Leader (Hon. Thomas Kasoa): Thank you Mr. Speaker and I stand here to second this report of committee on selection. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Majority leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to table the report of committee on selection; nomination of members to new committees and balancing of committee membership.

INTRODUCTION

PREFACE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Selection tabled a report in March, 2015 on nomination of members to Committees of Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations pursuant to amendments to the Standing Orders by the Assembly on February, 2015 and that of Assembly Broadcasting and Library as per the Standing Order No. 222. The report was debated in the House and eventually referred back to the committee for consideration to have a more inclusive balancing of committees.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, since then the House made further amendments to the Standing Orders creating a new committee to be known as Powers and Privileges Committee. In addition, the Machakos County Ward Development Fund Act, 2014 which was assented to by H.E, the

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Governor on 18th November, 2014 and is in the process of being operationalized provided for an Assembly oversight committee known as Ward Development Fund Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has undertaken nomination of members to these four new committees as well as ensuring each Member of the County Assembly, is in at least four active committees. Mr. Speaker, I want to press this; that the committee has undertaken the nomination of members to this four new committees as well as ensuring each member of the county assembly is in at least four active committees. Mr. Speaker, I expected applause but I can continue.

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Selection is established pursuant to the Standing Order 152 (1) and its mandate spelt out in standing order 152 (2) ‘the Committee on Selection shall nominate members to serve in Committees, save for the membership of the House Business Committee and Committee on Appointments’.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

- Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has thirteen (13) Hon. Members as listed;
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| 1. Hon. Joshua Mwonga | - Majority Leader/Chairman |
| 2. Hon. Thomas Kasoa | - Minority Leader/V. Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Renson Muthiani | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo | “ |
| 5. Hon. Brigid Kitili | “ |
| 6. Hon. Christine Mwendu | “ |
| 7. Hon. Rachael Nduku | “ |
| 8. Hon. Charles Mutisya | “ |
| 9. Hon. Veronicah Mbithe | “ |
| 10. Hon. Alphonse Wambua | “ |
| 11. Hon. Benson Kasyoka | “ |
| 12. Hon. Ruth Ndumi | “ |
| 13. Hon. Catherine Nguluku | “ |

COMMITTEE RETREAT

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee retreated to Mombasa from 24th to 27th September, 2015 to carry out the task on nominating members to four new committees and balancing of members in committees pursuant to Standing Order No. 154.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO NEW COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following members were nominated to serve in the Assembly Broadcasting and Library Committee pursuant to Standing order 222(3);

1. Hon. Bernard Mung'ata - Chairperson
2. Hon. Wilson Kasimu.
3. Hon. Penina Kaluki.
4. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo.
5. Hon. Raphael Mutuku.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following members were nominated to the Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations Committee as per the report presented by the committee on Procedure and Rules on amendments of the Standing Orders.

1. Hon. Collins Mbithi
2. Hon. Ruth Ndumi
3. Hon. Phoebe Koki
4. Hon. Jackline Nziva
5. Hon. Christine Mutune
6. Hon. Magdalene Ndawa
7. Hon. Thomas Kaso

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following members were nominated to the Powers and Privileges Committee as per the report presented by the committee on Procedure and Rules on amendments of the Standing Orders.

1. Hon. Bernard Mung'ata – Chairperson
2. Hon. Stephen Muthuka
3. Hon. Justus Katumo
4. Hon. Peter Nzioki
5. Hon. Veronica Mbithe

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee further nominated members to Ward Development Fund Committee as per Machakos County Ward Development Fund Act 2014 as follows;

1. Hon. Isaac Muinde
2. Hon. Benson Kasyoka
3. Hon. Sammy Nduva
4. Hon. Francis Matheka
5. Hon. Godfrey Munyao
6. Hon. Gideon Kavuu
7. Hon. Charles Mutisya
8. Hon. Philip Ndolo
9. Hon. Rachael Nduku

BALANCING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Speaker, Sir, each Honorable Member is entitled to a maximum of eight sittings per week as per Salaries and Remuneration Circular on benefits of Members of the County Assembly. To ensure that each Member of the County Assembly attains the eight sittings (four plenaries sittings and four committee sittings) the committee resolved to ensure that each Honorable Member should have at least four committees that meet regularly, that is at least once a week. This allocation was also aimed at ensuring that committees generate adequate business for the House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is worth noting that the task of balancing was not easy and needed more time but due to urgency of the matter the committee has done its best and urges members to do their best in the committees they have been placed in. Members are urged to ensure that their Chairpersons convene meetings as frequently as possible so that they attain their eight sittings and also ensure substantial business is discussed. This will help feed the House with business while taking Assembly's mandate of Oversight, Representation and Legislation, a notch higher.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the process of balancing membership to have each Member of the County Assembly being in at least four committees, the following Honorable members relinquished membership in the committees as listed below;

S.NO	NAME	COMMITTEE
1.	Hon. Alex Kamitu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation
2.	Hon. Alexander Kathinzi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Labour, Public Service and ICT
3.	Hon. Alphonse Wambua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas • Culture and Tourism
4.	Hon. Amina Mutio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized and Urban Areas
5.	Hon. Benson Kasyoka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs
6.	Hon. Brigid Kitili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs
7.	Hon. Catherine Nguluku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Cooperatives
8.	Hon. Cecilia Sereka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources • Delegated Legislation
9.	Hon. Charles Mutisya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources

