

THE HANSARD

Tuesday 27th February, 2024

Assembly Building

The Assembly met at 2.30 p.m

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon.Lemantile) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Standing Order No. 32 Sergeant at Arm can you ring quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for five minutes)

(Quorum attained)

MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY HOUSE BUSINESS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

(By the leader of the majority party)

Hon. Abdirashid Diba (Garbatulla): Honorable Speaker, I beg to move Motion on appointment of the Members to the County Assembly House Business and Privilege Committee, THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 155 (1) (d), this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the House Business, Rules and Privileges Committee, in addition to those specified under Paragraph (a), (b), and (c).

1. Honorable David Lemantile

2. Honorable Nicholas Lorot

Hon. Peter Losu (Ngaremara): Seconded.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Peter Losu (Ngaremara): Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I guess it's the work of the Leader of Majority to expand much about the appointment. Then from there, Mr. Speaker, is when we can interject the discussion. I think it is upon leader of majority to explain to us even the purpose of the Committee. And maybe the importance of having the same Committee in the House, then from there, Mr. Speaker, we will now embark to other Business of supporting the Motion.

Hon. Abdirashid Diba (Garbatulla): Hon. Speaker, I think the Members know the importance of the House Business and Privilege Committee. But I will briefly touch on the additional Members. So there are additional two Members. That is David Lemantile who has been nominated by the Coalition Party. That is Azimio and Hon. Nicholas Lorot, who has been nominated by the Kenya Kwanza team. Hon. Lemantile is an old Member of the Committee, but we have only one additional Member, that is Hon. Nicholas Lorot, by privilege of coming from the Azimio and Kenya Kwanza team. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Losu (Ngaremara): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We just needed the clarification of the same. Mr. Speaker, I think for those who have their Standing Orders, Standing Order 155 states that there shall be a Select Committee to be designated the House Business Rules and Privileges Committee, consisting of the Speaker who will be the Chairperson, and then the Leader of Minority, and the Leader of Majority. I think these are the automatic Members of the Committee. And then b states that the two other Members who shall be nominated by the Assembly parties, and approved by the Assembly at the commencement of every session, reflecting the relative Majority of the seat held by each of the Assembly parties in the Assembly and taking into consideration the interests of the independents. So, Mr. Speaker, I think, the Committee is very important in a way that, Mr. Speaker, in every session, in every Assembly, Mr. Speaker, we need to have the House rules and Privilege Committee, who shall now, Mr. Speaker, undertake, the running of the Assembly, and even in terms of generating and

approving the business that may be generated from the Liaison Committee. So I think, as we are now commencing this session, Mr. Speaker, it is good that we approve the same, because without the Committee, Mr. Speaker, we shall have no business to discuss in the House. From the moment we approve this, is when the Liaison Committee will be able to sit down, and the general business will be approved in the House Business Committee. And then, that one now comes to the House. Mr. Speaker, I think, it has to be the routine of the Assembly, that any Business coming to the House has first to originate from the Liaison Committee. That is the first session. Then the second one now, Mr. Speaker, it is the, the House Business, which now slots every business as per the session, and at the same time, taking into consideration the importance of the Business ahead. So, Mr. Speaker, I think, for those who have been nominated to the House Business, we are in agreement, and they shall cooperate to make sure at least the Business that maybe we are generating now and then, Mr. Speaker, is reaching the House. It is unfortunate Mr. Speaker, this morning, I was asking about the Business that we generated at Rangeland. Mr. Speaker, it is too shameful for us as the Assembly to be here only for five or even ten minutes when we have a backlog of many Businesses that need to be discussed in this House. We have a lot of things that requires our attention as the Assembly. We have a lot of things running around, Mr. Speaker, which the public are talking about day and night, whether we know as the Assembly. So, Mr. Speaker, it is rightly for us as the Assembly to have everyday adequate Business for us to discuss. Because the law allows us even to sit up to midnight to that effect, Mr. Speaker, if at all we have something to transact. So, Mr. Speaker, I challenge Members that as we are starting this session, Mr. Speaker, let us be serious on whatever we are doing, Mr. Speaker. Because failure to which, Mr. Speaker, you shall be rated poorly and even the dormant Assembly in the Country. So at the end of the day, if we have no Business to transact, Mr. Speaker, We are not even, airing our discussion online, and nobody will know what we are undertaking in this House. So I think going forward, because we have been discussing the same severally, this thing has to be online now and then, So that the public will know what we are discussing. Mr. Speaker, we have the issue at hand now like the issue of Mortuary. As I speak, it is an alarming issue. The public assumes that the MCAs are not seen. Yet, Mr. Speaker, we come here discuss and discuss without any implementation or action. So, it is good for it to be online so that everyone will know that the MCAs also are engaging. But maybe

what we are discussing, Mr. Speaker, it is falling on deaf ears. Let it be known by the public that we are also discussing. It is the authority concerned who are maybe not taking the action, Mr. Speaker. But for us as an Assembly, at our level, we have discussed. So it is good for the streaming of this session to be live. So that people will know what we are discussing Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. So that we will not talk just on the corridors there that the MCAs are not working, yet we are working tirelessly. Mr. Speaker, Thank you very much.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I need to put a Question now. Okay, I just urge the Kenya Kwanza team. We have a new Member who is just here; And being a new Member, it is her first time being here, and I believe that we will try to help her learn the tradition of the House. And also, the Kenya Kwanza, you have to sit down and include her in several Committees that she should be in; that is your mandate as a party, as a coalition, to ensure where she will be in terms of the Committees and I believe the Leader of Majority is here, you can talk to the Whip because mostly it is his work, but it is an opportunity to consult one another to ensure that is done and also the other side of the coalition as well Azimio, you feel like we can discuss as a team, so that we also have to get her placed in some Committees. I see you're raising your hand, Any Question? You're not debating anymore, If you have something to put across you can do it. Put across means that you have to say a word, three words.

Hon. Peter Losu (Ngaremara): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to welcome, our new Member to the House, Mheshimiwa Fatuma, being the first time for her to appear in the session, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of Majority, the Chief Whip, and the entire fraternity of Kenya Kwanza, I wish to welcome my sister, Hon. Fatuma in this session, we shall cooperate and assist her where possible. And I think, the Leader of Majority and Chief Whip, they have their plans to allocate her to their various Committee, to extend the mandate of the Assembly. So, my sister, Hon. Fatuma, feel welcomed. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So, I put a question, THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 155 (1) (d), this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the House Business, Rules and Privileges Committee, in addition to those specified under Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c).

1. Honorable David Lemantile

2. Honorable Nicholas Lorot

(Question Put and Agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.15 p.m.