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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 14th July, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPER LAID

RECONSTITUTION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Speaker: Hon. Leader of Majority.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have a paper to lay on the report by the Selection Committee on reconstitution of Budget and Appropriation Committee, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORT ON RECONSTITUTION OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITEE

Speaker: Hon. Kiguru.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT; the Assembly adopts the Committee on Selection report on the reconstitution of the Budget and Appropriations Committee dated 8th July, 2021.

MOTION

REPORT ON RECONSTITUTION OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

Speaker: Hon. Joseph Kiguru Chairperson Committee on Selection.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the Committee on Selection report on the reconstitution of the Budget and Appropriation Committee dated 8th July, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the report on this Committee of Selection I would go directly to the mandate. Mandate of the Committee and also the Membership, the Membership is;

1. Hon. Joseph Kiguru -Chairperson
2. Hon. Catherine Kibue -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Jacob Ekoeli Endom -Member
4. Hon. Simon Kanyutu -Member
5. Hon. Patricia Muthoni -Member

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6. Hon. Christopher Mark Said -Member
7. Hon. Mary Samken -Member

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No 152 (2) ,The Committee on Selection shall nominate Members to serve in committees save for the Membership of the House Business Committee and the Committee on Appointments. In executing its mandate the Committee shall consider the following;

1. **Standing Order 153 (1)**: The Selection Committee shall nominate Members to serve on all Select Committees.
2. **Standing Order 153(2):** The Committee on Selection shall give consideration to the need for gender balance, Two thirds rule as far as may be applicable.
3. **Standing Order 154(3):** No Member shall be appointed to serve in more than three Sectoral Committees.
4. **Standing Order 155(1):** The Selection Committee shall within seven days upon nomination of Members to serve in any Committee of the County Assembly, present the list to the County Assembly for approval.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee held a meeting on 14th July, 2021 and proposed an additional of the following four Members to the Budget and Appropriations Committee;

1. Hon. Catherine Nyawira
2. Hon. Stephen Nderitu
3. Hon. Daniel Mugweru
4. Hon. Daniel Nyausi

However the Committee unanimously resolved that the following Members be removed from being Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee;

1. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu
2. Hon. Simon Kanyutu

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on Committee's recommendation, that the report of the Committee on Selection dated 14th July, 2021 be approved. Also I would like to acknowledge on behalf of the Committee on Selection, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee Members selection report.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions on this important matter. I would also wish to express my gratitude to the office of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly and also the staff for their effort and support during this process.

I think without much ado I would like first before I call the seconder, I would just want to let Members know that the Membership and reconstitution of any committee it is to enable that Committee to work as per this House. Any Committee membership know that you are in that committee on behalf of this House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to say categorically as a leader of this House, any Member in your committee know that you are there to work on behalf of this great Honourable House. In any way, you must and you should make sure that your mandate goes around, and at

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the end of the day make sure you are working for Laikipia and you are working for the honor of this House. I would like to call upon my able Vice Chair to second this report, thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Speaker: Vice Chair, Hon. Catherine Kibue.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to second this report for reconstitution of the Budget and Appropriation Committee. First is to congratulate the new nominated Members, who have been given this opportunity to serve this House. Secondly is to urge those Members that have be given that chance to carry out their roles in effective, efficient and more sore to be transparent to this House. With those few remarks I urge my colleagues to support this new membership, thank you Mr. Speaker.

(*Question proposed)*

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu and then Hon Chris Mark.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this report by Selection Committee on the changes that they have made. I appreciate because I have been in that Committee since I was elected in the floor of this House, and we have been doing the Budget and I am sure that is where the issues have risen.

It is good for the changes for we would wish not to have a stalemate in that process. I am happy because the new Members will be able to unlock the stalemate that we have been in. We have been guided by the law and I am sure there is no way we can bend the law and if we follow the law am happy, and I second this report a hundred percent.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this report and I am happy with the good work of the committee led by our able leader of the Majority. Usually when someone is nominated to a committee, the House always have confidence with the work that will be done by that member. First is to congratulate the new Member. You have heard that there is a stalemate. It is unfortunate that in Laikipia, we are here with the budget being the last year.