10.	Hon. Christine Mutune	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, Roads and Public Works
11.	Hon. Collins Mbithi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation
12.	Hon. David Manyolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Emergency Services
13.	Hon. Edrick Ngunzi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Revenue Collection
14.	Hon. Felix Ngui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Revenue Collection
15.	Hon. Gideon Kavuu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs
16.	Hon. Isaac Muinde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources
17.	Hon. Jacqueline Nziva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, Roads and Public Works
18.	Hon. John Sila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth, Women and Sports
19.	Hon. Joseph Itumo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Culture and Tourism
20.	Hon. Joseph Kalunde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Social Welfare • Health and Emergency Services
21.	Hon. Joseph Muli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
22.	Hon. Joshua Mwonga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
23.	Hon. Justus Kimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Social Welfare
24.	Hon. Leonard Katela	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Youth, Women and Sports
25.	Hon. Margaret Ndalana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Revenue Collection
26.	Hon. Mary Ndinda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth, Women and Sports
27.	Hon. Mutua Mutuku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Revenue Collection
28.	Hon. Nathaniel Nganga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation • Culture and Tourism
29.	Hon. Nina Mbithe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Cooperatives
30.	Hon. Peter Nzioki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Social Welfare • Implementation
31.	Hon. Phoebe Koki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour, Public Service and ICT

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32.	Hon. Rachael Nduku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and Tourism • Labour, Public Service and ICT
33.	Hon. Ruth Ndumi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
34.	Hon. Sammy Nduva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour, Public Service and ICT
35.	Hon. Thomas Kasoja	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources
36.	Hon. Timothy Kilonzo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, Roads and Public Works • Delegated Legislation
37.	Hon. Veronica Mbithe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas • Justice and Legal Affairs
38.	Hon. Wilson Kasimu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
39.	Hon. Winston Kanui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation

Mr. Speaker, Sir, following relinquishing of committees as outlined above and to ensure each member is in four or more committees, hon. members have been nominated to serve in new committees as follow. Mr. Speaker, before I continue, we had to move 39 members from different committees in order to make sure that other members who were in fewer committees will attain the mini mum four committees' membership.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I now want to go through the list of members who were nominated to sit with other committees, starting with beneficiaries of those who relinquished their positions those committees.

S.NO	NAME	COMMITTEE
1.	Hon. Alexander Kathinzi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation • Education and Social Welfare • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources
2.	Hon. Alice Nzioka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources
3.	Hon. Alphonse Wambua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Revenue Collection
4.	Hon. Amina Mutio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Revenue Collection • Youth, Women and Sports
5.	Hon. Anne Musyoki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Social Welfare • Justice and Legal Affairs
6.	Hon. Benedette Mueni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Agriculture and Cooperative Development
7.	Hon. Benson Kasyoka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Labour, Public Service and ICT
8.	Hon. Brigid Kitili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Emergency Services • Youth, Women and Sports
9.	Hon. Catherine Nguluku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Emergency Services
10.	Hon. Cecilia Sereka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
11.	Hon. Collins Mbithi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and Tourism
12.	Hon. Cornelius Kitheka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, Roads and Public Works • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
13.	Hon. Dominic Maitha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation • Culture and Tourism
14.	Hon. Edrick Ngunzi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
15.	Hon. Felix Ngui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs
16.	Hon. Festus Ndeto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
17.	Hon. Francis Matheka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation • Decentralized and Urban Areas
18.	Hon. Gideon Kavuu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour, Public Service and ICT
19.	Hon. Jacinta Luka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Legislation • Decentralized and Urban Areas
20.	Hon. John Sila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Cooperative Development

21.	Hon. Joseph Kalunde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and Tourism
22.	Hon. Joseph Muli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Social Welfare
23.	Hon. Justus Katumo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, Roads and Public Works
24.	Hon. Justus Kimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour, Public Service and ICT
25.	Hon. Magdalene Ndawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs
26.	Hon. Mary Ndinda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs
	Hon. Nina Mbithe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Revenue
27.	Hon. Nzoka P. Munywoki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized Units and Urban Areas • Youth, Women and Sports • Implementation
28.	Hon. Phoebe Koki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth, Women and Sports
29.	Hon. Raphael Mutuku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources
30.	Hon. Stephen Muthuka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Lands, Energy & Natural Resources
31.	Hon. Veronica Mbithe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, Roads and Public Works • Finance and Revenue Collection
32.	Hon. Winston Kanui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Legal Affairs
33.	Hon. KyaloKyuli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation • Labour, Public Service and ICT

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a new list for all committees has been provided as an annex to this report as well as a summary of the number of committees which each Member of the Assembly has.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker, Sir, balancing of committee membership was not an easy task and that the committee urges the House to approve the nomination of members to the four new committees and balancing of membership as outlined above.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Selection is grateful to the Management of County Assembly for facilitating the retreat to enable the committee undertake its mandate. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the meetings and in preparation of this report

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of Committee on Selection to re-introduce the Report on Nomination of Members to new committees and balancing of Committee Membership in this Hon. House for consideration and adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I call upon the Leader of Minority to second my report. Thank you, Sir.

(Applause)

Minority Leader (Hon. Thomas Kasoa): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I stood before I stand once again to second this report. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware the committee of selection retreated last week to Mombasa to nominate and balance members to various committees. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, we have a circular here in the assembly where it requires members to sit in eight committees. Mr. Speaker that is what we did. Mr. Speaker, we find it wise, Mr. Speaker, there is no point Mr. Speaker for a member to sit in six committees while others sit in two committees so we found it wise to balance so that each member can benefit.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I am calling the committee on rules and procedure, because some of the committees are too large, we have committee for environment lands and energy, if they can subdivide these committees so that other members can benefit from the responsibility allowance, it will be better for each of the 59 members to go home with something. So Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the mover.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, before you open this for debate Mr. Speaker, I had said there is annexure of the summary of how members will be sitting in these committees. And Mr. Speaker, I am learning that the summary was omitted because of time factor because this committee sat during lunch time, Mr. Speaker. But what I have taken members through is the actual representation of that summary and if Mr. Speaker, one wants to ascertain whether it is true after the plenary, Mr. Speaker, they can liaise with the Clerk of these committees and get the summary. The summary is only.....no, not the membership of the committee, there was to be a summary of Joshua Kiilu Mwonga, that is serial one, the committee he is sitting in, serial one up to 59 which is the total number of this members. So Mr. Speaker, I apologize for that anomaly because I had said it is there. Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Then before I open, is there any comment? I call upon the mover to explain to the House the spirit on registration. Is it for purposes of service delivery or is it on enhancing individual gain?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I did not talk about individual gain in my report, Mr. Speaker. I did not talk of individual gain, I said for members to be active and this house to have business. That is what guided us, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kasoa, I think I got that from perhaps his contribution. Is it about maximizing? What did you exactly mean Hon. Kasoa? I think we need to correct the record, this house of record and may be misconstrued, in future.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Mr. Speaker, you know some months earlier, there was some complaints from some Hon. Members that some of the members are---

Hon. Speaker: Order, order hon. members.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Some members are sitting in more committees than the other. So Mr. Speaker, to bring harmony in this house, we said let us balance so that members can actually benefit from the eight sittings per week.

