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**Morning Sitting**

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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9:30 a.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

### PRAYER

### PAPERS

#### REPORTS BY THE COMMITTEE OF APPOINTMENTS ON VETTING OF THE NOMINEE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE POSITION OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY ATTORNEY

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Mr. Stephen Wafula:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to table the report on the Vetting of the nominee for appointment on the position of Bungoma County Attorney.

*(Paper laid by Hon. Stephen Wamalwa)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the report by the Committee on the Vetting on the nominee for appointment to the position of Bungoma County Attorney is hereby tabled; the same becomes the property of the House accordingly.

#### REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK FISHERIES IRRIGATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ON THE STATUS OF SACCOS IN THE COUNTY UNDER NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (NAVCDP)

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Simotwo.

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table a report by the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the status of Saccos in the County under National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP).

*(Paper laid by Hon. Franklin Simotwo)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Simotwo, you are tabling a report; so where is the report?

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the report by the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperative Development is on the status of SACCOs in the County under national Agricultural value chain development project (NAVCDP) program is hereby tabled and formally it becomes a property of the House accordingly.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT FOR THE POSITION OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Deputy Speaker, proceed and issue a notice.

**Mr. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I hereby rise to issue notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the Committee on Appointments on the Vetting of the nominee on appointment on the position of Bungoma County Attorney.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, a notice has been dully issued by the Committee on the Appointments on the Vetting of the nominee on appointment on the position of County Attorney. I do urge the clerks at the table to share this reports with the MCAs, the same will be coming up as a motion on the Order Paper in the course of the day.

### **REPORT BY THE SECTORAL OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES IRRIGATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ON THE STATUS OF SACCOS IN THE COUNTY UNDER NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (NAVCDP)**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Simotwo,

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the Status of SACCOs in the County under National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP).

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, equally the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the Status of SACCOs in the County and National

Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) the notice is hereby issued by the Committee and the same will be shared with the Members as we are going to form a motion on our Order Paper accordingly.

## **MOTION**

### **REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE STATUS OF COMPLETION OF THE NAITIRI – MISKIHU - BRIGADIER ROAD IN BUNGOMA COUNTY**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Chair Roads. As you proceed you will have to confirm whether you have membership or not; we will not spare anybody. It is cutting across. Can you confirm... the way things are; you even lack a seconder.

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Mukoyandali is here...

**Mr. Speaker:** You know it is 7 plus 1 yes...

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Mr. Speaker, as I rise to move this motion, some of our members are out on official duty with the committees in Kisumu, so that is the reason we have no quorum.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Simotwo, the committee in Kisumu is Lands Committee; the Lands Committee has how many members of your committee?

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** We also have members who have gone for KOICA

**Mr. Speaker:** Those are not sanctioned by this House or by my officers, unless your committee does not take this House seriously. We will not allow you to proceed; that's where I am heading to.

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Some of the members are on the way coming.

*(Laughter)*

We may get the quorum as I proceed reading the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Franklin Simotwo, before you proceed, do you have 7 plus 1 or not. If it is not there, then we will adjourn.

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Mr. Speaker, it is not practical now to meet 7 plus 1 requirement.

**Mr. Speaker:** Chairs who are here, I will use a very good example of Chair – Budget. When they were moving their report; they were 100% present with their secretariat. So if you do not have a quorum here; we will be able to adjourn and we will not be able to excuse you because your members are in Kisumu. So we will not be able to allow you to proceed. I will adjourn and place this report at 2:30 p.m. after the Appointment Committee. Kindly whip your members to be present during the afternoon session. Hon. Majority, just say it.

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In fact we should also add on, that we should suspend their report. We can also suspend the schedule of retreat moving forward, so that members are somehow serious and in fact in Liaison, we said it's the work of the chair to ensure that before you move your report, you have all the members.

So the chairpersons' before moving any report ensure that you have your members. But they have given us another burden in the afternoon. If it won't happen then we better suspend it forever, so that at least they also learn a lesson. And in the coming retreats, they cannot also be cleared to retreat anymore.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Meshack because we might end up suspending all your members. Let me hear Hon. Meshack.

**Hon. Meshack Wekesa:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Yale yenyewe umesema tutayaweka maanani kwa sababu ukiangalia vile nyumba inakaa, siku hizi *watu* hawataki kukuja kwa *House*. Wacha hiyo kitu ikae hivo ndio watu wakuje kwa *House*.

**Mr. Speaker:** Then as a cautionary measure, your committee will not retreat until they pass this report. I am going to look at Liaison schedule and impose sanctions that the Committee on Roads cannot go out until this report is approved.