Like I said yesterday, this opens a lot of loopholes because if we are going to vote on account where we are now, it is very unfortunate. The Members who have been replaced, it is not that they are bad. Maybe the Committee on Selection feels that they are better placed to serve somewhere else. The leader said that as committees we serve on the basis of the House. I would like to thank the Members who have been replaced for the much they have done because we cannot shy away that there is something they did from 2017 until now. That cannot be replaced.

For the effectiveness and efficiency and quick working of the issue of budget, it is always good to change and balance. That is why the Selection Committee is there. So I urge this new committee to take charge because we have got no time to rest. We are at a very bad place and need to solve these issues of budget so that we do not delay any infrastructure project or any development in Laikipia. The Assembly of Laikipia is the one which is going to be blamed if the budget is not passed, if medicine is not in the hospital and when the ambulances do not have fuel.

So it is good that we are there and I congratulate you. I urge the Members to support this committee. Again it is always good as Hon. Kanyutu has said to operate within the law. Maybe there might have been a loophole that was seen and the Committee of selection on seeing the loophole in the constitution of the Committee of Budget, it decided to take charge

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and solve this scenario as soon as possible. Let me say that you can never please everybody but at least we can have faith because we are colleagues as 24 of us. This House cannot be ran by one or two people. There is a reason as to why it was put at 24 so that we can have a coexistence and robust exchange of ideas and debates. That does not mean that there is enmity or evil intention against each other but to work and coexistence together. Thank you, I support.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise in support of this recommendations and the changes in the committee. First of all, I want to appreciate and congratulate the new members who have been incorporated in the committee. I also wish to thank some of you who have been serving in the committee like Hon. Zamzam, Hon. Lukio, Hon. Kanyutu, and Hon. Mutahi because one time we were with him and also Hon. Veronica.

Personally, I want to say thank you because God has given me that chance to serve in the committee and not only for the last three years but for the last nine years. At least I have an experience in the budget making process and I know that in one way or the other this is not the end of everything. I don't know what I have done or even Kanyutu has done but I believe that in course of this time, the committee that has taken charge will do it's best to ensure that we deliver. I represent the people of Salama and I believe that every Member here has his/her people whom they represent. I believe that this is a good chance as far as budget making process is concerned. I believe that this is the last year and we need to see what we will deliver to our people. Without much concerning the same, I just want to say thank you because of that time and also believe that we are together. It is only the membership that has changed but I will remain to be Wakahiu, a friend to everybody. Thank you so much, I support.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nakushukuru kwa kunipa hii nafasi na nishukuru Bunge hili. Nafikiri sio zaidi ya mwezi mmoja uliopita na tuko katika mwaka wa mwisho na tunakuja bajeti ingine moja ambayo hatutaweza kuitekeleza 100%. Kuna kitu kimoja ambacho moyo wangu unajiuliza. Ni kwa nini mimi nakuwa kiongozi? Ninakuwa kiongozi kwa sababu Mungu amependa na pia watu wameridhia. Tukumbushane hapa ya kwamba hili Bunge tulipo, tuombe Mungu atupe mwongozo kwa sababu tusipojua majukumu tunayofanya na sana sana kamati ambayo inayoundwa sasa hivi.

Ni kamati ambayo inafaa kutoa mwongozo wa kuweza kutoa mwelekeo na mustakabali wa Kaunti yetu. Kwa hivyo, mimi naungamana na viongozi waliopewa majukumu ya uteuzi kwa sababu hata hao viongozi waliopo wamepewa majukumu nasi kama Bunge. Katika idara yoyote tuwape watu majukumu na nitaungana na kiongozi aliyewasilisha huu mswada kwamba kazi uliyopewa sio yako binafsi lakini ni ya hili Bunge lote ili tuweze kufika malengo tunayokusudia.

Nimekuwa katika hiyo kamati kwa miaka mitatu na mimi nashukuru. Hata wakati nilipokuwa napiga debe sana hapa nikisimama kwa Kanuni za Bunge, nikitaka uniangalie. Nakushukuru sana kwa sababu ulinisikiliza lakini baadaye ukaniambia ya kwamba swala ambalo nawasilisha katika hili Bunge niende nikute kitengo kilichonileta ili niweze kusonga mbele.

Nawashukuru hao viongozi ambao walikuwa wakiwajibika katika kwenye kamati zingine. Hakuna kamati kubwa kuliko ingine hata zile zote ambazo niko. Mimi huwa naridhika kwa sababu kuna kamati zingine ambazo nilipewa na hazifanyi kazi wala kukutana. Kwa hivyo mimi nimepunjwa na huka tu kwenye baridi lakini nimeridhika tu. Natosheka tu kwa sababu waliona ya kwamba Mutahi Muritu anastahili kukaa hapo kwenye baridi na sina shida na mtu yeyote.