Hon. Speaker: I wanted us to put it this way. Members can contribute equally to these committees.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Mr. Speaker, so that members can contribute equally.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Alright. Then I think Hon. Members.....order hon. members. The motion is now properly laid on the floor. Order, Hon. Katela. Let us hear the clarification.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I said my committee tried its level best and Mr. Speaker, already some members are complaining and we have some committees which are not here, Mr. Speaker. The committees which we did not interfere with are not here. That is why now you are saying, I am in two committees and maybe you are a member of PAIC, you are a member of house business committee, you are member ofallow me to finish members, maybe you are a member of liaison committee and to the chairpersons, the current chairpersons, there is a committee known as liaison committee. When my committee sat, I tried to say this is not a committee but the chairman asked to abide with the resolution of his committee. When we were posting members to these committees, that one was counted as a committee because it sits and it has a budget.

(Applause)

So before you say you are in two committees or three committees if you are a chairperson, count the liaison committee as a committee like any other in this house, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Order hon. members. Maybe before you do that, the motion is on the floor but then this is a motion of a special nature. As you recall, we have done this before it is governed by Standing Order 155 and I read; 155 (1) 'the selection committee shall within seven days upon nomination of members to serve in any committee of the house, present the list to the house for approval. (2) 'Whenever a motion for approval of a list under paragraph (1) is moved in the house, no objection against the proposed membership of a member in a select committee shall be permitted and objections, if any, shall be formulated against the proposed membership as a whole. (3) A member shall not be a member of a committee of the house unless the nomination of such member in a committee is approved by the house.' Now, on that understanding let me now hear your interventions. Hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to hear your intervention, it is now your moment

Hon. Nathaniel Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My concern was from the earlier statement that had been made by the Majority Leader that in...I want to applaud the good work that they did, first of all, but my concern was on the assertion that you had to consider the liaison committee as a substantive committee by itself because if you look into the Standing Orders, the establishment of the liaison committee is a privileged committee because the membership is earned out of one having being elected and in the instances when somebody would lose their position as the chairperson, that would mean it will serve to their disadvantage, Mr. Speaker, and therefore in that regard, this is a committee that is composed out of an action that has been undertaken elsewhere in a different committee.

So Mr. Speaker I was seeking your guidance over that that in them considering the liaison committee as a substantive committee, in some way, I feel it may not have been consistent with the Standing Orders, Mr. Speaker. Maybe, that is my own personal appreciation. I seek your advice in relation to that, Mr. Speaker. Further to that, you realize that that will also in a way disadvantage some chairpersons going to have only like one or two---

Hon. Speaker: Order, I think I read in to the full Standing Order 155. You need to come out clearly. Are you opposed to the membership as laid? In my view, it is that if a chairperson loses membership, the committee on selection is a standing committee; that can be moved any time.

(Applause)

Maybe Hon. Deputy Speaker, in case you are not properly guided, you may proceed.

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Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, my concern was on your guidance over the membership of the liaison committee because it would demand that the committee on selection will have to sit again and reorganize---

Hon. Speaker: I know that Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Nganga: So if they treated the liaison committee as a substantive committee by itself, Mr. Speaker, then with your guidance, then we shall be able to know whatever position to take but generally, the work appears to be good.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I take it that the Deputy Speaker is supporting the report. Let us proceed. Hon. Mueni.

Hon. Benedette Mueni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the report and to congratulate the Majority and the Minority Leaders. They have done a good work and Mr. Speaker, Sir, you can see the house today is full. It is a new day for the assembly and if it can be like that, the assembly is going to be better more than it was. So I ask the members not to give the majority a hard job. Leave him and we support the report the way it is.

(Applause)

Let us not keep on talking and talking for what is not going to pay us. He has done the best. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes hon Ndumi at the back.

Hon. Ruth Ndumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, want to stand and support my chairman for the good work that he has done. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it was not easy for him as even now you can see he is taking a lot of water.

(Laughter)

It is because of the pressure which was there, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and I want to thank Majority Leader because he has made the house equally and if you give me a chance, Hon. Speaker, I say in kikamba ‘*vai kana ka mbee na ka etina, syana ii ni sianene*’ (all children are equal). Thank you, Majority Leader. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndumi what did you mean by your last...this is a house of record and we need to understand what you mean.

Hon. Ndumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to say it now in English. When we are in the House, the Majority Leader is like our father or we can say and our mother and all children, Mr. Speaker, are equal to him or to her. That is why I am saying he has seen or the 59 children are equal to him to have all of them four committees. Mr. Speaker, Sir, you are the only one who is not a child to Majority Leader. You are senior. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Tumusikie Mheshimiwa Alice.

Hon. Alice Nzioka: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Kongole kabisa

(Applause)

Kwa kamati ya uteuzi. Kama kuna kamati imefanya kazi, kamati ya uteuzi ama kamati ya uteuzi, imekuwa kamati ya mwaka. Sisi kama bunge, kama hatuna wivu kama tunataka kufanya mema, kamati ya uteuzi ni kamati ambayo ingepata tuzo sababu imefanya kazi nzuri.

