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### SPECIAL SITTING

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The House met at 10.00 a.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Moses Cheboi) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have the required quorum, therefore, business will begin.

### MESSAGES

#### PASSAGE OF SENATE BILLS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have a Message.

Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41, I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from the Senate regarding its passage of the following three Bills:

- (i) The Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bill No. 6 of 2020);
- (ii) The Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2019); and,
- (iii) The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 38 of 2018).

Hon. Members, the first Message relating to the passage of the Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bill No.6 of 2020) indicates that the Bill seeks “to provide a legal framework for a coordinated response and management of activities during a pandemic, and to provide temporary measures and relief during a pandemic”.

The second Message is in respect of the passage of the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No.9 of 2019) which is seeking “to provide for additional functions of county governments in the prevention and treatment of cancer”.

The third Message is in respect of the passage of the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 38 of 2018) which seeks “to provide for collaboration between the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority and County Governments”.

Hon. Members, the Messages convey in part “that the Senate considered and passed the said Bills with amendments on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly”.

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Hon. Members, Standing Order 143(1)(a) requires the Speaker to cause a Bill received from the Senate to be read a First Time upon conveyance of its Message. Accordingly, I direct that the Bills be scheduled for a First Reading during the next sitting of the House. Further, Paragraph (2) of Standing Order 143 provides that –

143(3) “Following First Reading, the Speaker shall, within reasonable time, pronounce his or her opinion contemplated under Article 114(2) of the Constitution.”

The opinion envisioned under Standing Order 143(2) is a pronouncement, by the Speaker, on whether a Bill originating in the Senate is a ‘Money Bill’ in terms of Article 114 of the Constitution.

In this regard, I direct that after the First Reading, the Bills be referred to the Parliamentary Budget Office to offer the Speaker the advice contemplated under Standing Order 143(2). Thereafter, I shall guide the House accordingly on how to proceed with the consideration of each of the three Bills.

I thank you.

### PAPERS LAID

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Under that Order, I see the Leader of the Majority Party has some Papers to lay.

**Hon. Amos Kimunya** (Kipipiri, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Morning Sitting:

Legal Notice No.114 of 2020, relating to the Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation between the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius from the National Treasury and Planning.

The 2019 Budget Review and Outlook Paper from the National Treasury and Planning.

Notice to the Central Bank of the Price Stability Target and the Economic Policy of the Government for the Financial Year 2020/2021 Budget from the National Treasury and Planning.

Memorandum on the Accession to the African Charter on Democracy, Election and Governance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Fourth Report on Treaties Ratified by the Republic of Kenya from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Bank Supervision Annual Report 2018 from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK).

Annual Report for the Financial Year 2017/2018 from the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Very well. Now we move to the next one by the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning.

*(Hon. Isaac Ndirangu spoke off record)*

Oh! That is the Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Ndirangu. What is the number of your seat?

**Hon. Isaac Ndirangu** (Roysambu, JP): It is No.15.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I am trying to look for it somewhere. Did you say No.15? I am not able to see Seat No. 15 from here. But it is not No.15 for sure, because there is no No.15. Come to the Dispatch Box. Oh! You have it now.

**Hon. Isaac Ndirangu** (Roysambu, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Even as you proceed, I think that should be No.48.

**Hon. Isaac Ndirangu** (Roysambu, JP): It is indicated No.15, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Well, there must be some problem somewhere. So, proceed.

**Hon. Isaac Ndirangu** (Roysambu, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Morning Sitting:

Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on the Vetting of the Nominee for Appointment as the Auditor-General of the Republic of Kenya.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** So, we go to the next Order.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Again, we will start with you, the Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning.

#### CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AUDITOR-GENERAL

**Hon. Isaac Ndirangu** (Roysambu, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning in its report on the Vetting of the Nominee for Appointment as the Auditor-General, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 229(1) of the Constitution, Section 11(8) of the Public Audit Act, 2015 and Sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, this House approves the appointment of Ms. Nancy Janet Kabui Gathungu as the Auditor-General of the Republic of Kenya.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay. For confirmation, your seat is No.145.

**Hon. Isaac Ndirangu** (Roysambu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** So, assuming you are going to have an issue later, it is No.145. Let us move to the next Order.

### QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Under this particular Order, we will start with Questions. We will start with the one by Private Notice by the Member for Tharaka-Nithi County, Hon. (Ms.) Beatrice Nyaga.

#### QUESTION BY PRIVATE NOTICE

*Question No.011/2020*

#### STATUS OF LOCUST ERADICATION IN THE COUNTRY

**Hon. (Ms.) Beatrice Nyaga** (Tharaka-Nithi CWR, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries the following Question by Private Notice:

- (i) What is the status of locust eradication in the country and in particular, in the lower part of Tharaka in Tharaka-Nithi County?

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- (ii) Are there measures put in place by the Government to ensure that farmers whose crops and other products are destroyed by locusts are compensated for the losses suffered?

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Very well. That one will be replied to before the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

There is also another one by Private Notice by the Member for Mwingi North, Hon. Nzengu.

*Question No.012/2020*

STATUS OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE DEATH OF PATRICK MUTIA MUTHUI

**Hon. Paul Nzengu** (Mwingi North, WDM-K): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Co-ordination of National Government the following Question by Private Notice:

- (i) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain the status of investigations into the road accident involving a motor vehicle registration number KBM 881V, Toyota Prado, (also Registration No.GKB 214E) allegedly assigned to the Office of the Deputy President and a motor cycle registration number KMCT 356V, which occurred along Kismayu Road near Mustaqbal Filling Station in Garissa County on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 resulting in the death of one Patrick Mutia Muthui of National Identity Card Number No.29726448 as reported in Garissa Police Station Occurrence Book (OB) No.07/09/02/2015?
- (ii) When will the family of the deceased be compensated for the loss of their loved one?

I am asking this Question in this House for the second time, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Now that you have asked it under Private Notice, it will definitely come quickly. So, that will be replied to before the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security.

The last Question on that particular category is by Hon. Wilson Sossion.

*Question No.013/2020*

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MITIGATE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN COUNTIES

**Hon. Wilson Sossion** (Nominated, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health the following Question by Private Notice:

- (i) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide the rationale behind the use of Health Index in the allocation of Kshs5 billion conditional grants funding extended to county governments by the national Government for mitigating the COVID-19 Pandemic?
- (ii) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a list of learning institutions that are currently being used as quarantine facilities in any of the 47 counties, and also provide the measures the Ministry has put in place to maintain and restore the infrastructure of these institutions during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic?