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Mheshimiwa Spika, bora tu usinizuie kuingia kwenye ule malango kwa sababu utakuwa umenimaliza. Ndio maana nafuata kanuni na sheria za kuweza kuwajibika kwenye Bunge. Siasa wakati mwingine huwa tunasema ni mchezo na kwa hivyo waridhike tu kwa sababu tutakutana kwenye hizo kamati zingine na tuwajibike. Hata mwingine akitolewa kesho aridhike tu na tutakuwa tumeona ya kwamba huna hiyo sifa ya kuwa kiongozi katika hiyo kamati. Nawashukuru Wajumbe na naunga ripoti 100%.

Ni vizuri tukumbushane ya kwamba kamati ilipewa majukumu na sasa hivi tumepigwa na wakati na tusipoweza kufanya haraka iwezekanavyo, hata sisi tutakosa mafao yetu na tutakuwa tumenyima wananchi wetu haki ya maendeleo. Kwa hivyo mimi nawatakia kamati kila la heri. Tukipitisha hii ripoti na tuweze kufanya haraka haraka, waende kwenye kikao na waje watueleze ili tuweze kuendelea mbele kwa sababu tukichelewa sana ndipo nasi tunachelewesha maendeleo katika Kaunti yetu. Nashukuru na sio kwamba nateta lakini nimetosheka kwa sababu hao viongozi wenye sifa hiyo na wenye majukumu ya kusema wacha Mutahi Muritu akae kwa baridi, wacha nikae kwa baridi labda nitachukuliwa niwekwe kwenye joto na labda mchezo tu itaja kuchezwa.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. As a Member of this House, I would also want to contribute not knowing very well whether it is in favour of the motion but the English speakers say that change is inevitable. Change can come in many ways because in this House we are also not permanent.

There will come a time when the electorates will want change in their constituencies and their wards. So this is no worry because we are trying our level best to ensure that we are serving Laikipians in the best way possible. I can also say that pretenders are worse than murders. The reason I am saying this without fear is because we need to be told and to understand so that when we move outside this House. we can be able to tell others a reason as to why a certain thing has taken place. Could we be told by the mover of the motion whether it is because of the case of the infrastructure bond? Is it the reason why the budget has delayed for a month or so because whenever you make changes you should let us understand the reason?

I am a veteran of this House because I have been here since 2013 and we sometimes need to come together and understand. I am saying this because once I move from this position, I believe that we are going to accept the changes that I have said are inevitable. However, an explanation as to why this has taken place sometimes is worthy being noted. As a result, I have no issue but let us get a new committee and where we have dragged, can we hurry up because we are not doing it in our favour but for the Laikipians. We are doing it because we are here with a right and a purpose. So we need to move fast because we are already ready.

I wish the new team well and they need to move with speed because we are delaying. Mr. Speaker, we have your Office and the Clerk's Office and the Members; why have we delayed in budget making? We were here yesterday and the HANSARD was on and therefore we know what transpired. We were also here last week on Wednesday and Thursday and the HANSARD was on and we know what transacted. Then the change is okay but we need to move away from these problems that we have. Thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi. Kwanza nashukuru Kamati ya Uteuzi ambayo iliketi chini na ikaonelea kubadilisha na kutuletea wanakamati wanne ambao wamesomwa. Hii Nyumba ni yetu sisi sote watu ishirini na watatu. Tulikuwa ishirini na wanne bali tumebaki ishirini na watatu. Kila mtu ana jukumu. Hatukukuja hapa kimakosa. Baadhi yetu tuliletwa na chama na wengine walichaguliwa kutoka kwenye wadi zao.

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Tunapoona mambo yanaenda mrama, tuko na haki na uhuru wa kusema kile tunachoona. Watu wa Uteuzi waliona ni vizuri wabadilishe na Waheshimiwa wengine wanne wakaingia. Ningetaka tu kusema kama ambavyo Waheshimiwa wengine wamesema, hata sisi tulikuwa katika Kamati zingine na zikabadilishwa, mabadiliko yalifanyika katika Jumba lote bali hatukuteta.