(Applause)

Bw. Spika, wakati watu wako pamoja, lazima kuwe na kukuru kakara. Utaskia mtu ameguzwa, mwingine ametulia, kuna watu najua wameguzwa lakini mimi nilikua nimefinywa na nilinyamaza sababu Mungu amenionea huruma, sasa mwenye ameguzwa atulie

(Applause)

Lakini nasema hivi, kamati ya uteuzi imefanya kazi ambao haikua rahisi. Bw. Spika kusawazisha hizo nyathifa zote ambazo zimepeanwa, kutoa mtu kwenye kamati kumpeleka ingine kuona kila mtu amepata kamati nne, haikua jambo rahisi. Na isiwe sisi kama bunge jambo likiwa zuri sema limetendeka. Kitabu cha Mungu, Biblia kinasema kwamba kwa kila jambo zuri ambalo limetendeka, shukuru. Nashukuru kiongozi wa walio wengi katika bunge letu, kiongozi wa wachahe, katika bunge letu, kamati ambao imefanya hiyo kazi ya kuokoa bunge. Bw. Spika, bunge letu leo limeokolewa. Kama sio mtu kwa kikamba kuna msemu 'ethwa ndwi wa kitai'.

Kama kuna mtu ameskia kuguzwa, atulie ndio apate baraka kutoka kwa Mungu. Usijipende mwenyewe angalia mwenzako na amri kuu Mungu alitupa ni upendo. Sasa hapa upendo udumishwe. Bw. Spika, nimesimama kuunga mkono hiyo ripoti na sisi kama wabunge tushikane mikono pamoja na wale ambao watachaguliwa kwa kamati ambazo, kama nyathifa za mwenyekiti na naibu wake, muone kwamba kamati zote ziko kazini ndio bunge yetu iendelee mbele. Bw. Spika, nina wazo ama nina kuna jambo ninataka kusema; kamati ya uteuzi ama uongozi wa bunge letu, kuna viti ama vyeo katika bunge vina marupurupu. Kama kuna mtu amepata nafasi na alikua na cheo ambacho kina marupurupu, akiachilie ili mwenzake apate marupurupu pia.

(Applause)

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Sisi katika bunge letu, tulisema tunataka usawa. Sasa naona usawa utatendeka na ambaye ameokoka, ambaye huwa anaenda kanisani, aikabidhi bunge yetu mikononi mwa Mungu ili tuendelee mbele. Asanti sana Bw. Spika.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Ndeto at the back.

Hon. Festus Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity. First is to say thank you and congratulations to the committee for the good work they have done. But I have just one concern. There is one hon. member who seems.....I am talking to the Chairperson of the committee, Majority Leader. I have a concern, this is a very good report but there is one Hon. Member who seems to have been forgotten in the addition of committees, Hon. Kyalo Kyuli. I have just gone through and I knew we have been undergoing the same, he has been having two committees and it seems his name does not appear in the addition of committees unless I did not capture the report well. That was my concern. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Order. I am just wondering whether you are within the confines of Standing Order 155. You will support all the report or you are opposing the report.

Hon. Ndeto: Yes, I am in support but I was only---

Hon. Speaker: Maybe, Hon. Majority Leader, maybe you can give us clarity on that.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): It is hard for me to know an individual member sits in which and which committee. Mr. Speaker, what I am saying is that this committee sat in the morning, it also sat again over lunch time and maybe it is a typing error but what I know, Mr. Speaker, no member is in less than four committees. If there is any member, Mr. Speaker, my committee has not ceased from sitting. I get the member goes through the composition of these committees and finds that he is in less than four committees, let it be communicated to the chairperson, who is me, my committee will sit again it will not need to retreat. We will sit within the assembly and have that member be in four committees. Members get my assurance. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Point of order.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, before I sit Hon. Kyalo Kyuli will sit in these new committees. He was not a member of implementation committee; he was not a member

in labor committee. If previously he had two committees, now he will sit in four committees. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Nzioki and then.

Hon. Peter Nzioki: Asante, Bw. Spika. Mimi na simama kupongeza hii kamati ya uteuzi. Bw. Spika, najua imekuwa kazi ngumu kwao lakini nawashukuru sana na nikiongezea kushukuru kiongozi wetu wa walio wengi bungeni ambye ndiye anasimamia hiyo kamati. Bw. Spika ningependa kuwapongeza wale ambae walio kaa kile kikao kwa kusema hivi; leo tumeona usawa ambao usio na kifani kwa hiyo nawapongeza na ningependa teundelee hivyo. Asante.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Cornelius Kitheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, I wish to support the document 100 percent and one because of the good work that has been done by the selection committee. Mr. Speaker, I wish, first and foremost, to thank the Majority Leader, for the first time having a big heart of consideration to many.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, if he continues that way he may go to heaven in sometime.

(Laughter)

So Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank him for what he has done. Mr. Speaker, what has been done should not only reflect in terms of the earnings which the members will get when they attend to those committees. Mr. Speaker, I wish we communicate clearly that what we need is not only the attendance but the material and the participation in the committees because majority of the members might think that it is only an issue of just going and earning and registering which will not work if somebody goes to a committee just registers and goes away. It will not make it perfect for the committee to run in a good way. So Mr. Speaker, I would like it to be in the other way round, for members to be fully participating in the committees and we are very vigilant in whatever we do. Mr. Speaker, I thank the committee for not changing me in my two main committees which is the delegated legislation and the planning. I wish to declare my candidature for vice-chairman seat in delegated legislation committee.

(Laughter)

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let me hear Hon. Anne at the back.

Hon. Anne Musyoki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, I stand to stand and uphold the chairman and the committee as all. Mr. Speaker, this is a good job. I believe everybody today will go home happy knowing that justice has been done. Mr. Speaker, as I stand here now I am going to talk as Deputy Minority Leader

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it has been and it has been noted, so many members just go to committees just to sign and come out. I concur with my colleague Hon. Kitheka. Kindly, let us participate in our committees. You go you just find we are two or three of us. The rest have come in they have signed and they have taken off. Majority Leader, take care of that because, actually, it is taking us back. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not have much. I am so happy and thrilled and may God bless us all. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you let us hear Hon. Nzoka, Hon. Muli and you finish this side.