- (iii) How much funding has been allocated for operations and maintenance of these academic institutions as a result of being used as quarantine facilities?
- (iv) Are there plans in place to support counties without COVID-19 budgetary allocations and which cannot support establishment of adequate and suitable quarantine and isolation facilities?

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We will now go to Ordinary Questions. I will start off with Hon. Nasri Sahal.

## ORDINARY QUESTIONS

### *Question No.029/2020*

#### STALLED CONSTRUCTION OF MODOGASHE-SAMATAR ROAD

**Hon. (Ms.) Nasri Ibrahim** (Nominated, FORD-K): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works the following Question:

- (i) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain why the construction of the Modogashe–Samatar Road in Wajir County has stalled despite the project having received funding from the national Government?
- (ii) Could the Cabinet Secretary indicate when the construction of the said road is expected to resume and when it will be completed?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The Question will be replied to before the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing.

Next is a Question by the Member for Turkana North, Hon. Christopher Nakuleu.

### *Question No.067/2020*

#### MEASURES TO CONTAIN CROCODILE ATTACKS ALONG LAKE TURKANA

**Hon. Christopher Nakuleu** (Turkana North, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Wildlife and Tourism the following Question:

- (i) What measures are in place to contain the increased cases of crocodile attacks on human beings along Lake Turkana particularly in Kalokol, Eliye, Namukuse, Lokitoe-ang'aber and Nachukui areas?
- (ii) Could the Ministry consider compensating families of the persons who have lost their lives as a result of the said crocodile attacks, including a young man named Peter Dong'ol from Kalosep Area, Kataboi Location, Turkana North Constituency, who lost his life following an attack on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020?
- (iii) What measures are in place to ensure safe navigation by fishermen and tourists in Lake Turkana particularly along the beach in Eliye Springs, Kalokol and Kataboi areas that have been negatively affected by insecurity and crocodile attacks?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The Question will be replied to before the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Next is a Question by the Member of Nakuru Town East, Hon. David Gikaria.

*Question No.069/2020*

## DELAYED CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTHERN BYPASS IN NAKURU

**Hon. David Gikaria** (Nakuru Town East, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I asked this Question a long time ago, and it was answered. In fact, I was before the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing last week, and I got an answer. I have eight other Questions which are pending. Maybe I could be given an opportunity in the afternoon to ask one of the eight.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Gikaria, I will not be able to help you on that one at this point in time because I am not even aware which ones you are asking or talking about. My satisfaction is the fact that you have been answered to your satisfaction on this one.

**Hon. David Gikaria** (Nakuru Town East, JP): Exactly. Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Then we will save time and move to the Member for Maragwa, Hon. Mary Wamaua.

*Question No.105/2020*PROGRESS REPORT ON REINSTATEMENT OF BENEFICIARIES OF *INUA JAMII*  
CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME TO PAYROLL

Is Hon. Wamaua in the House? As we get to know, we probably do not have any other Question. So, that one will be left for another sitting.

*(Question deferred)*

We will now move to Statements. We will start with Hon. Paul Koinange, the Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security.

**STATEMENTS**

**Hon. Paul Koinange** (Kiambaa, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I have three Statements to make. Let me start with the Statement by Hon. Khatib A. Mwashetani, who sought to be informed on extrajudicial killings in Msambweni Constituency.

## EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN MSAMBWENI

On 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at about 2300 Hrs, police officers were on patrol within Kibundani area, South Coast, Diani, following leads and intelligence on presence of *Al Shabaab* operatives within the said area. They were being led by a suspected recruiter who upon interrogation agreed to lead the officers to the house of one *Al Shabaab* suspect named Mapenzi alias Panya within Kibundani. On reaching the suspect's house, the officers ordered him to open the door. Instead, the suspect threw a grenade towards the officers. It prompted the officers to open fire, fatally injuring him and two minors, namely, Ramadhan Chitswa, aged six years and Swaleh Chitswa, aged four years. The suspect had used them as human shields.

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A search of the scene was conducted. A live grenade and police jungle uniform were recovered. An inquest file No.04/2020 has been opened and investigations are ongoing. Once the investigations are complete, the file will be forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for perusal and further advice.

The police are guided by the Constitution, the National Police Service Act and the National Police Standing Orders while carrying out their mandate. If any police officer is, upon investigation, found to have violated the law, appropriate action is taken against such officer.

The Ministry does not have vote on compensation and compensation can only be effected through a judicial process.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Koinange, so that we save time, you could proceed to the other Statements and then I will open them up for the specific Members who may have follow-up questions. Is that comfortable with you or you want us to dispense with each one individually? Well, we could dispense with each.

**Hon. Paul Koinange** (Kiambaa, JP): I am very comfortable, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Let me go to the second Statement.

#### EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN MATHARE

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Member of Parliament for Mathare, Hon. Tom Oluoch, has requested for a Statement regarding extrajudicial killings in Mathare Constituency.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, members of the public reported to the police that there was a person lying dead with a suspected bullet wound in Area 3C, Mabatini Ward, Mathare Constituency. Police officers visited the scene but were prevented from collecting the body by the angry members of the public. There was an allegation that the deceased was shot by the police. Later, the police officers managed to collect the body, which had a bullet wound on the chest. The police escorted the body to the mortuary. During the incident, there was a standoff between the rowdy members of the public and the police. This caused a lot of tension in Mabatini area of Mathare. In accordance with the provisions of the law, an inquest file No.01/2020 has been opened. The same will be placed before a competent court with jurisdiction for public inquest. Any person found culpable during the inquest will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

#### INVESTIGATION INTO DISAPPEARANCE OF MICHAEL NJAU

Investigation into the disappearance of one Michael Njau alias Cobra, who went missing on his way from Thika Town, has been launched by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations' (DCI) detectives from Thika, where the matter was reported. Appropriate action will be taken against those found culpable after completion of investigations.

#### INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF YASSIN MOYO

Hon. Deputy Speaker, investigation into the death of Yassin Moyo, aged 13 years and who was shot dead while standing at the balcony of their residential home, has been completed and a duplicate file forwarded to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for perusal and advice on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

The National Police Service (NPS) has been carrying out sensitisation campaigns to sensitise officers on how to handle the public during the enforcement of the curfew and other measures to curb the spread of the COVID-19. I wish to state that the NPS has been taking both disciplinary and legal action against officers violating the law during enforcement.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Chairman, you will move to the next one, but when I will be opening it for Members to seek intervention, we will do it Statement by Statement. Please, respond to the request for Statement by Hon. Caleb Kositany.

