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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 2:30 P. M

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, in the Chair

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

Speaker: Clerk, confirm that there is quorum.

There is quorum as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table

Speaker: Hon. Members, there being quorum, I am going to invoke on my discretion, Standing Order number 40 (2) and rearrange the business of the House. In the order paper administration of oath is number one and communication from the chair number two. We shall have communication from the chair as number one, administration of oath as number two and then the other business shall proceed as scheduled. First order

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY

Speaker: First, I would say that just like, yesterday I am sometimes forced to do the communication without anything written or expressed in print for reasons of timelines. I have received the typed minutes of today's proceedings of The National Alliance Party meeting. You have noted that we have come in two minutes late because the minutes had not been handed to me and I thought that it was prudent and necessary that I come in when already seized with the minutes.

Hon. Members, the communication I wish to make is that this afternoon at about 2.30 pm I have been seized of minutes of The National Alliance Party (TNA) by the majority whip in the house Hon. John Kinyajui Gachari and the secretary to that particular meeting Hon. Peter Mwangi Maina.

The minutes have been handed over and the communication in the minutes is to the effect that the TNA party held elections for the position of the majority leader of the Nyandarua County Assembly. I think TNA has 38 members and all of them were there except two but I can only see that members present are 30, but despite that I am aware that there were 36 members of the TNA party and that 36 attended and two tendered their apologies for their absence during the meeting.

During the meeting as per the communication from the majority whip as aforesaid, two candidates offered themselves for the position of the leader of majority of this county assembly. This was in light of the vacancy created yesterday Tuesday 22nd March 2016 by the resignation of the then majority leader of this House and the member for Engineer, Hon. James Mwangi Gichuki.

On the meeting being called to order and all the ground rules having been put in place, two candidates offered themselves for election into that particular position. One was Hon. John Kieru Wambui, the member for Gatimu ward and Hon. Kariuki Muchiri, the Hon. Member for Murungaru ward. After a vote that was carried out through secret balloting, and of which I am informed that it was transparent, accountable and divorced of any malpractice, the Hon. Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri was duly elected to be the new majority leader of Nyandarua county assembly by garnering for himself a total of 23 votes while his worthy opponent, the member for Gatimu garnering 13 votes.

Applause

A total of 36 votes cast and the two members that were absent. That particular election was after thorough scrutiny and application of due diligence. It was in compliance of the TNA constitution and the standing orders of this county assembly.

I wish to thank the members of this House for the way they have conducted themselves in a sober and focused manner when carrying out this process. Due diligence and due process of the law was applied. I therefore believe that this house will be able to move together and address all

the attendant issues that are expected of us so that there is no grievance whatsoever arising from this particular process.

I now would wish to formally communicate to this House and declare that Hon. Kariuki Muchiri, the member for Murungaru ward, is the new majority leader of the Nyandarua County Assembly effective today, the 23rd March 2016.

Applause

Hon. Members, without much ado I will invite the Hon. member for Murungaru so that I can formally administer to him the oath of office as both the majority leader and the vice chairperson of the County Assembly Service Board.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

The Speaker administers to the member the oath of office

Loud consultations

Speaker: This is a landmark in the history of this assembly and I said that we do not do these things for ourselves. We do them for the future and posterity. The best practice and foundation to lay for this kind of transition is that after the swearing in the new leader of majority, he will have an occasion, at least a maximum of ten minutes to be able to address the House. Definitely when he was going for that position there were expectations and visions he had for the assembly. He can be able to outline the same. Member for Murungaru and the leader of majority Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I first want to thank the members of this assembly for the support that they have accorded me. It has been a hard task to campaign and to be given votes by the majority of the members of this House. I would like to say that there is no winner and loser, we are all winners because we did this for the sake of the assembly and Nyandarua County.