Hon. Nzoka Munywoki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. First, I say thank you to the committee which came up with this list and I appreciate they have not moved me out of especially environment committee because of much concern of environment even when I was in the other regime I was the chairman of environment. So what I can say is and what I am happy with, I have been put in committee of implementation. Where is the chairman here? He has left.

(Laughter)

He has to know now business is not as usual. I do not want us to come to this house and start getting some questions from members. We have to face it now. Whatever is done here has to be implemented. If not so, let it be dissolved. I cannot sit where I can look like a spectator. This is a committee which has done nothing for all that time. So members, it is your duty now to task us. We need to revive it so as to be vibrant. So what I can say is we shall work and again it has been said here, we have those who come and sign and go. We need to have in committee; we have to report to our Majority Leader and whoever is not coming, pull him out. Ask him where he wants to go. Might be, he has been placed somewhere where he did not want.

In fact, that is why I do say, in my opinion, we should have been requested where we want to fit well. Many will go to budget, to whatever but you cannot fit there. But we can see at least one where you can be seen as active member. So I appreciate what the committee has done, I appreciate the Leader of Majority, the Wiper. So now is the first time, you have known what is Wiper now. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Maybe before you contribute, I really agree with what Hon. Nzoka is saying. If members are not serious with your committees, if they just sign and walk out that they need to be named, then the committee of selection should take appropriate action.

(Applause)

Let us proceed.

Hon. Joseph Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to put to attention that this house is very happy today, in a happier mood because you don't feel. Secondly, I would like to applaud Mr. Speaker the chairman for selection committee and the committee and also more so the Leader of Minority. I believe also he played a great role in compilation of these committees. He usually works hard Mr. Speaker in issues of combination of the Minority parties. Mr. Speaker, also I would like to express my happiness that already the members who were mostly affected, in size of the committee membership, have been already considered and I believe now the activities within the house will now upgrade. Things will change and I request the members let us be dedicated and committed to approve our standard of working. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear Hon. Stephen Muthuka.

Hon. Stephen Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the rest of the house. Mr. Speaker, I would like to applaud the committee led by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader. Specifically, I want to thank the Minority Leader for having seen the light for balancing and bringing equity in this house. Mr. Speaker, Sir, even if it is terms of punishment, you can punish somebody but you find that you are punishing yourself because what goes round comes round. Mr. Speaker, I want also to remind the house that we are today we are winding up the 30th month since we came to this house, since we were elected and we are only left with 19 more months to go. We may have started wrongly, in the wrong footing but we can conclude very well. We can restore the confidence of our electorates we can bring change to Machakos County.

Let not be for the sake of just feeling good as Hon. Ndithini has put it, that we are in jovial mood. We want even tomorrow, as we are discussing pertinent issues of this house, let that mood continue because by the end of the day we are answerable to our people and we should feel good when we are executing your duties. Mr. Speaker, Sir, lastly, I would also urge all the members, let us not just be put in a committee for fun. Sometimes we feel very bad and Mr. Speaker, if you remember yesterday's discussions, some of us we said we are very serious when it comes to our work. We can joke outside but when we get to do what we are supposed to do this is the only chance we have.

You never know 2017 we may not see this house again. So if you do not use this opportunity in the right manner, you may live to regret that suppose you are given another chance which may never come, you could have done something better than before. So hon. members, let us go back to our committees. If at all it needs some changes because I think, from the record,

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already there are chairpersons who are now currently maybe in charge of the committees but if need be, for re-adjustment, let it not be taken for maybe witch-hunt. Let us sit down and let us look somebody who can maybe drive that committee to the desired results that are expected in this house.

Somebody who can face things head-on without evading because like now, Mr. Speaker, not mentioning names, we know that it is the season of cultivating our shambas but we have not seen even one tractor, we have not heard any report up to date apart from being told that the tractors were released to where. To what wards? So we need serious people who can confront these issues and who are ready to serve our electorates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you now we come to this side. Hon. Felix Ngui, you must say something. Say something about.

Hon. Felix Ngui. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. You seem to be noticing my mood even when my hand is not up but Mr. Speaker, looking at the report that has been tabled by the chairman of committee on selection, well, it is a good report that I can see most of the members are supporting but maybe I would need some clarification from the chairperson because I have heard clearly from him that the Majority Leader that they were trying to re-align members in committees so that members can fit in four committees. That is well but maybe, we would need to know the criteria that they were using because some of the members were in four committees already and were moved from the same committees to other existing committees.

For example, myself, I have been moved from the committee on finance to the committee of legal affairs and justice and was a scenario that has happened to so many members. Now that I was in four committees earlier, what was the need of me being moved from the committee on finance to the committee on of legal affairs and justice? Maybe we would need to get an explanation and if substantial then we will have to go with the report but I will need to get some clarification because I will see I am not seeing the need of members being moved from committees that they have been sitting, that they have been in. For example, in the committee of finance we have a very sensitive matter that we were discussing in the morning. Now that members who were doing that report have been moved to other committees and you gave a notice of seven days. That means that the report will not be able to be tabled after those seven days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order. Yes.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Kitheka: I think the hon. member should swallow the pride and should be also very happy because that finance committee should be disbanded anytime. He should be happy.

(Laughter)

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Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kitheka your point of order is dismissed.

(Laughter)

Let us proceed and hear that, you know, Hon. Felix Ngui, you did not comply with Standing Order 155, so your contributions are entirely out of order.

Hon. Mary Ndinda: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I first want to congratulate the committee on selection with the Majority Leader who was the chairperson although I have a small issue which at least is a concern to me. Previously, I was in two committees, of which I appreciated. That was the health and sports and youth and right now, I am very grateful because I have been given legal affairs but I have small issue because when I had the two committees, I embraced the committees and I was very grateful and I decided to work very hard in those two committees and as you understand, maybe this house maybe not be aware this house has spent a lot of money on training me on sporting, where I was trained locally as a referee both in standing volleyball and sitting volleyball.