**Hon. Paul Koinange** (Kiambaa, JP): Most obliged, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

#### RAPE AND KILLING OF CHILDREN IN SOY CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Caleb Kositany, Member of Parliament for Soy Constituency, sought a Statement on rape and killing of children in Soy Constituency. This was one of the most painful requests for Statement given to the Committee in regard to insecurity in different areas. In the last five months, Soy Constituency has reported seven cases of rape and killing of minors as follows:

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at about 0030Hrs, Ms. Beatrice Wanyonyi, a Luhya female adult reported that on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, she left her daughter, Emma Wanyota, a Luhya female, aged 21 years in the house and went to work. When she returned home at 2145Hrs, she found the house key abandoned at the main gate. Upon opening the door, she found blood stains all over the house and the daughter was missing. The police were informed and they visited the scene. They combed the surrounding and found the body of the deceased in the nearby Napier grass plantation with both legs chopped off. The left arm was also chopped below the elbow. The scene was processed and the body was taken to Kitale Level 5 County Mortuary awaiting post mortem.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, investigations were launched and one Idi Mustafa, aged 31 years, a former boyfriend to the deceased, was arrested. A search was conducted in his house and a Techno mobile phone, a Dell laptop and a black bag were recovered. The suspect blood stained clothes were recovered soaked in a basin. The mother of the deceased positively identified the recovered items as belonging to her deceased daughter. The suspect was arraigned before the Eldoret Law Courts vide Moi's Bridge CR.NO.814/177/2019 Eldoret High Court File 62/2019. The case is pending before court and the next date of hearing will be on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, at about 0350Hrs, the area chief of Moi's Bridge Location, Mr. Wilson Sirma, reported that there was a dead body lying at Soweto area within Moi's Bridge Location. Police officers visited the scene and found the dead body of Stacy Nasibo, a Luhya female juvenile aged 11 years lying naked in a thicket. The head was twisted backward and blood was oozing from her private parts. The scene was processed and the body taken to Kitale Level 5 County Mortuary awaiting post mortem. Investigations commenced and two suspects, Mr. Solomon Mwaniki Gitau and Ms. Jane Wanjiru Mwaniki, neighbours of the deceased, were arrested. A case file number Moi's Bridge Police Station CR.418/01/2020 was opened. The file was forwarded to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for perusal and direction. Upon perusal, the DPP directed that there was no sufficient evidence to subject the suspects for trial. He recommended that the case be withdrawn under Section 87(a) pending further investigations.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at about 0900Hrs, Ms. Rael Sugut, a resident of Kuinet Village, reported that her daughter, Imelda Kosgei, a Nandi Juvenile aged 13 years and a pupil at Kuinet Primary School, was lured to the staffroom and defiled by the school watchman. The police visited the scene and one suspect, Mr. Ronald Amudavi Kisanya, a Luhya adult aged 48 years was

arrested. He was arraigned before the Eldoret Law Courts vide Soy Police Station CR/835/18/2020 Court File No.26/2020. The next day of hearing was 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Monday this week.

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at about 1600Hrs, the Chief, Moi's Bridge Location, Mr. Wilson Sirma, reported that a dead body was sighted at Kuinet Village. The police visited the scene and found a body of a Kikuyu female juvenile aged 13 years, a Standard Six pupil at Moi's Bridge Township Primary School. On examining the body, it was discovered that she was strangled using a bag she was carrying. Blood was oozing from her private parts. It was established that she was last seen in the company of a tall, slim, middle-aged man in his late 20s. The deceased was identified as Lucy Wanjiku. The scene was processed and the body taken to Kitale Level 5 County Hospital Mortuary. Upon investigation, one Kennedy Andole, the step father of the deceased was arrested and arraigned before the Eldoret Law Courts vide Moi's Bridge Police Station CR.814/56/2020 Court File No.2120. The next date of hearing was on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Thursday last week.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, at about 0800Hrs, it was reported by one Valentine Jemutai, a Nandi juvenile aged eight years that she went to the homestead of one Evans Kibiwott, a Marakwet male adult aged 38 years, and while at the homestead, the accused took her to his house and defiled her severally. The accused threatened to kill her if she informed her mother. The police visited the scene and launched investigations. They arrested the suspect and he was arraigned in Eldoret Law Courts vide Soy Police Station CR.835/37/2020 Court File No. 26/2020. The next date of hearing will be 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020; next week on Thursday.

On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 2300Hrs, one Betty Chepkurui, a Nandi female juvenile aged 17 years, a resident of Rimoi Village, Soy Sub-location, reported that on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020, she was called by Mr. Bethwel Kiplimo, a Nandi male adult aged 20 years to his house. On arrival, the accused defiled her severally. Police visited the scene, arrested the accused and escorted the victim to hospital for examination and treatment. The accused was arraigned before the Eldoret Law Court vide Soy Police Station CR No.35/502020, Court File No.842020. The next hearing was on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Finally, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, one Lucy Muthoni reported at Moi's Bridge Police Station vide OB No.33/225 of 2020 a case of a missing person by the name Grace Njeri, a Kikuyu female juvenile, aged 13 years, who is the daughter to the reportee. On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020, one Henry Wanjala Kuloba, a casual labourer at Seronei Farm, reported that while patrolling the farm along the river bank, he came across a human skull and some clothes suspected to be of a young girl. Police visited the scene and discovered a human being skull and some body parts. The clothes were identified by the reportee to be for her missing daughter. Investigations commenced and the case is still under investigation.

There is adequate deployment of police officers in Moi's Bridge and Soy police stations. Plans are underway to deploy more officers to the newly established police stations. They are Ziwa, Kepkeres, Segero, Kipsomba and Kuinet police stations. All police stations will be considered for motor vehicles and equipment during the next procurement cycle. The following are the strategies that have been put in place to curb cases of defilement, rape and killings in Soy Constituency:

- (i) Enhanced foot and mobile patrols by police officers in the affected areas and other areas;
- (ii) Enhanced community policing and *Nyumba Kumi* initiative;
- (iii) Frequent multiagency *barazas* at locational, sub-locational and village levels to sensitise parents, guardians;

- (iv) Sharing of information regarding morality of our youth in churches mosques, social gatherings and on social media;
- (v) Enhancing good relationship between the police and members of public; and
- (vi) Ensure that all perpetrators of crime are arrested and proper investigations are carried out.