Loud consultations

Speaker: Order members! In the common wealth parliamentary tradition when a leader has been elected and is making a maiden speech or anyone is making a parliamentary speech for

the first time in a parliamentary set up and the standing orders, leave alone the traditions, that person is heard in total silence.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank the members of staff because they were also present during the elections and they accorded the TNA members the necessary support. I am happy because this was a competitive process and that the members of this assembly have demonstrated a high degree of maturity in the way they have conducted the elections. We have heard occasions in other assemblies' where the elections of the leader of majority have culminated to fists exchange. Unlike the other assemblies, this Hon. House demonstrated very high integrity. No abusive words exchanged. No fighting took place. This is what I would like all the assemblies in this country to emulate.

Mr Speaker, there are certain issues that I raised this morning that I would like to focus on as the leader of majority of this House. First is the business of this House. I know that is challenging but we shall work with the Hon. members of this assembly, the office of the speaker, the office of the clerk and the staff of the assembly to ensure that we have achieved the mandate bestowed to us.

Mr Speaker, we have passed bills and they have not been implemented. I want to take it upon myself to collaborate and liaise with all the relevant departments to make sure that these bills are enacted into law. Of utmost importance Mr. Speaker, is the bill that was supposed to be here in three or four weeks' time after we came to office, that is the kiosks bill. I am very passionate about that bill. It is a bill that my committee handled as the first business. Three years down the line the bill has not yet come to this House. There are other bills Mr. Speaker that are with the various committees and we shall work hand in hand with your office to make sure that these bills have been enacted into law.

Mr Speaker, secondly is the welfare of the Hon. Members. That one is key to me. We are here as a result of history but I would not want to go back to history. Assisted by the members of the assembly, your office and the staff of this assembly we shall work hard to make sure that the welfare of members is well taken care of. Not that the welfare of the members has not been taken care of in the past but there are some issues that we would like to address some of which we have addressed on the floor of this house. Key among them is the clearance certificates. As we approach the electioneering period we would want these members of the assembly to be cleared

of the dues. I want to promise the members of this assembly that they will be cleared of all the dues for the three years.

There is the pending issue on the harmonisation of committees' membership. I will be beseeching your office to ensure that the harmonisation is done promptly. This is because there are some members of this House who are disadvantaged for one or the other reason whereas equity must be attained. I wish to promise members that we will fast-track this issue to ensure consensus is built on the same.

I will also collaborate with the office of the Speaker and Welfare Committee (which is yet to be formed) to ensure fairness in the way the Hon. Members are given opportunity to travel out within or outside the country.

The other issues are administrative. I will look at the issues of Hon. Members gratuities, LAPFUND, NHIF; the latter two which amount to statutory deductions. But a cross check with the respective statutory bodies the deductions have not been credited in the respective members' accounts.

Applause

The other issue is about implementation of various programmes and projects in the county which has been at Members' hearts. I have said time and again that implementation of the programmes and projects has been slow and poor and we need to walk the talk. In the few remaining months action must be taken in the implementation.

Applause

We are headed to the electioneering period. As I speak there are road works that have not even commenced. In addition, evaluation of certain roads has not been done. This may lead to our undoing. In regard of this, I wish to promise members that by November this year, because we shall have passed the Budget in which some vote heads like the Ward Development Fund, I will be pleading them to give a list of priority projects in their wards so that by December this year we undertake implementation of the proposed priority projects expecting by March the coming year the implementation will have been completed. These projects should not only focus on roads but other sectors like agriculture and water.

Applause

As a request to this House, we should be fighting challenges together, because challenges are bound to come. The Assembly and the Executive are not exceptional to challenges. We shall be collaborating with the Executive to make sure that the challenges that we face are addressed appropriately, promptly and accordingly. This way the Wanjiku will get value for money, which is disbursed by the national government.

As I wind up I cannot forget to thank His Excellency the President of our Republic for giving the county governments unwavering support in terms of monetary allocations to the forty seven counties. We would get it wrong if we do not talk of the President yet we talk of the Governor and the MCAs. On that note I also wish to congratulate His Excellency the Governor of this County for the support he has accorded this Hon. House. I look forward to a cordial working relationship with the Executive.