**Hon. Meshack Wekesa:** But Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Meshack

**Hon. Meshack Simiyu:** Umetuambia tu vizuri ya kwamba saa nane, so Spika wacha tungoje hiyo saa, kwa sababu pia mimi ni *member* wa roads

**Mr. Speaker:** I am aware...

**Hon. Meshack Simiyu:** Tupe tu mpaka saa nane tutapata *members* Mheshimiwa Spika.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chair, Budget.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As much as I want to agree Majority and what other leaders have said, I think the main concern here other than retreats is also welfare that as you find this House not having a quorum most members are unable to raise even fuel to the assembly.

It is something that should also be addressed. It is not that our colleagues are running away but you look around and realize that also those of us who are here have sacrificed either by selling chicken or...

**Mr. Speaker:** Including Hon. Jeremiah our resident host here. He also requires transport to come to this House or Hon. Cornelius my neighbor...

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Mr. Speaker, I know that most members of roads come from the far end of the county, in the rural areas. Most of these people you are seeing are privileged; they enjoy KERRA Roads. They are not actually feeling it like those of us who come from the village. I'm requesting that you address the issue of welfare then these other things shall follow.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let me hear Hon. Job but as you are saying so, we are in the same pool. The exchequer of February came yesterday processing is being done from today so Hon. Mildred comes from Lwandanyi; Hon. Polycarp comes from West Nalondo here.

Yes Hon. Job...

**Hon. Job Mukoyandali:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to agree with what members are saying to some extent. I also want to agree with what the Leader of Majority has said on decision of 7 plus 1 but he says it was done in the Liaison committee. How I wish that we don't crack that whip from here and request that it goes back to the Liaison and that amendment is done. What he is saying that if the members do not reach a quorum on the floor, even the retreats are looked upon in a different way. At the end of the day, we are looking at the welfare of members and also as we look at the welfare of our members, this House must transact business.

So we don't encourage members to miss the plenary but I think suspending a report then bringing it back later is punishment enough because at the end of the day, we are looking at the business transacted by committees in this House. It will be shame to that particular committee that they were not able to transact enough business on the floor of this House.

So in my view, we are going through very hard times; sometimes you wake up and there are so many problems that members are going through and sometimes it makes some members maybe miss to be in the plenary. So let us help members as we urge the chairs of particular committees to whip their members in the evening before a report is moved the following day.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mukoyandali. Hon. Meshack, you cannot speak on the same item again. Luseneka, you have something to say...

**Hon. Antony Luseneka:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We need to be serious in this House, committed and to sacrifice for us to move forward. Otherwise this trend is worrying and we still have two and a half years to go, so looking at the way things are from next year, the House will

be empty. So I just want to request members of each committee led by their Chairs and vice chairs and the leaderships to whip their members and make sure that they attend the House.

You know times are difficult for everyone but we have to sacrifice because we are here for a purpose. We are here to serve our people. These reports that we discuss in this House are very important and they affect our people directly. So every contribution matters, so let's just work as a team, encourage our colleagues to also come and attend House, because it is also a welfare thing. So missing the House also affects your welfare. Let's just sacrifice and be committed so that we help this County.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Stephen Wamalwa,

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I think this is a very important discussion. As we make comments and remarks on this issue, we have to be alive to realities; that everyone is going through a very difficult moment in this time of the day, our country but even bearing in mind that our colleagues and we sympathize and empathize because all of us are in the same boat. But how could our members for example find time and fuel to go to where they are launching the issues of KOICA and they knew they are members of a given committee that is going to present their report. They should have come first to the House, complete these issues of the report then travel thereafter.

I want to call upon my colleagues, not unless we are committed, not unless we purpose, not unless we are intentional, we cannot transact business here and this is our core mandate. This Assembly can only be rated and ranked based on its legislative agenda. And if the agenda of this Assembly can go down, we shall go down in history as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly that performed so dismally or poorly and you cannot escape even you as the Speaker of this Assembly.

So let us just purpose, be disciplined enough, galvanize and let each Chair of a Committee please raise their members early in the day before going to move a report, so that they can come and even going forward, let us when we debate and seconding has been done, let us see the committee membership propping the discussion. So that we can make it lively because they are the owners of the report. They prop up the same by giving us a way so that we can make it exciting. Let us just live to the expectations as Honourable Members.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** We will adjourn and the sitting will resume at 2:30 p.m. but unless attendance changes, even the midweek retreat of some of the committees will be cancelled. We all come here for everyday sittings, because it was a way of saying let at least one committee go for a retreat in the middle of the week as others are able to transact business but if it has become a problem... Thank you let us meet at 2:30.p.m.

*The House rose 10:05a.m.*