Internationally, you took me outside for further training. Because I was trying to cut the cost of hiring trainers from outside so I feel, it is my concern, that if I will be taken back to sports, I will be more effective, I will be able to work, I will be able to deliver and I will save the cost of the assembly. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mary Ndinda, again your contributions are overboard. They are against the position of Standing Order 155 so they are equally disallowed. Let us hear Hon. Kyalo Kyuli.

Hon. Kyalo Kyuli: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Speaker, I stand to applaud the committee and I support the report for having answered one of the questions many of us have been asking that; must it all the time end in fighting? Then the answer is written here now that it is no. That people can sit and dialogue and things are moved to better heights. So I want to congratulate the committee and the chairman for even finding it nice to give me a nice committee called implementation committee that I once was in and I am happy, I am delighted again that now I have four committees and nearly every other member. So I believe this is for a worthy cause, Mr. Speaker, as many of us are saying it is one thing to be in four committees and it is another contributing effectively in those committees.

My urge is that I want to ask my colleagues that in every committee that every member is in, that we endeavor to move that particular committee to greater heights in the role that we are given by the constitution. So mine was only to congratulate the committee that sat and did this good work. I once sat to do the same work I used to be in that committee and Mr. Speaker, I can attest it is very difficult to draw such a balanced committee setting.

(Applause)

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So Mr. Speaker, we give thanks to the Lord, we give also praise to the committee for they have done a marvelous work. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think this report is worth applause by the entire house.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I wish to rectify my fellow hon member Hon. Nzoka that he has come to the committee of implementation where I have always been an invited member. The misconception, the great misconception about that committee, is that it does not perform but, Mr. Speaker, without any prejudice any fear of contradiction, I can say if we take all the files in this assembly about committees and follow the responses and queries that committees have done, the committee of implementation has been and cannot go number three. I am talking this with experience and wish to applaud my chairman who say that I was able even being committed to the committee before that I am able to deliver and I will not disappoint him. So Mr. Speaker, I want to rectify hon Nzoka and tell him, the committee on implementation has not been silent. That committee today has written over 50 letters to the executive which even took a different extent to come even to your office, Mr. Speaker, to seek for your intervention.

Yesterday, elected hon. members went to the executive side to seek why services were not being delivered. If the chairman has tried himself and it has not worked that is why the hon. members had to intervene and I applaud them. So now that is where the chairman of implementation committee has been in the position that he has been in. So let us not complain about him. I applaud him and wish him all the best and new members who have come in, I have seen there is an energized team where I belong, Hon. Nzoka, Hon. Kathinzi, Hon. Matheka and I am sure we are going to deliver. So, Mr. Speaker, it is our time now to prove Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: There is a point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I think the member is insinuating improper motive of the former members of that committee to say now that this committee has gotten new energized energy. What does he mean about the other members who used to sit in that committee? Does he want to say that they were docile; they were not active in that committee or what, Mr. Speaker?

Hon. Maitha: You know Mr. Speaker, English did not come from Kenya.

(Laughter)

So I have used the word energy, if synergy seems to be the better word, I withdraw the word energy and insert synergy.

(Laughter)

So Mr. Speaker, all what I was saying is this; and they are rejuvenated whichever language. Mr. Speaker, yes we are in committees and I wish even to put it clearly, the issue which was raised by Hon. Ngui about members were slotted this and that, I can even tell, Mr. Speaker, some chairpersons did not even want some members to be in their committees because of the reasons the chairpersons knew, maybe, the members were not active maybe that maybe a reason but that should not be a subject of discussion. What is more important right now it is to avoid such scenarios like what happened here in the morning where a report is tabled in the floor of this house and then the report seems to have no basis. That is embarrassment to the Chair, that is embarrassment to the members and is the greatest embarrassment to this house. We should make sure that these committees are active, generate reports that have got credit to this house so that this house can move. These committees have got as much work as possible if members commit themselves to the work.

Let us not complain about our weak pay slips, let us see how fatter we can make them through generating business in the floor of the house by attending committees and having so many meetings so that we can make business out of this house. So let us commit ourselves and those who are complaining should not even complain anymore because if you got the responsibility allowance and you are also still complaining and a member like me who has four committees and I am comfortable and I am not seeking for any responsibility allowance, if given no problem, let us be one another's brothers keepers. You cannot get everything neither can deliver everything. So let us be satisfied with whatever we have and let us avoid giving the Majority Leader and the team a lot of pressure. You did not do this to me; you did not do this to me. It is the best way to go about these things.

It is the high time we appreciate what the committee has done and first between now and the first next three, four, five months, those who have been put in those committees; exhibit your performance. This floor, the floor of this house will prove that the committee that you have been put in is working not just mere talking and complaints. So I think, through this report, if now work starts and begins, then let us appreciate what the committee has done. Mr. Speaker, a request. A Hon. Member said there are even people who are holding an extra two responsibility allowances, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to repeat the he words that were said by the Hon. Majority Leader of the National Assembly. Let us relinquish some of them and give that benefit to a member and forget our past political differences for a better future of this assembly.

We have got only one budget remaining, Mr. Speaker, for this assembly to pass and implement, only one 2016/2017. If we continue the way we have been, we thought we had 10 years here. It is only one year. Next year, you will see less than a quarter of this assembly here, Mr. Speaker, because the moment Majority Leader hears that his political battle front has been hit

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by a bomb, he has to go back there. This house will not have members. So let us concentrate, deliver as we also aspire to achieve personal gain in one way or the other, we ensure that the greatest gain goes to the people who elected us for them to reconsider us in the next assembly 2017, if God so wishes. I declare my candidature for the vice chairperson of the environment committee. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, now in conclusion, let us agree to hear Hon. Collins, Hon. Katumo and then the Minority Whip.