Ni jukumu wakati umeenda. Ni kama miezi kumi hivi imebaki ili tuondoke kwenye hii Nyumba na turudi mashinani kwa *Wanjiku* ambaye alituleta hapa tumtetee. Kama mambo hayaendi vizuri msifikirie *Wanjiku* anatungojea kule nje. Ukiondolewa hapa na kupelekwa kwingine, tosheka na tufanyie *Wanjiku* kazi. Kazi iliyo kubwa sana ni ikikaribia mwaka wa 2022, hapo ndipo kuna maneno. *Wanjiku* sio yule wa siku za KANU, ni wa kisasa anayefuatilia mambo.

Tufanye kazi ya wananchi na tuwache kulaumiana. Waheshimiwa walioingia wachukue jukumu sasa hivi ili kazi iliyo mbele yetu imalizike. Naomba tu hilo. Hili Jumba ni lenye umuhimu sana kuliko Mheshimiwa Wachuka aliyeletwa hapa na Chama cha Jubilee. Hili Jumba ni lenye umuhimu sana na lazima lipewe heshima. Sifai kujiona mimi mwenyewe kama Wachuka eti nililetwa hapa na Chama cha Jubilee. *Wanjiku* ndiye mwenye umuhimu zaidi. Sisi tuko ishirini na wanne tu lakini walio mashinani ndio wengi zaidi. Kwa hivyo tuheshimu *Wanjiku* pamoja na hili Jumba. Ni lenye umuhimu sana.

Aliyechaguliwa kama Kingozi wa Walio Wengi, hebu tumpe nafasi afanye kazi yake. Naibu wake na viongozi wengine pia wapewe nafasi wafanye kazi ili tupate nafasi ya kuwauliza maswali. Ukimpa mtu kazi kisha hata kabla hajamaliza unampa nyingine na kufanya mambo kichinichini, hiyo sio vizuri. Naomba tufanye kazi pamoja. Mimi sina vita na yeyote bali ni Kamati ya Uteuzi ambayo imefanya kazi yake. Asanteni na Mungu awabariki.

Hon. Robert Maina: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono na kupongeza Kamati ya Bajeti ikiongozwa na kiongozi wa Bajeti. Hili Bunge ni letu na tukubali matokeo ya yanayoendelea humu. Tujue kwamba hata mimi Roberto nilikuwa katika kamati fulani na nikawekwa kando. Labda nilizembea kazini, kwa hivyo tukubali tu mabadiliko yaliyomo.

Mheshimiwa Spika, iwapo mabadiliko yanayofanyika katika Bunge hili ni ya kukwaza watu, ujue kwamba *what goes around, comes around.* Ukiona cha mwenzako kinanyolewa, chako kitie maji. Iwapo yanafanywa kwa nia njema ya kubadilisha Laikipia hii na kuendeleza kazi ya hili Bunge, ni sawa. Iwapo ni ya kukwaza wengine ujue siku yako itafika.

Mimi pamoja na Mheshimiwa Mutahi na wengine tuliwekwa kwenye baridi, tukawekwa kwenye kamati ambazo hata hazikutani, lakini ni sawa tu. Ni sawa tu kwa sababu siku ya kila mtu itafika. Kila mtu atakuwa na wakati wake. Tufanye kazi pamoja. Tumebakisha miezi kumi turudi uwanjani, watakaofurushwa wafurushwe na watakaorudi warudi. Kwa hivyo kama mabadiliko yanayofanyika katika Bunge hili ni ya nia njema mimi naunga mkono. Nashukuru sana...

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just need clarification because if in this County of Laikipia we have committees that do not meet or have no work to do, then we should disband them from today. Why should we have a committee that does not meet and has no business to do? We should disband those committees.

Hon. Robert Maina: Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi humaliza hata mwezi bila kuona arafa ya kukutana kwenye zile kamati nilizowekwa. Nasema nikijua ninachokisema. Iwapo tumekutana hivi karibuni, basi nataka kuona kumbukumbu na mahali tulipokutana. Kwa hivyo

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kama kamati hazifanyi kazi, ziondolewe. Tusidanganywe kwamba tuko kwenye kamati ilhali hatuko.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker...