As I conclude, the Ministry does not have a vote on compensation. Compensation can only be effected through the judicial process.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You had another one. Do you want to shelve it for another day? I know the last one was heavy.

**Hon. Paul Koinange (Kiambaa, JP):** Hon. Deputy Speaker, this is something that I want your guidance on. We have been having a ping pong between the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and the Ministry of Devolution and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands. I wish to state as follows:

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, Hon. Esther Passaris, Member for Nairobi County, sought a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security regarding distribution of food relief across the country, particularly in Nairobi County, during the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2020, the Committee received a request for a Statement on the same subject from Hon. Gichimu Githinji, Member for Gichugu. The Committee directed the Statement request to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government to reply, but it was brought back to us. We sent it to the Ministry of Devolution and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands which responded in the same manner. However, upon receipt of Hon. Esther Passaris' request for a Statement on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the Committee directed it to the Ministry of Devolution and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands for reply. Having previously replied to a request for a Statement by Hon. Gichimu, this time, the Ministry asked us to refer it to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government. That has been the ping pong. Therefore, under this circumstance, I seek your guidance and direction, so that this matter from Hon Passaris is sorted once and for all.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Now that the request for the Statement is before your Committee, let us first deal with these other ones as I consult on the direction we should take on that one by Hon. Passaris. I will open up the Floor for any Member who wishes to have an intervention. We will have two Members per Statement. We will start with the one by Hon. Khatib Mwashetani. If he is present, he will have the first shot, then we see if there will be any other Member who will have interest. Is Hon. Mwashetani in the House? I am not seeing him and there is no interest on this one. I must commend the Hon. Chair and his Committee for the detailed response, particularly on the third one. It was detailed and comprehensive. That is why not many Members want to seek intervention because it was self-explanatory. We will go to the next one by Hon. Tom Oluoch. Is he in the House? Are we sure that Member is Hon. Oluoch?

*(Hon. Anthony Oluoch walked to the Dispatch Box)*

Let me confirm beyond reasonable doubt. That must be Hon. Oluoch.

**Hon. Anthony Oluoch (Mathare, ODM):** Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker. The one and only from Mathare. I want to thank the Chairperson, *Bwana* Koinange. I received this Statement yesterday and I have perused it. It is partially satisfactory, but there are two areas that I require

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clarification and further comment on. I will begin with the one for Yassin Moyo, the 13 year old who was killed from Kiamaiiko. The matter came up before court and I spoke to the parents this morning. The issue that I want clarity on is the right of access to justice. What the family needs now is justice for the little 13 year old boy who would have sat for his Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE) later this year. When the matter appeared before the court...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Is it KCSE or Kenya Certificate of Primary Examination (KCPE)?

**Hon. Anthony Oluoch** (Mathare, ODM): It is KCPE. Thank you for the correction. There were 30 police officers camping both inside and outside the court. The parents felt intimidated and insecure. This raises the question whether justice will be done. There is a perceived threat to the extent that it appears, down the line, this case may not yield justice. It is said that justice must not only be done, but must be seen to be done. The other issue that I seek clarification on is the status of the police officer who has been arraigned in court. Has he been interdicted or is he still at his work station? These are things that touch on the question of justice. The family needs to put closure to that.

The second clarification and one that concerns me most is about Michael Njau alias Cobra, who disappeared almost four months ago. The response Statement says that the DCI is investigating and those found culpable after investigations will be brought to book. I find that vague, unsatisfactory and casual. I urge the Chairperson to try and see if we can get more information on that. A Kenyan cannot just disappear in this time and age with our current Constitution, especially Article 25 that speaks to the question of the right to life and right to habeas corpus. Those two rights are inalienable; they cannot be taken away. The family requires to have closure on this matter and to have the body produced, either dead or alive. It is insufficient for the Cabinet Secretary to merely say they are investigating, four months down the line.

I want to conclude my request for clarifications with the issue of James Muthee Njeru. I would like to ask the Chair to clarify the identity of the police officer, if they have found out the person who shot the bullet that killed alias *Vaite*? Has he been interdicted? What is the status of the inquest, because they have indicated in the statement that an inquest has been opened? It is open-ended, with no indication of time. This is important so that the family can find representation and other remedies. Otherwise, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I thank you very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Were you invited to the Committee when they were handling this matter?

**Hon. Anthony Oluoch** (Mathare, ODM): No, I got this via WhatsApp from the Committee Clerk. I was not invited to the Committee. If they invited me, I did not see the text.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You have raised weighty issues which could have been handled much easily at the Committee level. You were asking what happens when a police officer is arraigned in court. It is fairly straightforward that the police officer would be interdicted. The only thing I would want to know from you is if you are alleging that the police officer was not interdicted. That would be very valid, or you have no idea?

**Hon. Anthony Oluoch** (Mathare, ODM): I have no idea. I followed comments of the Inspector-General of Police when he appeared on Citizen TV recently. What you are saying is true: He did indicate that upon being arraigned in court, the police officers should be interdicted. But under the right of access to information, because I was not in the Committee meeting, it would be good for me and for the family to know that actual interdiction took place. There is a practice in Kenya where a police officer accused of such things is merely moved to another police station. So we want to know that they have not been moved to another place where they will perpetrate similar actions.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay. Let us have the Chair to respond briefly.

**Hon. Paul Koinange** (Kiambaa, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I would like us to have a sitting with Hon. Tom so that we can address other issues which he is not satisfied with. When we met the National Police Service Commission (NPSC), we realised that already there are more than 2,000 police officers who have been interdicted. I want to assure Hon. Tom that nobody involved in a case like this will be left to stay in their official duties. If he comes to the Committee we will follow up the issue to make sure that justice is done to his people.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We will open up to the next statement because you have responded to it. Hon. Tong'i would wish to speak to it. I know he is in the lobbies, so he should come in. I will also give opportunity to other Members who would like to speak to this matter.

On the second one, we will start with Hon. Caleb Kositany if he is within the House. As we wait for Hon. Kositany, Hon. Tong'i, is it on this particular one by the Member for Soy or which one would you like to speak to?

**Hon. Richard Tong'i** (Nyaribari Chache, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, the response that we got from Hon. Koinange on issues security.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Actually, all of the responses that he gave are on security other than the one by Hon. Passaris. So which one do you want to seek clarification on?