Hon. Collins Mbithi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I, in a very positive way want to welcome the findings of the committee of selection and whole heartedly support the report tabled by the chairperson. Mr. Speaker, it has been said by the members who spoke before me that we have actually been having challenges, people coming into committees, signing in and going. But the solution has actually been brought up by this report. Mr. Speaker, I am under attack. The solutions have actually been brought up by this report. It was very challenging for somebody to be in seven committees and the committees are sitting concurrently and you cannot be in two places at the same time. The only thing you had to do, because you are seriously needed in each and every committee, is to sign and make your input in the other committee.

But because we do not have as many committees as they have been formed now, it will be too easy for us to sit in a committee for the rest of the period which has been stated and maybe give our contributions to the fullest. I want to, secondly, support this report on these grounds. There are various considerations which maybe the committee on selection did consider fixing members in the different committees and one is passion, like the Majority Leader said, the Hon. Member for Muthwani had to be fixed in the committee on implementation, maybe out of passion. It was his passionate desire to sit in the committee and you will also notice, before the committees were formed, the chairperson for implementation had co-opted the hon. member for Muthwani because of interest in that particular committee.

(Applause)

The second one could be out of educational background. You seem to be very fit in this committee and not other. And maybe inform the hon. member for Katangi that the committee for selection might have noted that he is not very fine in financial matters but very supper in legal affairs---

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Let me take the point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

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Hon. Ngui: Mr. Speaker, I think it is quite in order for hon. member from Lower Kaewa to discuss or to disclose to this house that the committee on selection might have known that I am not well on finances? My friend, do you know? How does he know about my pay slip?

Hon. Speaker: Order, order.

Hon. Ngui: And what I do, Mr. Speaker. I think, Mr. Speaker that is quite out of order.

Hon. Speaker: Order. If I got his English well, he only feared that you did not know very well on financial matters. That hon. member did not impute any improper motive.

(Applause)

Proceed.

Hon. Mbithi: That is very true, Mr. Speaker, but we understand it very differently and I had not finished. I will have to finish that the committee on selection might have noticed the Hon. Member for Katangi, Hon. Felix Ngui is not well conversant with financial matters but is very excellent in legal affairs.

(Applause)

That is why they moved him from the committee on finance and put him where he fits---

Hon. Speaker: Order, order Hon. Collins, now you need to phrase it that is why they may have so that. Now proceed.

Hon. Mbithi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for your directives. That is why they may have moved the Hon. Member from Katangi.

(Laughter)

From the committee on finance and put him where he belongs, the committee for legal affairs. I want to bring a challenge to this house. In our previous trainings, in different places, we have been told that 75 of the business of this assembly emanates from the committees and because we have been put to the committee where you feel like you belong, I think it is the high time we exercise our energies, our knowledge and everything we have to do for the betterment of the activities of the assembly. Personally, I was moved from the committee implementation where I also worked out of a passion and zeal. However, in the book of Ruth, Ruth said wherever you go I will go, your people, will be my people. Now that I have been moved from the committee of

implementation and taken to tourism committee, I will be there and those people will be my people. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Katumo and then we will finish.

Hon. Justus Katumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and my colleagues. I want to join others in congratulating this committee for the work that they have done. It is not very easy, I know, there many considerations in place but we have something that we can work with and I am very happy. My only concern, when I go through the committees, that is one and very important one. You see in this house we have come to represent and if our representation is not felt, then we waste our time. We have the youth we have the women but the name disability has never seen the light of day even when we are in the wee hours of our representation. Therefore, I would request, as you bring another revival, as you retreat back into your dockets, please do not leave us out. Persons living with disabilities because I am here, we are several here, elected. Hon. Nzoka is here, Hon. Jacinta is here and I am here and therefore when we continue to request, and Hon. Raphael, you are there, and when we continue to request, when we continue to plead with you, to put us into great consideration for our matters and for our brothers and sisters in Machakos county in terms of disability, then it becomes a worry and therefore I am requesting this hon. house to think wisely as they go to these committees.

I believe Mr. Speaker, Sir, you remember when we were forming new committees and when we were passing that motion we agreed, the house agreed, in the committee of the whole house, that this committee of the youth, women and sports, actually we should drop either the sport move it to something else and put disability and we agreed and it was passed. I do not really understand why this has not been done and continually, I have come to the office and I am told that that will be effected and therefore my worry is as we continue to rejoice, others are rejoicing others are rejoicing, others are receiving new energy and synergy but, us what is happening? Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: I think that is a matter that the Majority Leader must take up. I agree with the sentiments of Hon. Katumo, that indeed there should be a position for those with disabilities. I think that will be kind enough to give a response in good time. You will respond in your conclusion. Let us hear.

Hon. Alex Kamitu: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Felix, I will want you in the house.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you let me continue, Mr. Speaker, Sir. First and foremost, is to applaud our able chairman, Majority Leader and the Minority Leader for a well done job that they did and my urge to the hon. members, in this regard, is that we must go out in the committees with a very sober mind, a very positive mind. As you know and they know their mandate as members of the committees. Mr. Speaker, Sir, what I am saying is that we are supposed to be getting quarterly reports from the executive and as you stand here and sit here in this hon. house, is that our approach this time should be that now that there are some changes within the committees, and is always said that changes are inevitable and a change is as good as a rest, now this time we expect full participation from the members. We expect quarterly reports as an audit from the executive and as some early members had said about implementation, I concur 100 percent with Hon. Maitha because I was in the committee of implementation and if you look at the page three of this report, page three of 8, Hon. Alex Kamitu is the person the first person in this report who gave out his, who relinquished his position as a committee member of implementation so that we may create room for those hon. members who had two to three committees.

