

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday 10th May, 2016**

The House met at 2.35 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****MOTION****RE-CONSTITUTION OF SELECT COMMITTEES***(Hon. Kasoa on 03.05.2016)**(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 03.05.2016)***Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Joshua Mwonga.**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.**Hon. Speaker:** Re-introduce the debate on the format that was developed by the Clerk.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; the report of committee on selection of members on some select members was tabled in the House on that 3rd May, 2016. The report was debated by the House and some issues arose about the report concerning the composition of the budget and appropriation committee and this led to the deferral of the report. Mr. Speaker, Sir, Standing Order 153 (1) provides that 'unless otherwise provided by any written law or these Standing Orders, the committee on selection shall, in consultation with assembly parties, nominate members who shall serve on select committee and Standing Order 153 (2) states that 'the committee of 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.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the previous committee on budget and appropriation had three MCAs of female gender and six of the male gender. The committee on selection met to nominate members to the budget and appropriation committee as per Standing Order 186 (4) which states that 'the county budget and appropriation committee, constituted by the assembly immediately following

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the general election, shall serve for the period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter, shall serve for the remainder of the term.’

Consequently the committee on selection nominated members to the budget committee as tabled putting it to consideration party strength and gender. Hon. Isaac Muinde who was from Wiper was dropped and replaced by Hon. Peter Nzioki from Wiper. Hon. Rachel Nduku represented the female gender and was represented by Hon. Jacqueline Nziva for the gender balance. Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no Standing Order that requires that, in nominating members to serve in committees, regional balance be considered.

In addition, our Standing Orders give cognizance to assembly parties and not coalitions under Standing Order 154 (1) provides for that ‘in nominating members to serve on a select committee, the selection committee shall ensure that membership of each committee reflects the relative majorities of seats held by each of the assembly parties in the assembly. Further, Standing Order 186 (2) provides that the committee shall consist of a chairperson and not more than eight other members.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, from that, I request the House to resume debate on the report on committee on selection on nomination of members to some select committees and approve it thereof. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Maybe before you rest, your motion, you need to clarify to this House if this is a new motion because when Hon. Kasoa brought up the matter last week, he withdrew. So we can only have a fresh motion in the House not resumption of debate. The motion which was raised by Hon. Kasoa was withdrawn entirely and I so ordered.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, it is true this report on committee on selection was tabled before the house by the leader of minority, who happens to be my vice chairperson, in this committee of selection and Mr. Speaker, he withdrew the report for more consultation. After consulting, Mr. Speaker, we held a meeting this morning, guided by the clerk to that committee---

Hon. Speaker: Order! Let him finish.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): With the advice of the clerk of that committee and looking at the today’s Order Paper No. 8 is report by Hon. Joshua Mwonga, chairperson committee on selection and Mr. Speaker, it is a continuation of debate on what had been tabled by Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Member: Point of Order.

Hon. Speaker: Order! I am the one in charge of the matter now. Hon. Majority Leader, you must have got adequate information from Hon. Kasoa that the motion that was at hand was withdrawn. You can only introduce that motion afresh and if that is not the position now, then there is nothing before this House.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, with the leave of the House, then I can introduce the report afresh. I am ready, Mr. Speaker. I am ready to re-introduce the report, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Let me hear the point of order. Yes, Hon. Kitheka.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the House at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the motion which was in this House was withdrawn by one Hon. Kasoa. On that material day, Mr. Speaker, it was also un-procedural to withdraw the motion. Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 48 stipulates clearly that ‘a notice of motion maybe withdrawn by the member with who gave the notice.’ Mr. Speaker, there is no provision of withdrawal of a motion but there is a provision of withdrawal of a notice of motion. So it was un-procedural for the withdrawal of the motion.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, if the majority leader is purporting to do a continuation of the same motion, Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 46 bars him strictly from doing that because that motion went through in the assembly. It didn’t have good procedure of withdrawal and it is deemed to have been(*inaudible*) so he can only re-introduce the motion after six months because the motion he is trying to put across has the same contents of the motion which was withdrawn in this House.