**Hon. Richard Tong'i** (Nyaribari Chache, JP): The one on Moi's Bridge.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** That is actually the one I have given you an opportunity on.

**Hon. Richard Tong'i** (Nyaribari Chache, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I appreciate the response which has been given to us by the Chairman, Hon. Paul Koinange. As we appreciate the responses, the problem is generic throughout the country.

In my constituency, and in Keumbu particularly, we have had similar cases of insecurity and we have raised similar concerns. I want to agree with the response he has given because it will address our concerns as a country. Without security, businesses cannot operate. Without security, our communities will not live in harmony and peace. Our people will not achieve what they are meant to. We have suffered and we need to do something about it. We have a challenge in Keumbu; there is a lot of insecurity. We have already raised the matter with relevant offices and I would wish that the Chairman picks it up. We have already shared at personal level. There is a lot of insecurity. Keumbu is one of the biggest business centres in Kisii and particularly in my constituency. If we cannot have it secured, I fear that the business people are going to run away. The town has everybody in it. We would wish to have the peace that we have had in the past to ensure there are livelihoods and people do not suffer.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I give this opportunity to the Member for Ndhiwa.

**Hon. Martin Owino** (Ndhiwa, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. First of all, let me thank Hon. Koinange for a very informative reply. I heard so many positive things that have been done. But in his statement, there was also another disturbing statement: That the public could not allow the police access. That simply means that there is disconnect between *Nyumba Kumi*, which I think is a good initiative so that we can get information on what is going on, and the public. I want to tie that with the disappearance that Hon. Oluoch was talking about. *Nyumba Kumi* heads were supposed to know each and every person in their jurisdiction. If someone disappears, that information can be received very quickly.

Let me make this general statement, Hon. Deputy Speaker, if you allow me. So many people are dying in the hands of the police. What we hear is that investigation is open, inquest is open, or the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) is reviewing the matter. I think all this gets back to the police reforms which we have been taking about all the time, especially in the era of mental health. If you interdict 2,000 officers, that is not a solution. Where are they? They could be killing even more. I think the Committee needs to look at that seriously.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Maybe the last one from Hon. Pukose, in brief, then we make progress because we are running short of time.

**Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose** (Endebess, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to thank Hon. Koinange, Chair of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security, for the responses that he has given. Issues of people being killed and others disappearing and not being found are cases that are reported here and there. When somebody disappears completely, it is not possible that that person just disappeared. The National Intelligence Service (NIS) has information from all corners. They should be working hand in hand with the DCI to make sure that nobody completely disappears. We have even seen cases of people being murdered; others are kidnapped and at the end of the day found. It is very unfortunate that this person has never been found. It cannot be possible because somebody cannot melt into thin air. Somebody cannot just disappear like that.

A case was recently reported at Endebess Police Station in my constituency of a young child of 12 years from Mubere who disappeared. Up to date, that child has not been found. I think it is important that our police officers and the informers work hand in hand to make sure that we are able to trace these people.

With those few remarks, Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Of course, I would not expect the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security to go to the details of what Members are asking you about their constituencies. If they have issues like those ones, they can as well request for their own statements or file Questions. So, you will only deal with the specific ones that you are handling.

Hon. Wandayi, what is your point of order?

**Hon. Opiyo Wandayi** (Ugunja, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, whereas I appreciate the importance of Questions and Statements and the discourse that is ensuing, I have difficulty. In a Special Sitting of the House such as this one, I would rather we focus on the issues that brought us here and perhaps, suggest that we limit...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** That definitely makes a lot of sense. However, the Questions were brought in. We are also trying to process as quickly as possible the Questions that Members are asking. Henceforth, we would be moving quickly. I will not give chance to any other Member because I see that is the interest of the House. Chair, please respond briefly, then probably we would move very fast to the matter before this Special House Sitting.

**Hon. Paul Koinange** (Kiambaa, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I realised that Members are very concerned about police officers. Globally, police issues are very sensitive. The problem is in many countries. Where police officers get adequate training, they usually behave in the way they are supposed to. However, where they do not get enough training, it is a problem. As a Committee, very soon, we are going to recommend that all the police officers in Kenya go back to school from time to time so that they can become disciplined people and serve the people well.

My brother also talked about the issue of information. The NIS is there. However, I believe *Nyumba Kumi* would be the most effective to help the people on the ground.

Thank you very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I really congratulate you and your Committee for work-well-done on this particular one. There is a Statement by the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives on the issue of Free Trade Area (FTA) between Kenya and USA. Can it wait or you would like to proceed in brief?

#### THE KENYA/USA FTA AGREEMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS

**Hon. Kanini Kega** (Kieni, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I beseech Members to listen to this Statement because it is a Progress Report. It is a Statement on the Kenya/USA bilateral FTA Agreement and negotiations.

Article 201 of the Constitution states that there shall be openness and accountability, including public participation, in financial matters. It is on this account that I rise to inform and update this august House as the people's representatives on the status of the Kenya/USA FTA or free trade negotiations.

This House may recall that on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta led a delegation to the USA at the invitation of President Donald Trump. During the meeting between the two presidents, Kenya and USA elevated their relationship to a strategic partnership, which in the international relations realm encompasses cooperation in defence and security, economic cooperation, connectivity, counter terrorism and cooperation on global issues.

In this regard, the strategic partnership agreed by the two presidents, which mirror the current understanding of a strategic partnership, provides for long-term prospects of cooperation in trade and investment rather than short-term solutions. The agreement is organised around the following four thematic pillars:

- (i) economic prosperity through trade and investment;
- (ii) defence cooperation;
- (iii) democracy, governance and civilian security; and,
- (iv) multilateral and regional issues.

In addition, in August 2018, the two presidents established the USA/Kenya Trade Investment Working Group to explore ways to deepen economic ties between the two countries and lay the groundwork for a stronger future trade relationship. To date, the working group has had three meetings, which have alternated between Nairobi and Washington DC. The following are the objectives of the Working Group:

- (i) maximising on the available opportunity in the remaining five years of the African growth and opportunity Act AGOA and thus create certainty;
- (ii) strengthening commercial cooperation between the two countries;
- (iii) development of short-term solutions to reduce barriers to trade and investment; and,
- (iv) exploratory talks on future Kenya/USA bilateral trade and investment relations.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the two presidents held a meeting in Washington DC and announced their intention to negotiate a free trade agreement. This paved the move for the initiative to advance from exploratory talks to actual negotiations on bilateral free trade argument. The preparations towards commencement of the negotiations started in earnest after the February 2020 meeting in Washington DC, which has culminated in the virtual launch of negotiations which were held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – last week Wednesday.