I wish to thank my fellow Hon. Members once again for the support that they have given me. I cannot forget to say a word about Hon. Mwangi Gichuki who resigned yesterday as the Leader of Majority. We must appreciate him. Although he relinquished the position he is one of us. We must appreciate the work he has done, which he did tirelessly for this Assembly.

I will not forget to congratulate Hon. Kieru Wambui for the stiff competition that he occasioned in the elections and also for conceding defeat. That was a healthy sign for democracy in this Assembly Mr. Speaker. As I come to the end of my maiden speech I pray that we work together. I thank you Mr Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to address this House.

Applause

Speaker: Very well; now for a short time of not more than thirty minutes, owing to the fact that the process of electing the Leader of Majority has been strenuous and bearing that members had varying views on how things have been unfolding, I will welcome comments on this matter from members including the competitor Hon. Kieru Wambui and the former Leader of Majority. Actually I am very proud that we have gone through the whole process without losing focus of whom we are and of our destination.

Yes Hon. Kieru Wambui.

Hon. Kieru Wambui: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to appreciate the sentiments that have been given by the current Leader of Majority, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri. He has mentioned a lot of things. I too, appreciate the effort that my fellow members put to exercise democracy. This House literally adhered to the provisions of the law.

When the Hon. Mwangi Gichuki was removed by a majority vote it was my opinion that his rights were not considered. He decided to seek redress within law in the court of law. After three years the court gave its verdict. The Office of the Speaker did not usurp any authority to go against the decision of the court neither did it surrender to pressure. I know we have been giving your office and that of the deputy speaker a lot of pressure.

There are interested members, including me, who went to court. We tried to follow the matter led by the chief whip and Hon. Kariuki Muchiri. Dealing with the matter has taken a lot of time. The process an outcome of the matter now acts as the mirror to similar future matters. The right things has finally been done including the swearing in of the elected Leader of Majority.

You remember last time we elected the leader of majority in a kangaroo manner by doing it behind a building. Now the right procedure has been followed and even the clerkship will advise on it in future if we will not be in this assembly. We shall not repeat this mistake.

When we were about to cast the votes, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri, I and most of the members were not ready for it. Time finally came when we were both accorded an opportunity to speak. I want to appreciate the members for listening to us and the level of maturity then. No one was heckled down and now we have the new leader of majority. I want to tell him that it is not a walk in the park. It is going to be challenging especially now that we are coming close to the election period.

I want to send him to the main responsibility that I had committed myself to take if I had taken the position. We do not want the defunct county council kind of working where the councillors were put off by the then clerks. In the board there will be the Speaker, the clerk, the majority leader and the minority leader. We pray and believe that you shall not give us a headache. With those few remarks I wish to welcome the new leader of majority. I believe that my ambitions are still alive because I am still young.

Speaker: Very well member for Rurii, Hon. Peter Wahome Kamoche.

Hon. Wahome Kamoche: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to appreciate the members of this assembly for the good work they have done this morning. I have seen something that I have never experienced because we moved on even with the opponent Hon. Kieru. I appreciate the new leader of majority and I want to remind him that the most important thing is to be transparent. I urge all the chairperson of the committees to be sworn in so that they can discharge their duties as chairpersons as required...

Hon. James Gachomba rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is it member for Njabini/Kiburu Hon. James Kiiru Gachomba?

Hon. James Gachomba: Mr. Speaker I believe the Hon. Member for Rurii is trying to say that we are not discharging our duties as chairpersons to the house committees as the law requires. He should either substantiate or withdraw that statement because as far as I know we are discharging our duties in the right manner.