So, Mr. Speaker, it may sound awkward for us to sit here to debate a motion which was defeated by this House because of procedure. So, Mr. Speaker, we are kindly requesting your indulgence into this matter and apply the real wisdom in dissipating what can be done to this motion. Mr. Speaker, we may win many battles but this kind of fight, we may not win because of our minority in the assembly but conscience will tell us the truth that this motion at this moment is misplaced.

Even you as a Speaker, as a guide of this House, you can see clearly that this motion is misplaced and even if it is passed, because it is going to be passed because it is forced, we do not have the numbers and when we had the numbers it was withdrawn un-procedurally, Mr. Speaker, can you give this House the wisdom it deserves because we respect you and we know you can make a good decision for this House.

Mr. Speaker, the ball is in your court. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Order Hon. Kitheka. Before I get the point of information, the meaning of leave of the assembly, in our Standing Orders. Leave of the assembly means there being no objection by any member or either with the sympathy of the Speaker or with a support of at least two other members. My ruling last sitting on this matter was that the motion has been withdrawn and I so ordered and I was well within the Standing Orders. It is, therefore, erroneous for Hon. Kitheka to find fault in the ruling of the Chair, last week.

(Applause)

Let us hear Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once a upon a time when I was a student, one teacher told us once bitten, twice shy and it is true that any motion, any report that comes to the assembly and is withdrawn, it has to find its entry once again after six months. It is very clear it is in the Standing Orders of this House---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kathinzi, which Standing Order is that?

Hon. Kathinzi: Mr. Speaker, I might not have the reference but I think it is very well indicated. On another point of information, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: So you do not have the Standing Order you are quoting.

Hon. Kathinzi: Maybe I can withdraw that but I know the point is passed but I also have another point of information that, according g to the dressing code of this House there are two members who are not well-dressed. That is Hon. Charles and Hon. Kanui. Mr. Speaker, their dressing is wanting. If you check them from top to bottom, their shoes are not warranting them to be in this House. You can check on that.

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Kathinzi. I have not been able to see their fault. Let us move on. Yes, Hon. Munyaka.

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to talk about what Hon. Kitheka for Machakos Central has said. The motion was brought to this Hon. House and I understand and I know it was not defeated. It was only that Hon. Kasoa, the leader of minority withdrew it---

Hon. Kitheka: Point of Order.

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Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Nzeki: So, Mr. Speaker, it can find a way of coming back and it has been brought back by the leader of majority---

(Applause)

We are here now, ready to support it. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION

Hon. Speaker: What clarification, Hon. Kitheka?

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, I want to clarify to the Hon. Nzeki that first and foremost, he was not in the House. Secondly, the Hon. Member should know that what was withdrawn by the Hon. Kasoa was a motion. It was not a notice of motion. Standing Order 48 is very clear that you can only withdraw a notice of motion you cannot withdraw a motion. The moment a motion comes before a House, it becomes a property of the House. Mr. Speaker, I think---

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Kitheka. When you go to Standing Order 48---

Hon. Kitheka: Okay.

Hon. Speaker: Motion withdrawn may be moved again.

(Applause)

Hon. Kitheka: Okay that is the headline---

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: A notice of motion, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Order! What you cannot withdraw is a special motion which is under sub-rule 2.

(Applause)

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, I think I was once in school. If a notice of motion may be withdrawn---

Hon. Speaker: Order! You are almost getting out of order. Let us hear Hon. Manyolo.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the House at large. First, I do congratulate you for the guidance you are giving the House because, in the first time, you guided the majority leader on how he is going to present the motion and I understand the Standing Orders have stated clearly that if the motion has a support of two, it has to be debated. I am here to support and say we are here to discuss the report and if it was withdrawn, it is not this one which was withdrawn. This is a new report. So we have to debate the report then we come to conclusion. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the House at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a good debate, we are moving on but I want to be informed by this House. Mr. Speaker, Sir, you said the motion can come back by your sympathy. I am asking and I want to be informed; will this House live or be moved by the sympathy of the Speaker, by procedures or by impunity?

