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NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

2ND ASSEMBLY- 1ST SESSION

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday 13th September, 2017

The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 9.00 am.

[The Speaker (Hon. Ndegwa Wahome) in the Chair]

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is quorum)

Speaker: Hon. Members having recognised that there is quorum...

(Clerk-at-the-table consults with the Speaker)

Hon. Members, just for your information, there is a request by the Deputy Speaker and Member for Nyakio, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru, to give his inaugural address or speech or maiden address to the House at some point during this proceeding and I will allow him space to do the same at the order of Communication from the Chair. Let us proceed with the order paper for today.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

INAUGURAL SPEECH BY HON. ZACHARY MWANGI NJERU (DEPUTY SPEAKER)

Speaker: Under communication from the Chair, Hon Members and as I had indicated, I will allow the Deputy Speaker and Member for Nyakio, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru, to make his inaugural address to the House as the duly elected Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Zachary Njeru: Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir. Hon. Members, the Clerk and the staff of the County Assembly, I am deeply honoured by the confidence you have bestowed upon me by electing me to serve as your unopposed Deputy Speaker in the second Assembly. I am boundlessly humbled by the trust and faith you have bestowed upon me, notwithstanding our political affiliations, the enormous but honourable responsibility to serve this House as your Deputy Speaker. *Asante sana.*

I pay tribute to my worthy esteemed predecessor, the Hon member for North Kinangop Ward, Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori. I must applaud him for guiding the 1st Assembly since his election as the Deputy Speaker of the 1st Assembly and I trust that his hard work and honest guidance will continue to contribute to the betterment of this honourable house.

Hon members, I have no doubts that the collective wisdom of this House in electing Hon. James Ndegwa Wahome as the Speaker is well founded. His own speech in accepting the election testifies to that. Personally, I take pride in seeing him seating there. Allow me, Hon. Members, to convey my sincere congratulations to the entire membership of this House for your ascension to the office of the Member of the County Assembly in accordance with article 74 of the constitution. I shall diligently deputise the Honourable Speaker and assist in ensuring that the dignity of this Assembly is upheld and that its rights and privileges are not abused.

The onus is now on me to keep the promise of discharging my duties with fairness and impartiality. Mr Speaker, Sir, and Honourable members, I will not let you down. It is my greatest aspiration to selflessly and nobly serve in my new capacity as the Deputy Speaker. Thank you Hon. Members. May God bless you, and may God bless Nyandarua. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Deputy Speaker of the second Assembly of Nyandarua and Member for Nyakio, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru, for your inaugural address which is highly inspiring and is for the unity and prosperity of the second Assembly.

Next order.

PAPER LAID

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SELECT COMMITTEES

Speaker: Very well, yes Member for Nyakio and the vice Chairperson of the House Business Committee, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru.

Hon. Zachary Njeru: Mr Speaker, Sir.

(Hon. James Kiiru Gachomba raises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Member for Njabini Kiburu, Hon. James Kiiru Gachomba?

Hon. James Gachomba: Mr Speaker, I believe this is a House of rules and procedures. Mr Speaker, I see the Hon. Member for Engineer, Hon. Samuel Njatha, and the Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Paul Ngeche, dressed as if they are in a fish market.

(Laughter)

Speaker: Why, Member for Njabini Kiburu, do you say so? You know you cannot just throw around words without any sound grounds.

Hon. James Gachomba: Mr Speaker, look at the way they are dressed. It is not parliamentary.

Speaker: Actually, I have noted that the Member for Engineer, Hon. Njatha, and the Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Ngeche are not in ties. We have a clear dressing code for the House and as it is, you are strangers in this House. Please excuse yourselves and only come back properly dressed for this House.

(Laughter)

(Hon. Samuel Njatha and Hon. Paul Ngeche exit the Chamber)

(Hon. Kariuki Muchiri rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri?

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir, for according me this chance. As the named Members walk out to dress properly, I must raise an issue with the unparliamentary language used by the Hon Member for Njabini Kiburu, Hon. Gachomba. Is it in order for him to say that Hon. Members are dressed as though they were in a fish market? Is this parliamentary Mr Speaker?

Speaker: Actually, I agree with the Member for Murungaru. The two Members may have transgressed on the dressing code but, obviously, they cannot be said to be dressed as if they are in a fish market. They are in the right place albeit as strangers and that is why they have excused themselves. Member for Njabini Kiburu, you can communicate your message effectively without necessarily sounding harsh and going outside parameters of parliamentary language. As such, I think it can only serve this House well if the Member for Njabini Kiburu withdraws and apologizes.

Hon. James Gachomba: Thank you Mr Speaker I beg to withdraw, and apologize.

Speaker: Proceed Vice Chairperson of the House Business Committee and the Member for Nyakio, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru.

Hon. Zachary Njeru: Mr Speaker, Sir; I beg to table the report of the House Business Committee on the nomination of members to select committees. I table.

Speaker: The report of the House Business Committee is duly tabled in the House and, Members, we apologize for the delay in serving you with the copies of the report. As you are aware, the House Business Committee sat late into the evening yesterday to come up with the final report and that is why you were not supplied with the document in good time.

Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SELECT COMMITTEES

Speaker: Yes, Member for Nyakio who is also the Vice Chairperson of the House Business Committee, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru.

Hon. Zachary Njeru: Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion:

THAT this House does adopt the report of the House Business Committee on the nomination of members to select committees, as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as the resolutions of this House.

Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir.

Speaker: I confirm and the House has confirmed that the notice has been duly given on that motion.

Next order.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

STANDING ORDERS 48(5B)

Speaker: Yes vice Chairperson of the House Business Committee and Member for Nyakio, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru.

Hon. Zachary Njeru: Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT with the leave of the House, the motion ‘That this House does adopt the report of the House Business Committee on the Nomination of Members to Select Committees, as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as the resolutions of this House’ be exempted from the requirement of article 48(5b) of the

Standing Orders, which requires that a notice of motion to be given at least one day before a motion appears on the order paper.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the motion on approval of membership to select committees has been slotted for today in the afternoon and thus, we need the House to resolve that the motion be exempted from the provisions of the standing orders 48(5) (b) so that it be moved today. I beg to call Hon. Kariuki Muchiri to second, Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir.

Speaker: Yes, Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker. This being a procedural motion, I might not have much to say about it because as the able vice chair of the House Business Committee has highlighted, this motion has been necessitated by the fact that we need to have business in the afternoon and without this motion being exempted from the provisions of article 48 (5), then it means that we cannot have business in the afternoon. I therefore, second this motion on the said grounds Mr Speaker.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: Next order.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, the business for the morning session having been transacted wholesomely, we shall now adjourn to today, Wednesday the 13th day of September 2017 at 2.30p.m.

(The house rose at 9.50am)