Speaker: Hon. Members, I think you remember when the Majority Leader was being elected last time I was absent. Otherwise the reason why I insisted that we have to swear in the Leader of Majority is because there is a requirement that the Leader of Majority who sits in the Board has to be sworn as a member of the Board. But further, I am informed, which is a practice I was not aware of, that actually chairpersons of the committees in the National Assembly are sworn in. so the Member for Rurii is very correct.

Applause

Speaker: Those who would want the position as committees' chairpersons, unfortunately it is announced in this House that they are the chairpersons and so what we shall do is regularize by oath because we have to set the records straight. But actually I think it is important and so we are going to get the template for swearing in chairpersons from the both the Senate and the National Assembly so that we can adopt the same. So proceed Member for Rurii.

Hon. Peter Kamoche: Mr. Speaker, I was saying that the procedure is that the chairpersons are supposed to be sworn in as like those of the National Assembly and the Senate. We as a committee we have statutory mandate and so every chairperson need to be sworn in

because, for instance, the chairperson of the Budget Committee is supposed to work not in favour of any Ward.

That is the reason one swears so as to act by the Standing Orders of the House the County Government Act and maintain the dignity of the Assembly. Generally, that is what I meant. Swearing in chairpersons will also bridge the loopholes that may occur. For instance, someone may come in and say these people are unrecognizable and are failures in their deeds there is therefore need to follow the statutory procedure. That is all I needed to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Majority Whip and Member for Shamata, Hon John Kinyanjui Gachari.

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, I raise to support the speech from the new Leader of Majority. I also congratulate you for the advice you gave me yesterday when I came to your office for consultations about the problems we had in this House. The Member too were very contented on hearing your advice. There was a time that the ‘temperature’ in this House was really high and actually the members were accusing the Deputy Speaker of allowing the House to conduct business without the Leader of Majority Party.

Today Mr Speaker, with your guidance, we have a new Leader of Majority and hope that we shall not go back to the same road and therefore, we should finish our term with him in office. I know him as a very mature person and I know he is going to work hand in hand with you to ensure that Nyandarua County Assembly makes positive strides forward. As members, we expect that the new leader will provide services to us without discrimination and like you have always done.

Mr Speaker, I congratulate all the members who were very tolerant and waited patiently for the outcome of the polls. In fact, I will not be exaggerating when I say that some members did not even have time to respond to the call of nature because of the eagerness of the results. I promise you that we did all that was required of us and followed all procedures. We have never had such a smooth transition and today we have set an even higher standard for this House. Through your advice, we averted any room for chaos and we can attest that the results were accepted across the board.

Mr. Speaker, I remember we had a *tete-a-tete* with you and you disclosed that you would take us for a retreat so that we can go and experience a change of environment. Therefore, the

members should feel that they have done something very wonderful and ought to congratulate themselves. We held a very important democratic process and the outcome shows that our democratic ideals are growing by the day.

I would also like to congratulate the Deputy Leader of Majority because the moment he realized that, we were conducting the elections in a fair and transparent manner he withdrew his candidacy. I know now that the new Leader of Majority will do all that he can to ensure that the tensions and cracks that might have been created by this process are mended for the betterment of this House. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Very well, yes the Deputy Leader of Majority and Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: First, I would like to thank you Mr. Speaker for providing us with an opportunity where the members can express their views on the just concluded process. For me, this was an election that met international standards. We had a members' register where members had to be verified before they could vote. We also had a ballot box. If you were here, you would appreciate the transparency with which the votes were tallied and it was really good.

The manner in which we exercised our democratic right and conducted the democratic process was commendable. The process should actually go on record since the standards for future processes has been set and this will be remembered long after we are gone.

Mr. Speaker, you can remember that the excitement led to some members driving through the streets of our headquarters. Today's exercise was a true reflection of change and growing democracy. The challenge that remains is to ensure that the change that we have demonstrated to *Wanjiku* should be seen through action.