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the hon members who are against the re-introduction of this report to this Hon. House that last week but one, there was a debate in the National Assembly on the one-third gender rule, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker---

(Applause)

It even went to the voting stage and because it is of national importance, Mr. Speaker, like the report which is before this House. The Speaker of the National Assembly directed that it be brought the following week. The same thing, Mr. Speaker, was done. So, I do not know what the problem with the re-introduction of this report is. And I---

(Loud consultations)

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Hon. Speaker: Order! Let me give the procedure that we are going to follow on this matter. If the Hon. Mover of the motion can get two members in support, we will continue with the motion.

(Several Members stood in their places)

Not in that procedure. Invite a seconder.

(Laughter)

A first seconder and a third seconder.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I want to invite Hon. Willy Mukewa and Hon. Katela. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear them.

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to support the motion. I want to repeat what the majority leader has said; it is just the other day and the ink has not dried on newspapers and even that motion which was brought back in the National Assembly is not yet concluded and is coming back the fourth time and we are now re-introducing this one of us, a second time. Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of importance to the County Assembly and the County at large and we cannot afford to lose such a motion.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I totally support the motion and call upon the other members to line behind the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Kasimu: I stand to support the motion. Mr. Speaker, we cannot sit in this House and watch Hon. Members who are opposing this motion because they want this House and the whole of county assembly and the county itself to be in darkness for the next six months because it is politics they are playing, Mr. Speaker. I ask of you, the same way you gave us your wisdom in direction last time, Mr. Speaker, move on and give us direction and do not listen to politics. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The mover of the motion is granted permission to proceed with the report. Proceed.

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Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Report on committee on selection

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 4th February, 2016, a communication was made in the Assembly that required the committees of House Business, Budget and Appropriation committee and County Public Accounts and Investments committee to be reconstituted and this was occasioned by expiry of their term as provided for in the Standing Orders.

MANDATE

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) that ‘the Committee on Selection shall nominate members to serve in Committees, save for the membership of the House Business Committee and Committee on Appointments.’

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Speaker, the committee comprises of the following thirteen (13) members:-

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| 1. Hon. Joshua K. Mwonga | - Majority Leader/Chairman |
| 2. Hon. Thomas M Kasoa | - Minority Leader/V. Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Renson Muthiani | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo | “ |
| 5. Hon. (Ms.) Brigid Kitili | |
| 6. Hon. (Ms.) Christine Mwende | |
| 7. Hon. Charles Mutisya | |
| 8. Hon. (Ms.) Veronicah Mbithe | |
| 9. Hon. Alphonse Wambua | |
| 10. Hon. Benson Kasyoka | |
| 11. Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi | |
| 12. Hon. (Ms.) Catherine Nguluku | |

COMMITTEE RETREAT

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee retreated to Mombasa from 14th to 17th April, 2016 to carry out the task on nominating members to committees. In the meeting the committee first considered the Budget and Appropriation Committee, PAIC and Ward Development Fund Committees.

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BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee on Budget and Appropriation is established pursuant to standing orders 186 (1) and (2) that ‘here shall be a select committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriation committee, that shall comprise the Chairperson and not more than eight other members.’

Mr. Speaker Standing Order 186 (4) provides that ‘the County Budget and Appropriation Committee constituted by the Assembly immediately following the general election, shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that, constituted thereafter, shall serve for the remainder of the Assembly term.’

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is out of this that the committee on Selection took up its mandate and nominated members to this committee. The following Hon. Members were nominated to serve in the Budget and Appropriation committee;-

1. Hon. Charles Mutisya
2. Hon. John Sila
3. Hon. Wilson Kasimu
4. Hon. Peter Nzioki
5. Hon. Renson Muthiani
6. Hon. Sammy Nduva
7. Hon. (Ms.) Jacqueline Nziva
8. Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi
9. Hon. (Ms.) Christine Mutune

COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee is established pursuant to Standing Order 185 (1) and (3) that ‘there shall be a select committee to be designated as County Public and Investments Committee, that shall consist of the Chairperson who shall be a member elected by the committee from amongst the members of the committee nominated from the Minority Party or coalition of Parties and not more than four other members.’

Mr. Speaker, Sir, just like the case of Budget and Appropriation Committee, Standing Order 185 (5) provides that ‘the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee constituted immediately following the general election shall serve for a period of three calendar years, and that constituted thereafter, shall serve for the remainder of the Assembly term.’