In March 2020, the Cabinet Secretary for Industry, Trade and Enterprise Development shared a Status Brief on the proposed Kenya/USA Free Trade Agreement with my Committee and the then Leader of the Majority Party in the House.

On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020, at the invitation of His Excellency Ambassador Kyle McCarter, the United States Ambassador to Kenya, I led a delegation of the Trade Committee, where we discussed opportunities of the Free Trade Agreement. During the discussions, we noted that the Free Trade Agreement will certainly create an opportunity for the current business under AGOA to flourish, as well as attract long-term investment that will help to create jobs.

Further, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the President of the USA, through his trade representative, informed the Congress of his intention to initiate negotiations on the Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Kenya. In the USA, they did it in March. What is the status of the relationship between Kenya and USA? Kenya and the USA have enjoyed strong and deep rooted diplomatic and trade relations for more than 50 years. The USA is ...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Junet, you may have the Floor.

**Hon. Junet Nuh** (Suna East, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, would I be in order to request the Chair of the Committee to summarise his Statement in a manner that will take less time?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I agree with you. Looking at it, I think he was ending his Statement.

**Hon. Kanini Kega** (Kieni, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is critical. It is very important. I started by saying that this is one of the very critical process. Negotiations are going on between Kenya and USA. This is the first time such negotiations are taking place in sub-Saharan Africa. As I summarise, I want Members to note what this means. We will be transiting from the AGOA arrangement to an FTA arrangement – An agreement which is critical to us.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I see quite a lot of issues. What is it, Hon. Duale?

**Hon. Aden Duale** (Garissa Township, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I am back. I am happy that Parliament, in its wisdom, has recognised my status. I thank the Speaker and the rest of the team for allocating me a seat with the markings “Ranking Member”. This is so that in the event you do not become a Deputy Speaker or a Speaker in the next Parliament, you will also be allocated a seat for Ranking Member. That is the tradition.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, as I allow the Chair to finish, under the Ratification Act, the Agreement will ultimately come to this House. It will be subjected to scrutiny by either the Departmental Committee on Defence or the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. The same Agreement will also be subjected to scrutiny in the USA Congress. We are now at the initial stage. It is something we are all happy about. However, I am sure that the answer given by the Chair so far is enough. But let us wait. I still want to go back to what Hon. Wandayi said. You know, a Special Sitting is gazetted and the items for discussion are in the gazette notice. Chair, as much as you want to go further, I think, therefore, we should give more time to the issues that brought us back.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, with the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, some of us just came for the specific business and then we can go back to our families.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Moses Cheboi): That is fine. As much as Members would want to insist that it is what was gazetted, there are also preliminaries that you do not normally dispense with.

However, Hon. Kanini Kega, I think you can see the mood of the House. We could as well summarise. Table the report so that those Members who have sufficient time can go through it.

**Hon. Kanini Kega** (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I stand guided. It is not a report that we are tabling; rather it is just to inform the House what is happening because you

have even seen cases being taken to the East African Court of Justice. All this is to apprise the Members. So, please, know that the negotiations are going on. No conclusions have been made but this is something that is good for the country.

I beg to submit. Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Moses Cheboi): Thank you very much Hon. Kanini Kega. Hon. Members that is an extremely critical report. It is really critical. It is the business of Members to know what is happening and especially on an issue like that one which is of interest. So, we will move on to the next Order and Members be prepared now. I think what you wanted to get into, we will get into shortly.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD FOR A SPECIFIED BILL

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Moses Cheboi): The Leader of the Majority Party, proceed in the spirit of summary because it is fairly straight forward.

**Hon. Amos Kimunya** (Kipipiri, JP): Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I beg to move the following Procedural Motion:

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 120, this House resolves to reduce the publication period of the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 23 of 2020) from 14 days to 6 days.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, you may recall, this House had already provided within the Procedural Motion before adjournment that any Bill that comes should be referred to the committees and be processed. Now that we are here, I would like to urge that we reduce this from 14 days to six days so that it can go to the relevant committee. It has already been advertised for public participation which is on-going.

Moreover, I also want to urge members to take special interest in this Bill because it will unlock one of the biggest barriers that our medium and small enterprises have in accessing credit especially during these times of COVID-19. It will also be part of the legal frameworks that will enable part of President Uhuru Kenyatta's stimulus package, especially to our young traders to access credit. Therefore, I would like to ask Members to take an interest in it and the committee to also process it. By the time we come back we will be ready to take it through the Second Reading and hopefully the Third Reading, and fast-track it so that our people can access credit as soon as possible.

Hon. Speaker this is a very straight forward matter and I would urge the House to support this Procedural Motion that we reduce the time and facilitate its fast-tracking. I beg to move and request Hon. John Mbadi to second.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Moses Cheboi): Hon. Leader of the Minority Party.

**Hon. John Mbadi** (Suba South, ODM): Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker. This is just a Procedural Motion. I second.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Moses Cheboi): Very well.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**BILL***First Reading*

## THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL

*(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Departmental Committee)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Moses Cheboi): Next Order!

**MOTION**

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SPECIFIED COMMITTEES

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Leader of the Majority Party.

**Hon. Amos Kimunya** (Kipipiri, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move:

THAT, further to the resolution of the House of Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 appointing Members into various Committees and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 173, this House further approves the appointment of the following Members to the respective Committees as specified hereunder –

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3. The Hon. Marselino Malimo Arbelle, M.P.
4. The Hon. Tecla Chebet Tum, M.P.
5. The Hon. Josphat Kabinga Wachira, M.P.
6. The Hon. Nimrod Mbithuka Mbai, M.P.
7. The Hon. Abdi Omar Shurie, M.P.
8. The Hon. Yussuf Mucheke Halima, M.P.
9. The Hon. Peter Masara, M.P.
10. The Hon. Aduma Owuor, M.P.
11. The Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu, M.P.
12. The Hon. Edward Oku Kaunya, M.P.
13. The Hon. Peter Opondo Kaluma, M.P.
14. The Hon. Rozaah Buyu, M.P.
15. The Hon. Jeremiah Ekamais Lomurukai, M.P.
16. The Hon. Martin Wambugu Ngunjiri, M.P.
17. The Hon. William Kamuren Chirchir Chepkut, M.P.
18. The Hon. Swarup Manjan Mishra, M.P.
19. The Hon. Fatuma Gedi Ali, M.P.