Mr Speaker, you recognize that the consequences of the elections will have a ripple effect on the committees. Specifically, the Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning will have to realign its leadership. In addition, the harmonization has now been disorganized by today's happenings. It is upon the Office of the Speaker and Office of the Clerk to work together to ensure that the issues pertaining to rearrangement will be addressed.

Mr Speaker, I was on the verge of coming to you to ask for an adjournment because the happiness that ensued was beyond expectations. The victor offered lunch to all the members and I think it is important that if we helped him sort the bill because it was not a personal affair but rather an occasion to be celebrated by all of us.

Mr Speaker, we should appreciate the role that the outgoing Leader of Majority played since the inception of this Assembly up to now. This cannot be ignored. The hon. member did a great deal of work at CASB. Therefore, I would ask the incoming Leader of Majority especially at CASB to look at the clauses that limit the deputy leaders of majority and minority from sitting in the board in the event that the leaders of minority and majority are absent.

This is what happens in the committees whereby if the chair is absent, the vice chair takes up that role automatically. By doing so, we shall eliminate the notion that some things are usually done in secrecy. If the deputies cannot have a chance to sit in the board, it will ultimately lead to misguided interpretations of what happens there. I think the deputies should be allowed to attend the board meetings because this is a time-honoured practice in the commonwealth parliaments. Again, they should be allowed to have their inputs heard and they may contribute to even better performance of the board.

Mr Speaker, I would also like to wish the outgoing Leader of Majority well. He might put on a brave face but we are only human and we only know how it feels. We should reflect on the issue and know what got us here in order to avoid the same mistakes in the future. The outgoing leader of majority should also understand that there are no sinister intentions leading to this change in leadership. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, Minority Whip and Member for Karau, Hon. Kamau Ngotho.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Given that I was part of the group that went to court, I have one or two comments regarding today's happenings.

Mr. Speaker, there is a prevailing notion in our society that politicians can never be wealthy unless they steal. The reason is that politicians go through tough times. The beginning or the genesis of this change in leadership was when members began feeling that their needs are were not well-addressed.

Mr Speaker, I believe that I am neither too naïve nor too wise to understand what transpired today. I have been in this parliament for the last 3 years or thereabout. Much has happened within that time and as you know, there is no room for number two in politics. Today, Hon. Kieru was number two and he might not be remembered because people will only remember that Hon. Muchiri won. Again, I also learned from the famous Swahili saying, 'umdhania ndiye siye'. This is a wakeup call for this House because 2017 is knocking. When you talk to close friends like hon. Njiraini, no one tells you that you will lose the seat.

We all believe that we will be back in this House come 2017. The outgoing Leader of Majority is a man who I have shared a lot with and a good friend of mine but what has happened today, should serve as a lesson. Right now, he is going through tough times. I have checked in the social media and his people are up in arms because the *Daily Nation* headlined, ‘Too Much Work’ as the cause of his resignation. Politicians should be able to develop mechanisms of absorbing shocks because everyone wants to be in politics. I believe all should brace ourselves for what is coming and know that sometimes we lose the battle but we should not lose the war.

Mr Speaker, by 31st May 2017, the only person who will be left in the board will be the Clerk to the Assembly and the Board Member. The rest will go back to the ground to convince Wanjiku of the good deeds they have done, if any. This is not far from now. We have demanded to be cleared for the few years we have been in office but nothing has happened.

We passed the resolution in a Kamukunji that we held sometimes back but nothing has happened. In that meeting, the members decided that the Office of the Clerk should clear the hon. members for the few years they have been in office and then clear them month after month in their last year of office. This is because between January and May next year, I think that only those specially elected members without ambitions to vie will constitute this House. I also understand that some specially elected members have declared their interests to vie for elected seats in their respective wards. Therefore and with all due respect, we need clearance from these offices.