Mr. Speaker, Sir, with the powers vested to the committee on Selection to do nomination of members to committees pursuant to Standing Order 152 (2), the following Hon. Members were nominated to serve in the County Public Accounts and Investments committee:

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1. Hon. Michael Mutuku
2. Hon. (Ms.) Margaret Ndalana
3. Hon. Joseph Kalunde
4. Hon. Thomas Kasoa
5. Hon. Winston Kanui

WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in January 2015, the committee on Assembly Procedure and Rules presented a port to this House regarding amendment of Sanding Orders pursuant to establishment of the Ward Development Fund Committee. Mr. Speaker, the committee on selection, durig their meeting, nominated Hon. Renson Muthiani following the discharge of Hon. Francis Matheka in order to maintain the membership number as per the Standing orders.

HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the House Business Committee is established pursuant to Standing Order 151 (1) that ‘there shall be a select committee to be designated as House Business Committee consisting of the Speaker, who shall be the Chairperson, Chairperson of Committees, Leader of Majority Party, Leader of Minority Party and not less than nine and not more than eleven other members, who shall be nominated by the Assembly Parties and approved by the House at the commencement of every session, reflecting the relative majorities of the seats held by each of the Assembly Parties and taking into consideration the interests of the independents.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Order 154 (1) provides that, ‘in nominating members to serve in 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. Mr. Speaker, the Assembly parties forwarded names of their nominees to the office of the Clerk on time and the committee has been in operation. The criteria of determining the number of nominees for each party is shown below;

	PARTY	NO. OF MEMEBERS	PROPORTION	MEMBERS
1.	Wiper	30	$(30/59)*11 = 5.6$	5
2.	CCU	7	$(7/59)*11 = 1.3$	1
3.	DP	6	$(6/59)*11 = 1.1$	1
4.	PICK	4	$(4/59)*11 = 0.7$	1
6.	TIP	2	$(2/59)*11 = 0.4$	1
7.	ODM	2	$(2/59)*11 = 0.4$	1

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8.	TNA	2	$(2/59)*11 = 0.4$	1
9.	NARC – KENYA	1	$(1/59)*11 = 0.2$	0
10.	AGANO	1	$(1/59)*11 = 0.2$	0
12.	RCP	1	$(1/59)*11 = 0.2$	0
13.	MAZINGIRA	1	$(1/59)*11 = 0.2$	0
14.	NPK	1	$(1/59)*11 = 0.2$	0
15.	NEW DEMOCRATS	1	$(1/59)*17 = 0.3$	0
	TOTAL	59		11

Mr. Speaker, the members forwarded from the various parties are as follows;

WIPER

1. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo
2. Hon. Gideon Kavuu
3. Hon. Wilson Kasimu
4. Hon. (Ms.) Nina Mbithe
5. Hon. (Ms.) Mary Ndinda

CCU

1. Hon. Alex Kamitu

DEMOCRATIC PARTY(DP)

1. Hon. Joseph Itumo

PICK

1. Hon. Stephen Muthuka

TIP

1. Hon. Joseph Muli

ODM

1. Hon. Dominic Maitha

TNA

1. Hon. Anne Wairimu

CONCLUSION

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It is therefore my sincere wish to forward the names of all the Hon. Members nominated to serve in the above committees and the report in general, to the Assembly for approval and wish them good luck as they offer their services in the remaining session of our parliamentary term. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now call upon Hon. the Minority Leader who is the Vice Chairperson in this Committee to second this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the report of selection Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the report is before the House for deliberations. We now know the procedure on such reports but objections can only be brought in the whole, if any. Let us hear objections. Yes, Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, once more to say this report it is not worth to be passed. Mr. Speaker, I wish to refer and to give the mover of the motion the standing order is very clear on definitions. Mr. Speaker, I wish you give me protection.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, an Assembly Party, means a political party or a coalition of political parties consisting of not less than five per cent of the Membership of the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, the composition of this document has considered political but Assembly parties (??) in the Assembly. So, Mr. Speaker, some of these parties which have been put into this document are less than five per cent in this Assembly so that is contrary to the Standing Orders.