Hon. Jacob Endom: *I am on the Floor.* Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Mimi nafikiri kamati zote ambazo ziko kwenye hili Bunge zinafanya kazi. Ushahidi mmoja nilio nao ni Mheshimiwa Kanyutu aliye hapa, na Mheshimiwa yuko katika kamati yake. Mheshimiwa huwa hahudhurii kila kamati inayoitwa kwenye hili Bunge.

Jana tulipokuwa hapa alikuwa mmoja wa waliochangia kusema kwamba tubadilishe kamati. Leo ni yeye ndiye anasema kamati haistahili hivyo. Hebu tuangalie tunayoyaongea leo na tuliyoyaongea jana. Ni vizuri Mheshimiwa aongee ukweli katika hili Bunge kwamba ana kamati fulani na kwamba haifanyi kazi, kwa sababu kamati zote zinafanya kazi.

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu do you want to say something?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to correct the Member because I am shocked. I am the Chairperson for the Agriculture and Water Committee, and we have been having meetings. If you do not attend the meetings, you cannot say that the Committee does not meet. We had a public participation and he was stationed and given the message on where to attend. I have not yet gone through the report, so I will check if you attended. I will confirm because you have said that you are not called for the meetings. So we will check on that.

Speaker: You also want to make an addition on that? Or are you seeking a clarification, or what is it?

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, I am very concerned because Hon. Roberto is my colleague in the Labour Committee and we have always met robustly. So it makes me ask, is it that the message does not get sent to him or that his phone does not receive the message? You know it is good to make the Member comfortable. Instead of discrediting committees that are hardworking; the Chair almost got pressure behind me when she heard that.

She is always quick to read reports here and you Members have been here when they have been read. Do those reports come here mysteriously? I will support what Hon. Jacob has said, that what we say at night, let us say it during the day also. Let us be consistent with what we say. What we said yesterday is the same thing we should say today. Let us not be changing with the tides. Thank you.

Hon. Robert Maina: Mheshimiwa Spika, kama ni simu yangu pekee ambayo haipokei arafa ya kamati, basi ichunguzwe kwa anayetuma. Mimi hupokea tu ya Mheshimiwa Kanyutu, hakuna nyingine. Siko kwenye nyingine, huwa sioni arafa. Kwani tunakutana vipi? Hili ni Jumba la kuongea ukweli. Mnataka niseme naitwa kwenye kamati ilhali siitwi? Mimi huongea ukweli. Niitwe kwenye kamati niliyowekwa. Mimi najua ya Mheshimiwa Simon Kanyutu peke yake, hakuna nyingine. Kama niliondolewa kwenye orodha, niambiwe. Mimi siko kwenye kamati.

Speaker: You are a Member of which committees?

Hon. Robert Maina: Pardon?

Speaker: You are a Member of which committees?

Hon. Robert Maina: Mimi najua kamati moja: ya Kilimo, na hiyo ya Leba. Sijui nyingine. *I am not aware.*

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Speaker: You are not aware of the committees that you are in?

Hon. Robert Maina: Naam, pia sipati arafa kwenye hizo kamati zingine ambazo hata sizijui.

Speaker: We had a report here that was read on the Floor of this House. I believe that this report indicated which committees the Members belong to. I hope that Hon. Maina you were also present or you have access to that particular report so that you are able to see which committees you are in. It is discriminatory if the messages were sent to other Members and you were not invited to those committees. It is important you contact the Chairperson for Selection Committee to at least take you through the report and you get to know these committees. Only then will we be able to follow from there as to why you haven't received these messages. That is a concern.

Hon. Wachuka you made your contribution. You cannot make any more contribution. The Member is already finished. You can only raise a point of order when the Member is speaking. So Hon. Zamzam the Hon. Karuiru and also Hon. Suge.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana Bwana Spika. Kwanza nashukuru kamati ya Bajeti na kamati ya uteuzi kwa kuangalia na kutuongeza watu wapya. Kama naibu mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya bajeti, naona tumeongezwa watu stadi. Mheshimiwa Nyawira, Nderitu, Nyausi na Mugweru. Ombi langu tunajua tumepita muda wa bajeti na mishahara haujaweza kutoka. Gavana pia yuko ngangari ametuletea *vote on account*. Pia sisi kama Wabunge leo hii haya majina yakipitishwa tuharakishe na tulete bajeti kesho katika hii Bunge sababu wanalaikipia wanaumia.