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7. The Hon. Francis Munyua Waititu, M.P.
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14. The Hon. Martin Peters Owino, M.P.
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16. The Hon. Catherine Waruguru, M.P.
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18. The Hon. Cecily Mbarire, M.P.
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4. The Hon. Kawira Mwangaza, M.P.
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6. The Hon. Jonah Mburu Mwangi, M.P.
7. The Hon. Marwa Kemero Maisori Kitayama, M.P.
8. The Hon. Annie Wanjiku Kibeh, M.P.
9. The Hon. (Eng.) Mark Nyamita, M.P.
10. The Hon. Antony Oluoch, M.P.
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18. The Hon. Victor Munyaka, M.P.
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4. The Hon. Jimmy Nuru Angwenyi, CBS, M.P. – Deputy Leader of the Majority Party
5. The Hon. Robert Mbui, MP – Deputy Leader of the Minority Party
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8. The Hon. Joyce Akai Emanikor, M.P.
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18. The Hon. Tom Joseph Kajwang, M.P.
19. The Hon. Esther Muthoni Passaris, M.P.
20. The Hon. Gertrude Mwanyanje Mbeyu, M.P.
21. The Hon. (Dr.) Amos Kimunya, EGH, M.P. – Leader of the Majority Party
22. The Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe, M.P. – Majority Party Whip
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26. The Hon. Kanini Kega, M.P.
27. The Hon. Alfred Kiptoo Keter, M.P.
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19. The Hon. Safia Sheikh Adan, M.P.
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5. The Hon. Junet Sheikh Nuh Mohamed, M.P. – Whip Minority Party
6. The Hon. Richard Maoka Maore, CBS, M.P. – Deputy Majority Whip
7. The Hon. Maina Kamanda, EGH, M.P.
8. The Hon. David Pkosing, CBS, M.P.
9. The Hon. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim, M.P.
10. The Hon. David Ole Sankok, M.P.
11. The Hon. William Kamuren Chirchir Chepkut, M.P.
12. The Hon. Gladwell Cheruiyot, M.P.
13. The Hon. Florence Mwikali Mutua, M.P.
14. The Hon. Owen Baya Yaa, M.P.
15. The Hon. Jane Wanjuki Njiru, M.P.
16. The Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba, M.P.
17. The Hon. Joshua Kutuny, M.P.
18. The Hon. Shurie Abdi Omar, M.P.
19. The Hon. Josphat Wachira Kabinga, M.P.
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21. The Hon. Godfrey Osotsi, M.P.

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13. The Hon. Johana Ngeno, M.P.
14. The Hon. Josphat Kabinga Wachira, M.P.

I do not intend to read all the names because Members have read. It was uploaded on to the website and every Member knows their names and they can locate where they are.

Hon. Deputy Speaker this list was approved by the Committee on Selection on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 for submission to the House. The overall objective of this re-organization of the committees is really to better performance of committees and also to align the synergies of Members with the visions of the party leaderships. Special considerations that have been put in place include some regional spread of these names to the extent possible. In looking at the changes, I just want to alert Members that their attendance reports have been reviewed. There is a report that was done of up to October of last year and that has led to some changes for Members who have not been attending at least 25% of the time. So, you might find such Members being given more time to attend to other issues that have been keeping them away from attending committee sessions.

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The list has been reviewed to ensure compliance with the Standing Orders and our secretariat has been very thorough on that to ensure at least every Member has been assigned one committee. There are only three Members who do not have a committee for specific reasons: Hon. Musimba, at his special request; Hon. Waluke, because of special circumstances, and we all know in Msambweni Constituency there is no Member. Therefore, everyone else has, at least, one committee so that they exercise their oversight.

The exercise has also looked at the party allocations. There are 622 slots available and they are spread within the parties and that has also been looked into. I also want to alert Members on something. I know, I have received too many phone calls from them saying, "I have been put in a lesser committee" or "I wanted to be in a bigger committee". All committees are created by this House and this House, in its wisdom, has decided that every committee is as important as any other. Therefore, whether you find yourself in one committee that you consider small or one that you consider big, let us first of all, recognise the fact that all these committees are creations of this House. So, nobody needs to feel that they are in a 'lesser' or a 'bigger' committee. We are all being called to serve and provide oversight within those committees. Somebody has to serve in a committee.

Some genuine concerns have also been raised after the publication of the report and particularly – I do not know whether the Member for Belgut is here. He has raised an issue that we had overlooked. For any of those Members who, perhaps, feel that where they have been put in a committee they may not be able to be productive because of conflict or something, we will be looking at that within the next couple of weeks, and we will see whether we can rectify it.

Again, let me just emphasise that these changes... You realise that in some committees there is a chairman only or vice-chairman only. The changes that we will be approving today will result in 29 vacancies at different levels of leadership both in the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, when you move your constituency you cannot move with the position you have been holding. Some may be moving to seek election in those new constituencies. This means there will be elections for 29 positions. Obviously, we cannot talk about elections before we approve the voter's register. In the afternoon, we expect Hon. Speaker to provide us with communication on when the elections would take place and the modalities of those elections.

This afternoon, I will also be sharing with the House proposals that have been received from the party leadership on the proposed candidates, in terms of who the party leaderships would propose to chair or be deputise in the respective committees. Therefore, Members who may have some committee leadership ambitions, before you embark on a tedious campaign especially in these times of COVID-19, it would be wise to consult with your whip because you could end up with an elaborate campaign only to find out that perhaps your party has already proposed a different candidate. In any case, Members are at liberty...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I hear some shouting, but I cannot see the Member who has placed that intervention, but what the Leader of the Majority Party is basically saying is that do not spend your resources if you know it is not going to be valid at the end of the day.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Amos Kimunya** (Kipipiri, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I am only advising Members that elections can be very expensive and divisive and that results may not be what you

expect. So, take advice from your respective whips who will guide you whether you are viable candidates or whether they have an alternative candidate before you embark onto that process.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, as we go through this membership, I am also inclined to remind Members that...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** There is a Member who is agitated back there. Is that Hon. Bashir? What is it? It is very difficult to locate you there. Your name is Bashir, but here it is written as Abdalla Sheikh. All of them are yours.

**Hon. Major (Rtd.) Bashir Sheikh** (Mandera North, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, the right title is Hon. Major. Do not forget. The Hon. can be deleted but Major will have to remain.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Actually it is the other way round. You should say Major can be mentioned by yourself, but allow others to ascribe to you as Hon.