Mr Speaker, it is in public knowledge when we assumed office, we used to be facilitated before travelling. If for instance you are travelling to Nairobi, you could get the whole amount worth your allowances in advance. Again, this brings me back to the initial assertion that ‘politicians cannot be wealthy unless they steal’. However, right now, if you look at the allowances owed to these hon. members, I don’t think they can exceed Ksh. 10 Million. In fact, my account is in arrears as I have been alerted.

Members are therefore unable to make feasible plans for themselves. I therefore want to put the Majority Leader to task over the issues I have raised being the Vice Chair to the board and representing the 38 hon. members in this House. And the Minority Leader as well. The work of the Speaker is not about individual members’ welfare.

Mr Speaker, we left as a delegation of ICT and it pains us a lot, because we were not paid up front. Someone was heard asking whether the ICT committee was so special than the rest of

the committees that it had to be paid before its members travelled. This was despite the fact that you had authorized that we be paid. We went to Kericho and I can attest that I did not have any money on me. Actually, hon. Rebecca lent me some money for upkeep and the supper I had that day was bought for me by Hon. Wahito. This is because the little we have as hon. members, we give it back to the people who elected us and it is our duty.

How long shall be accorded the title, *Mheshimiwa*, yet we live a miserable life? If only Wanjiku knew this fact and conducted an audit of the four years in terms of development, they could really appreciate our work.

Mr Speaker, this is the reason you see some members absconding their duties and opting to follow other business avenues. This is despite the fact that they will be failing in their major role of representation, legislation and oversight. Again, it is because ‘politicians can never be wealthy unless they steal’.

As I conclude, I would like to mention an issue regarding our party – DP. Deliberations were made maybe because of what I mentioned here about Maslow’s Hierarchy of needs. May be someone could not get some money for food in the Assembly and therefore, he or she sought money from another person to cater for that particular need. And maybe, just maybe, it is the reason I am not holding that position right now. This is probably because little things are not offered in this Assembly. In fact, if we could have had the members offered what is theirs, I think their positions and convictions would not have changed as we witnessed in my party. Nevertheless and as I had already said, I am not bitter because good things come to those who wait.

I would also like to warn the Leader of Majority, and I say this with authority, that he should not, in any way, undermine the member for Engineer. I am glad he has acknowledged that the outgoing leader of majority has been instrumental in the leadership of the House. Let us ensure, as a House that the dignity of the member is upheld by making it known that he resigned on his own accord. He is our brother and we are our brothers’ keepers.

As the new majority leader, you have a herculean task, as you have been told. He should not let us down. I say us because I am also part of the majority because DP signed a pact with TNA; in fact I ought to have voted but I don’t want to go there. I am urging him to take the bull by the horns. Let us see a difference in the leadership; let us see the fruits of staying in court for two years. The office of the majority leader cannot work without the office of the Speaker, the

clerk and the minority leader. Please work with them so that we can see a difference. God bless the Assembly and God bless Nyandarua. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes Member for Kaimbaga, Hon. Kimani Njiraini.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the new leader for majority and thank you for allowing us to conduct the elections and exercise our democratic right. Nyandarua County is bigger than any individual and I would urge the member to work hand in hand with the rest of the leadership. I hope that, with the change of guard, members will be well taken care of.

These members work very hard yet the dues are always late in coming. Most of our vehicles have worn out tyres yet we cannot afford to replace them. Someone, somewhere is not doing his job. The management ought to consider some Hon. Members like the Member for Karau and myself who are always forced to give money to the people we meet around here. This is a major challenge for us. I know this was tough for all of us, even the speaker but let us now work together, Hon. Kieru and Hon. Muchiri, even on the controversial issues like NHIF, NSSF, gratuity and any other area. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes county Member from Githioro, Hon. Dorcas Kihara.

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to contribute on this issue. Today was a historic day that served as a clear indication that there is democracy in this House. If there was no democracy, there would be no elections. Allow me to congratulate the newly elected majority leader and urge the office of the Clerk to acknowledge him as the bridge between us and the office of the clerk. This is not the time to quarrel.