Hapo chini nimeona kuna ndugu wangu wawili wameondolewa. Labda imeonekana wanaweza kuketi kwa kamati zingine kama vile ndugu yangu Wakahiu amesema na Simon Kanyutu. Nashukuru kwa muda ambao tumefanya kazi na nyinyi. Mmekuwa watu wa busara katika ile kamati. Najua ile kamati mtaenda mtashikilia. Tusiwe na chuki katika hizi kamati.

Tunajua kulikuwa na marekebisho ambayo yalifanywa juzi kuanzia kiongozi wa wengi hadi huko chini na yote ilikuwa mabadiliko katika Bunge letu. Bwana Spika, ombi langu ni kwamba wenye tumeweza kuletewa na kamati ya uteuzi tutafanya kazi na hao bila chuki na uwoga ndio tupeleke Laikipia mbele. Laikipia sio yetu peke yetu, ni ya Wananchi. Ikiwa kuna kitu haiwaridhishi na viongozi katika hii Bunge sisi ni akina nani kuikataa?

Kama naibu mwenyekiti wa bajeti sababu saa hizi ni mimi nimekalia kile kiti, bajeti italetwa na italetwa vile viongozi wanasema na vile wanalaikipia wanasema. Nimesikia ndugu yangu aliyekuwa madarakani, kiongozi wa wengi…

Speaker: Mheshimiwa Mutahi?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Nataka kumpa taarifa ?

Speaker: Hon. Salma Hussein please sit down.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Na kama sitaki taarifa?

Speaker: Hon. Zamzam, you first need to sit down and let the member explain himself?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Nataka kumpa taarifa ?

Speaker: Hon. Zamzam do want to be informed?

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Hon. Salma Zamzam: Sitaki kufahamishwa kwa sababu nimesikia akiongea kichini chini. Sitaki kufahamishwa.

Speaker: It is not what you heard *kichini chini.* It whether you want information or not.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Sitaki. Siko tayari.

Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Yuko na machungu kidogo lakini wajua Bwana Spika wacha akubali matokeo...

Speaker: Hon. Mary Samken? Hon. Zamzam sit down.

Hon. Mary Samken: Hon. Speaker, I stand on a point of clarification from the Hon. Zamzam because she has said she is now the Chair. As much as we are concerned, we have not approved the report. Is she really in order? Let her explain.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Nafikiri dadangu hajanielewa. Nimesema naibu mwenyekiti wa bajeti. Tuko na kumbukumbu.

Speaker: What the Member is telling you is that Hon. Wakahiu is still the Chair. He has not been removed now that the report has not been brought to his House. You cannot be Chair. You are just the Vice Chair.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Sawa. Wacha nikaribishe wenye wamekuja nikiwa naibu mwenyekiti. Nafikiri mmenisikiza vibaya.

Speaker: You cannot welcome them. They are yet to be approved to join the committee.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Si ni kuwapa kongole Bwana Spika. Nimesikia watu wengine wakiongea.

Speaker: That's okay.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Kongole ni kuwakaribisha kwenye kamati. Si mimi ndiye naibu mwenyekiti.

Speaker: Asante

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Bwana Spika, asante basi juu naona leo unanisukuma.

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi Muritu.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, umesikia vile amesema kwamba niko na machungu. Nashangaa ni machungu gani? Ningetaka anielezee vizuri kwa sababu hio sio lugha ya Bunge na pia hayuko kwa roho yangu.

Speaker: Hon. Salma Zamzam.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante Bwana Spika lakini hujaniuliza kama nataka taarifa. Siwezi mjibu. Wacha nimalizie kwa kusema tuko na bajeti na tutafanya kazi na mtaipenda kazi ya bajeti. Sina mengi wacha niungane na wenzangu mia kwa mia na niwaambie wako karibu kwa kamati ya bajeti. Roberto pia akubali yuko kwa kamati mingi. Aungane na kamati aweze kufanya kazi kama wanalaikipia wengine. Asante.

Speaker: Hon. Robert Maina?