Hon. Speaker: Which Standing Order is that?

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Kitheka. Which Standing Order is that?

(Laughter)

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Order! Order!

Hon. Kitheka: I am referring from part one---

(Laughter)

Introductory which leads to Standing Order 2 interpretation and we go to 'Assembly Parties.' Mr. Speaker, the Assembly parties are coalition of parties which have got more than five per cent in the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, the consideration in the tabulation here, which gives coalitions of CORD, of Jubilee, of other parties, may not meet the threshold of this document in this Assembly. So, Mr. Speaker, I rest my case assured that the document is not fit to be in this House. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kitheka, if you have the Standing Orders, allow me to go through Standing Order 153 with you and it reads; Nomination of Members of select committees:-

1. Unless otherwise provided by any written law or these Standing Orders, the committee on selection shall, in consultation with Assembly parties, nominate Members who shall serve on a select committee.
2. 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.
3. A vacancy occasioned by resignation or removal of a Member from a select committee shall be filled within fourteen days of the vacancy.
4. A Member against whom an adverse recommendation has been made in a report of a select committee that has been adopted by the Assembly shall be ineligible for nomination as Member of that committee.

Further, the criteria for nomination under Standing Order 154;

1. 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 House.
2. A Member belonging to a party other than an Assembly party or independent Member maybe 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.

If, Hon. Kitheka you would consider, indeed the import of Standing Order 154 (2), then you would not have raised that objection. Therefore, your objection is entirely rejected. Let us proceed.

(Applause)

Yes.

Hon. Matheka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am totally opposed to this report. I am not opposed because I was removed from a committee. No. I can do without the committees and I can move on but I would like to quote one thing from Mahatma Gandhi and he said ‘I assist an evil system most effectively by obeying its orders and degrees,’ but, Mr. Speaker, Sir, an evil system never deserves such allegiance. Allegiance to it means partaking of the evil. A good person will resist an evil system with his or her own soul. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have three issue with this;

1. The committee is in the House un-procedurally and this is a House of procedure. I totally disagree with the report because of that.
2. The report is in the House through impunity of the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson.
3. The Committee is in the House either through impunity by the two or through the sympathy of the Speaker and this is a House of procedure.

Procedures should be followed then the report should be tabled here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: You have a copy of your Standing Order, Hon. Matheka?

Hon. Matheka: Yes, I do and I can quote here.

Hon. Speaker: When you look at the Standing Orders, kindly go through the meaning of the ‘leave of the Assembly’ and the place of the ‘sympathy of the Speaker.’ It cannot be unlawful for the Speaker to be sympathetic.

(Applause)

I will urge that you properly guide yourself when you are making some submissions. Let us proceed. Let hear, yes.

Hon. Katela: Bw. Spika, naomba niongee kidogo kwa Kiswahili nikupatie methali moja ya waswahili husema ‘ukitandika na bubu, hutajua akifurahia, kwasababu hata akifurahia atakuchuna tu.’ Na kwasababu ndugu zangu wamezoea kutuchuna tu hata wakifurahia, nafikiri wanafurahia. Tusonge mbele na kazi iendelee, Bw. Spika. Nafikiri hii kitu wamekubali tu ni ile kuvuta wakati tu.

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Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndawa: Mr. Speaker, this is the second time this motion as tabled in this House. We have a budget to go through. Time is up and as you can read the mood of the House, I believe you should just put the question because these Members are ready to pass this motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndawa: Because I believe the budget committee has a lot ahead of them.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the mover of the motion.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): I want to thank the Members who have supported this motion, even those who were against the motion and Mr. Speaker, I want to remind those opposed to this motion that, we are in the budget-making process, and the only committee mandated to do that, is the budget Committee. Mr. Speaker, I know majority of them wanted this House not to have a budget committee so that they can ground the operations of this County Government.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, that has been defeated by the goodwill of the Hon. Members that have supported this report. With that, I urge that, you just put the question and Members are going to support it. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: In the absence of any further business, the House adjourns.

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The House rose at 3.12 p.m.