So what am I saying? I am saying we should now come out with a lot of energy so as to know we were not doing or we were not performing, so as I said a change is as good as a rest. We should now be seen to be effective in the respective committees. I would also like to urge members, because there were these statements that members come in sign and go, I do not want to blame the chairpersons but it is the work of the committee chairpersons to ensure that whoever reports on the committee, because it is an obvious thing they know whoever reports or whoever attends a committee, it should be there unless there is any emergency. He should be there to contribute so that at the end of everything, we should be fruitful into our committees.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would urge the members and even the chairpersons to come out as a competitive committees. At the end of the year, we should be classified which committee came first in its work so at least at the end of everything, we are able to be rewarded as per committee. I sit down to urge my fellow members that now it is time to sharpen our swords because the war cry has been sounded. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you let us finally hear the mover.

Majority Leader (Hon Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to start by thanking the hon. members for applauding me and my committee on what we did. Mr. Speaker, on the issue of committees' commitment by members, the duty of the Majority Leader ends immediately with tabling of this report. I have no business in committees and how they operate. I don't even have business with chairpersons. Chairpersons take charge of your committees and likewise members put your chairpersons on their toes. Mr. Speaker, I want this one to go into record, Mr. Speaker. I will not in a single day stand here to protect a chairperson who is not performing, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, if a chairperson is not performing, that particular committee has 13 members, and any of those 13 members can become chairperson of that committee. I want to be heard clearly, Mr. Speaker, because some of us maybe think that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader will protect them to retain their chairs; that one is no. A capital no, a big no, Mr. Speaker. This house is lacking business because of the members in various committees and the chairpersons chairing those committees, Mr. Speaker, I am having complaints and majority of members wanted to move from their committees

(Applause)

Because the chairpersons only convene the committees and there is no agenda. Mr. Speaker, I was perturbed by one member who said that my chairperson calls me to the committee and he only tells us to sign the attendance book and we walk out. That means you are not equal to that task. You relinquish that seat before you are done away with by your committee members and I have no apologies to make on that, Mr. Speaker.

The other thing, Mr. Speaker, about what has been raised by hon. my brother, who we belong to the same party, majority party that is Wiper. I do empathize with people living with disabilities but Mr. Speaker, if you give someone something through the door and he takes it away and throw it through the window, what do you do? I think I have been gotten clear. You had a seat, you had a position and it was thrown out so Mr. Speaker I have heard his sentiments and I will know what to do. Mr. Speaker, in this, I think I have not mentioned anybody, Mr. Speaker.

The other thing, Mr. Speaker, some chairpersons are already bombarding me with notes, short notes Mr. Speaker complaining that they are in three committees and I have been very clear, Mr. Speaker. The liaison committee, where you sit, that one is also a committee that is why it has a budget and it has a chairperson.

(Applause)

So if you want to be in more committees, relinquish the chairmanship, we will give you another committee. Simple and clear.

Finally Mr. Speaker, as I sit, I want to urge members we play our role of oversight because if this government of the day, does not deliver to its people, we will be the first to be blamed. The blame will go to the county assembly. The first county assembly of Machakos and I am not saying that the government is failing, no, but I am just making a wake-up call that do your duty. You have three main roles as MCAs; oversight, representation and legislation. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Then with the remarks by the mover, I will proceed to put the question on the report as presented by the chairman of committee on selection

(Question put and agreed)

Before we conclude the day's business, I have been having some concerted communication here, although un-procedurally from Hon. Felix Ngui wanting a moment and I give it. Hon. Felix.

Hon. Ngui: Thank you Mr. Speaker for that consideration. Mr. Speaker, I am standing here under the Sanding Order number 227 of the Machakos county assembly Standing Orders to request, to make a plea to this hon. house, that the county assembly of Machakos suspends all other businesses of the assembly for a period of one week to discuss the programs of our county government in regard to the public works, where I am a chairperson and also other programs like the water program. Mr. Speaker, knowing that the El Nino is around the corner, we want to know how the county government of Machakos is prepared on how to handle the El Niño issues. We want to know whether the county government of Machakos is ready to do the roads before the rains come.

(Applause)

We want to know how the county government is prepared on how to harvest water for our people now that El Nino is coming. We want to take advantage of El Nino so that it can benefit our people of Machakos County. So Mr. Speaker, in this regard I am requesting that this house suspends all other business and discusses the program of our county government in preparedness of El Nino and other programs. At this moment, I want to call my colleague, Hon. Isaac Muinde, to second my request. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Isaac Muinde: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second proposal that this house---

(Applause)

.....takes the next two weeks to discuss the preparedness of this government in harvesting the El Nino waters and also ensuring that traffic is not disrupted because roads will be washed. Mr. Speaker, as I support this, it reminds me of the story in the book of Genesis in the Bible and I believe those who are Christians and even the people of goodwill know of the biblical Noah. That it was prophesied that it will rain cats and dogs and the Israelites were supposed to prepare because they will be washed by the torrents but Mr. Speaker in the Bible, people thought it was a joke but when the rains came many died. Although the meaning in the Bible could be different, but Mr. Speaker, we have been told by the weather men that the rains we are expecting in the next two or three weeks maybe disastrous yet we come from a county where water is a problem despite the fact that the two major rivers flowing into the Indian ocean passes through our county.

But Mr. Speaker, considering the kind of homes and houses that our people have built, considering the state of the roads, especially the weather roads, more so in the rural wards, Mr. Speaker, it is important that this house discusses with a view to ensuring that the executive does

something to the people to ensure that, one, we harvest the waters and, two, we save lives of our people when this rains come.

(Applause)

Thirdly, to ensure that movement from one place to the other, within our county, is not disrupted by the rains and by extension, Mr. Speaker, ensure that this county also performs and delivers to our rural folk in the mandate that they have given us to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker I stand to support.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, as I said, this matter was raised without due procedure but nevertheless, the permission was granted to Hon. Felix Ngui but the directions I give is that the office of the Majority Leader should issue comprehensive statement on the county's preparedness and the statement be presented on Tuesday and that statement will therefore guide debate on the matter.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will do what you have ordered. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Then with that then the house adjourns until tomorrow.

The House rose at 4.11 p.m.