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Hon. Robert Maina: Bwana Spika, kama Mheshimiwa Zamzam ndiye aliniweka kwa hizo kamati na pia akapewa majukumu ya kunitumia ujumbe hanitumii. Yenye napokea ni ya kamati ya ukulima na ya wafanyakazi. Sijui ni nini anasema, nakataa kwenda. Afafanue.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Bwana Spika, ndugu yangu ni kama ananikejeli. Mimi sio naibu katibu wa Bunge. Mimi ni Mheshimiwa mwakilishi wa wachache katika Kaunti nzima ya Laikipia chini ya uongozi wa Rais Uhuru Kenyatta. Ningetaka kukuambia ndugu yangu umeweza kulalamika…

Speaker: You cannot address him directly. Address him through the Chair.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Alikuwa anajitetea kwamba hayuko kwenye kamati. Kuna hii imewekwa kwenye ukuta. Kila mtu anaangalia unaenda kukutana na kamati yake. Kamati ya Liaison waliketi chini na kila mtu akawekwa kwenye kurasa. Nafikiri ndugu yangu hajaweza kupitia kurasa aone mahali yuko. Niliona kama yuko kwa *Power and Privileges*. Iangaliwe ndiyo Roberto atoke kwa baridi.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also take this chance to congratulate the select Committee for actually bringing to the House what they have brought today. I would like to urge the Hon. Members, about three months ago there was a changeover of committees. During the visit by the Jubilee Party they said the Hon. House, Laikipia they gave us the guidelines.

If we would want to go far let us do what we can. We are all equal in this House. I think it is not about witch-hunting in this House. What we should agree is that anybody who comes fourth after the change from the Chair Budget is equal to the task.

Mr. Speaker, some of the Members are over-excited. I remember when we had an advocate sent by the Jubilee Party to this House, I said we should not witchhunt. We should admire that changes is inevitable and be very okay. If Karuiru is changed from this Chairmanship to this Committee, I should embrace that. I wish if it would not be about malice, we embrace the outgoing and incoming Members of a particular committees.

Mr. Speaker, what I think the sole objective of this House is to see Laikipia progress. During the Jubilee intervention there was a representative of gender, youth and minority community. Hon. Mutahi always says, even if his physical appearance is not appealing then respect what is between his ears. We need to have order in this House. We look like everybody is fighting the other.

Mr. Speaker, any change that comes forth under no illegalities should be embraced and we say yes. We have decoded to change the committee on Budget because of A, B, and C. We have these new ones now who are also equal to the task. That's when Laikipia can move forward. I embrace what the Select Committee has brought to the floor of the House.

I am hoping it will be a good change to Laikipia residents and comfortable to us the leadership because we are all leaders in this House. I am hoping whatever the names they are bringing into this House to change those they have transferred, we are going to progress on well. For those who are going I wish them well. I know they will be representatives of other committees and we shall go on well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuuliza mwongozo kuhusiana na utaratibu na utekelezaji wa kazi katika Kamati. Hata hivyo nawashukuru wale ambao wamekuwa wakifanya kazi katika Kamati ya Bajeti kwa sababu wamekuwa wakifanya

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kazi nzuri. Vilevile, napongeza wale ambao wamewekwa katika hiyo kamati na waweze kufanya kwa kipindi ambacho kimesalia.

Katika Bunge hili sisi wote ni viongozi. Tumechaguliwa na wananchi wa Laikipia na wale wengine ambao wameweza kutumwa na chama ni kwa sababu walionekana wana ujuzi na maarifa ya kufanya kazi ya kusaidia wananchi wa Laikipia. Kwa hivyo sisi wote tuko sawa na kazi ambayo iko mbele yetu ni ya kuhakikisha wanalaikipia wamefaidika na kupata kilicho chao.

Mheshimiwa Spika, wakati mwingine mabadiliko ni muhimu kwa sababu unapofanya kazi utadhani uko na maarufu zaidi. Mwingine akifanya atasongesha zaidi. Ninaunga mkono na niseme ya kwamba hili Bunge lifanye kazi na tuone wananchi wamesaidika. La kusikitisha ni wakati mmoja kiongozi katika Bunge hili alisema mara mingi hapati mwaliko kwa hiyo kamati ilhali tunajua si Mwenyekiti tu anaweza kupendekeza mkutano.

Kila mwanakamati ana uwezo wa kuitisha ajenda katika huo mkutano. Kwa hivyo mtu kusema hatukutani ni kama fedheha kwa sababu kila mjumbe ana haki ya kuitisha mkutano na kuwasilisha hoja ya kuongelewa. Mtu asilalamike kwamba haitwi mkutano. Pia yeye yuko na uwezo wa kuita mkutano. Asante na tusaidiane tukiwa Bunge nzima kufanya kazi.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you allow me, I wanted a clarification from Hon. Robert because ignorance has no defence. For the first time, he stood here to say he is in the Agriculture Committee. The second time he spoke on the floor of this House, he said he is in the Labour Committee. I just want a clarification.