We are already fighting enough wars on the ground. I heard that our fuel allowance is being taxed and I believe all this has arisen from the office of the clerk yet we are not aware. This might lead us to quarrelling the leader of majority yet he may not even be aware of what is going on. We are all going through similar challenges; Wanjiku does not understand the distinction between an elected member and a nominated member. They also come to our houses asking for money to take a sick child to hospital and when there is delay in our payments, we all suffer. That is why we feel that someone is not taking care of us.

We must work harmoniously because the end of our term does not necessarily mean the end of meeting. Those of us who were in the defunct county council still meet today. We still need each other and we must respect each other. We cannot handle being fought from all sides. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes county member from Kipipiri, Hon. Nancy Ng'ang'a.

Hon. Nancy Ng'ang'a: Thank you Mr. Speaker; I also rise to contribute on this issue and congratulate the new leader of majority. I am hoping that he will do all that he has promised this House. We hold no grudge towards the outgoing leader of majority, he is one of us and we love him but we felt that he was not serving us well and we felt we needed change. Let it not be said that we chased him away. He is still one of us.

I can't deny that I was in the frontline replacing him because I also felt that he was not representing us well, that my rights had been violated in one way or the other. However, this was an in-house issue and we ought to protect him in every way possible. Let the electorates in his ward be informed that this was purely in-house, that he hasn't done anything against the electorates. In fact he has done a lot for us although he did not do as we expected. We welcome the new leader of majority...

Hon. Jane Mwathe rises on a point of information

Speaker: Member for Kipipiri, do you require the information from the county member from Wanjohi?

Hon. Nancy Ng'ang'a: I do not require any information at this point.

Speaker: County member from Wanjohi hold your peace. Proceed County Member from Kipipiri.

Hon. Nancy Ng'ang'a: We don't have much time. Hon. Kariuki Muchiri, we welcome you, members are very expectant and we wish you all the best. Thank you.

Speaker: Very well, I think that is a very erudite representation of that issue and we all welcome the new leader of majority. The challenges and expectations of the members are clear and well-articulated and the beauty of it is that they are achievable. Next order

PAPER TO BE LAID

Speaker: Yes member for Charagita and chairperson committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Kiruka Mburu.

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker; I rise to seek leave not to table

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a rises on a point of order

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: I would like to know the grounds for seeking leave not to table a document in this House.

Speaker: The chairman was not through with his submissions. Let him give us the grounds for seeking leave and then I will intervene.

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: I was saying that I am not in a position to lay the paper considering that for the last two weeks I have been concentrating on the elections.

Laughter

Speaker: The chairman is a very liberal democrat and he must have played a critical role in the whole process. He had intimated to me that there was a hiccup in bringing the report here because after its compilation, they were unable to meet, as the committee, and adopt it before tabling it here as is their practice. We shall grant the leave. When do you want to bring the report?

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: After a week.

Speaker: Very well. Let the House Business Committee slot it in the order paper after the seven days. Next order.

MOTION TO BE MOVED

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF
MARKET SHEDS PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY.

Speaker: What is it member for Kipipiri?

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wanted to seek leave on behalf of the Chairperson Committee on Industrialization and under the circumstances, I wanted to invoke

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standing order number 31 but because he is here, he can seek the leave before someone raises the issue that there is no quorum and the House is plunged into a state of quagmire.

Speaker: Very well, with that intimation, member for Gathaara and chairperson committee on industrialization please proceed.

Hon. Daniel Kibibo: I rise to seek leave to move this motion some other day, putting in consideration the mood of the House.

Speaker: Very well, the mood of the House is clear, people may not be very accommodative of this motion due to the serious developments that have taken place. Leave is granted and the motion will be slotted for another day.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Having exhausted the business for today, this House stands adjourned to tomorrow, Thursday the 24th day of March 2016 at 2.30 pm.

The House rose at 4.01 pm