Speaker: I think Hon. Patricia you are trying to ambush the Member because I did not give you a chance. As per the rules of this House, once the member is not on the floor I may not call him to respond. If we have no more contributions, may the mover give a reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to appreciate the contributions of Members and let Hon. Robert Maina know that he belongs to Labour, Delegated Legislation, Agriculture and Powers and privileges and many more committees. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, it will not sound well when a Member stands in this House to say that he doesn't know where he belongs. The same Members approved the list of Membership. As I reply, it is good for Members to do a follow up. This is work and the Committee on Selection just allocates the membership of committees. From there it is the Members to do a follow up and what they are required to do.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank Hon. Members. Members in a way, we are going to sit down because of those issues that are arising. I would like to urge Hon. Members to approve this report. I urge the new membership and the Committee on Budget to make sure that they meet immediately. Ours is not to know who is the Chair and Vice but they should sit down and come up with the leadership of that committee.

They should make sure they fast-track business because the statement of Budget will not auger well to the Laikipians and this House. I urge Hon. Members to approve the report of Select Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERED RULING

NEED FOR STEADFASTNESS IN BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Speaker: I wish to take this time and congratulate the Members who have been added to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for their new nominations. I also wish to remind them that they have an important task and role to play in the Budget Committee. As I stand, we have already received a request for vote on account. At times, we may not have a good reason to say no but an ambulance cannot be fuelled because the County Assembly has not passed the budget. We cannot give a vote on account.

The law foresaw that there would be a statement in budget. It therefore gave a loophole that we cannot give a vote on account. We cannot just stand and rigidly say that I am not going to give any. Therefore, you should fast track the budget process because the only good reason we can say is that we are processing the budget.

That committee should work and move with speed to make sure that you finalize on the budget process. Number two, it is important as we move with speed. I do not know why Hon. Kanyutu raised an issue so it is good we look at that. Whatever we do we do not bend the law but we follow all the rules. We have legal officers here so make sure whatever issues you may have, we are on the same side with the law. Make sure that we process that budget the way it should be processed.

Therefore, let us know that we have a task. As I said yesterday, motions here are to better the people of Laikipia. There are two important issues that we always discuss here. One is the Budget and the Finance Bill. It touches the lives of Laikipians in a great way. When we have a budget, it is money we are allocating for development, services and we cannot be able to serve the people without the budget.

When we pass a Finance Bill, it is the finances we are collecting. In case we put figures that are not reasonable it means that it affects the Members. It is therefore important for us to make sure that we deal with those issues as an Assembly. When Members feel that life is difficult for them, they will come to this Assembly to petition the Assembly on various issues. Now that we have two arms of the Government, this is what that has resulted. Before it is approved by the County Assembly, people will always come to petition.

It is good we listen to them, look at it then we can be able to make those decisions. It is important because I have come to learn that at times we may not be so keen to look at details of issues. If today you tell me you stand in this House to say you belong to one committee or two yet you belong to four, this tells me you need to be very keen on how we look at things. Even when we have the Finance Bill, I have to read between the lines when we have the budget so that we do not have things that we can pass here and later we disown them that it is not us who approved this yet we are the same people who approved.

Let us make sure that we are the representatives of people and we represent them. For what they cannot see, it is our responsibility to read this document for them. Analyse the Finance and the Water Bill, analyse the Budget and Appropriation Law so that we get the details. By the time you get out there any person who asks you why you taxed that much, you will have reasons why because it is something you are conversant with.

I just felt that I needed to emphasise that so that we will be able to look at things so keenly. I congratulate this House and the Members. I believe the changes are to make us work better. It is important for those who have led the committee because we are all working on behalf of this House. Where Hon. Kanyutu may be able to give advice, you can still give because they have earned experience in this House. Hon. Mutahi may be in a position to give some advice. Hon. Wakahiu out of his nine years of experience can guide the committee.

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We cannot watch a committee fail because when a committee fails we all fail. When a committee succeeds we all succeed. The reason why Members want these changes is because they want to assist that committee. We add more members with different experiences so that when we bring people together, that committee is strengthened. I congratulate this House and I wish you well.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 14th July, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.00 a.m.

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