**Hon. Major (Rtd.) Bashir Sheikh** (Mandera North, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I hear the able Leader of the Majority Party say that he is waiting for lists from the party and party leaders. Is he insinuating that we are going to have a selection and not elections in the committees?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** No, he did not suggest that, as far as I can hear from here. He only advised Members to be careful before they embark on rigours of campaign. It was fairly straight forward.

**Hon. Amos Kimunya** (Kipipiri, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Like I said, I am convinced that Members need this reminder. If you look at the statistics being released by the Ministry of Health, we are moving into a dangerous zone as far as the COVID-19 pandemic is shaping up within this country. The numbers are on the rise, it is getting into the community phase. As MPs we may have our immunity in terms of speeches made on the Floor of this House, but we certainly do not have immunity from COVID-19 and even within our interactions here.

Members, the fact that you tested negative yesterday does not mean you cannot get infected today because some people have had that false security that because they have been tested and are negative, they can now interact. We ask Members especially in the House that as we embark on looking for votes in the committees, let us remember the basics on social distancing and, the masks. We expect Members to maintain hygiene not just in the House but the interaction with the public. Remember it is now at the community phase, the numbers have moved and it is not getting better. Let us protect ourselves. Kenyans need us to help them accomplish the task they gave us. I just wanted to emphasise that so that we take care as we move forward.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, this list as guided by Hon. Speaker must be approved as it is. There cannot be any alteration; not even from us without having to go back to the Selection Committee. So, I urge Members that we do not take too much time on it. We process it so that we move to unlock Hon. Speaker's communication in the afternoon.

With those few remarks, I beg to move and ask the Leader of the Minority Party to second.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay.

**Hon. John Mbadi** (Suba South, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to second the Motion as ably moved by the Leader of the Majority Party.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, just before we went on recess we had brought this Motion to the House but because of need for further consultation - I graciously thank the Leader of the Majority Party for accepting to withdraw the list that was tabled that day for further consultation - which we have ably conducted amongst ourselves. Today, we are giving to this House the full list. We have 15 departmental committees: four financial audit and money-related committees and 12 others. We have tried as much as possible to ensure that, at least, every Member falls in one committee. If there is any oversight, we can still deal with it. No work done by human beings

would ever be perfect. We have tried as much as possible. Our two whips, both Hon. Wangwe and Hon. Junet Mohammed have done very splendid work, in my view, which is very encouraging.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, there are certain changes which we have made. This is like mid-term of the life of this Parliament and so we have made mid-term changes. We had indicated previously that we would look at the attendance of Members in various committees, to look at their enthusiasm and how they value work in that committee. We have also accessed other Members who probably for the past two years plus have not been fairly treated.

I am happy that we have Members who are going to give their all to these committees. I am particularly concerned about the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs which is going to have a heavy calendar and workload. We have about seven new Members in that Committee. Hon. Emanuel Wangwe who is the whip on the Majority side and Hon. Junet Mohamed, the whip from the Minority side, will bring order. This is a committee where we need serious order. Going forward we know what we expect. The Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Report is going to come and a lot of it is going to be dealt with in this House. So, we expect the two whips to work with the Chair and the Vice-Chair to bring order in terms of legislation. We have Hon. Antony Oluoch who is a re-known lawyer. We also have Hon. Paul Otiende Amollo who is a very serious lawyer in this country.

Hopefully, he is going to deputise the Chair of the Committee who is likely to be Muturi Kigano. We also have Josephine Lesuuda who is a very serious lady and Robert Gichimu Githinji.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Leader of the Minority Party, kindly allow the matter to go through this phase before giving preferences.

**Hon. John Mbadia** (Suba South, ODM): I have talked of likely and hopefully. I cannot be stopped from being hopeful and expecting. You know the likelihood of something happening or not.

Let me wind up my contribution on this Motion. The Leader of the Majority Party has suggested that there is democracy. We are in a parliamentary party democracy. We are here with a lot of contribution from our parliamentary parties. That is why the parties were allowed to make suggestions and recommendations on who sits where and this was adopted by the Committee on Selection.

The same parties have also expressed the desires on the leadership of these Committees. I expect the Jubilee side to propose some Members as Chairs and Vice-Chairs in majority of the committees also in our minority side. I want to thank the majority side for allowing our side to express interest in a couple of committees. We are chairing about four committees and have Vice-Chairs of about four other committees. This is the spirit of the handshake; working together as a nation and bringing this country together.

I know as I wind up there has been a lot of reporting of disagreements between the majority side and the minority side. That there are disagreements between Hon. Kimunya, the Leader of the Majority Party and I, the Leader of the Minority Party. First of all, the people who have been talking that way do not know that Hon. Kimunya and I have a long history in this profession. We can hardly disagree.

What we did the other time was to agree to consult further. I am happy that consultations have borne fruits and both of us are speaking the same language. That is exactly the spirit with which both the majority and minority will conduct business in this House. If we need further consultation, we will always consult and agree and what we agree is final. Those who wish that the handshake breaks up, I tell them they will wait for a very long time. I do not know when it will break up but we are in this together.

Our two leaders meant business when they shook hands on 9<sup>th</sup> March. It was not child play. As the two leaders in this House we represent them. It should be Uhuru Kenyatta seated there and Raila Odinga seated here if we were in a parliamentary system. But we are where we are. So, we are here courtesy of them. So, what we do in this House will reflect on what is happening out there. You can take my word on this and take it to the bank.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I can take your word on anything else but not where they are supposed to be seated. This is because they could be much closer here. One would be seated here and the other one there. Your seat would still be that one.

**Hon. John Mbadi** (Suba South, ODM): I am presupposing. Hon. Deputy Speaker, today you do not want me to exercise my democratic right and speak freely. We have given committees to everybody including Ochieng' who probably thought a few days ago we would leave him without a Committee.

As to whether a Committee is big or small that is your own judgment and assessment. You cannot force your assessment on us. As far as I am concerned these committees are the same. In fact, there is a Committee of the last Parliament which I will not mention because nobody wanted it. But this time we attempted to remove one Member from that Committee to another. It was not easy. We had to return that Member there. The Chairman who has gone to that Committee has made it vibrant. I am sure those of us who follow know the Committee I am referring to. That Chairman has a tendency of whatever Committee he goes to he makes it very vibrant.

There is also another Committee which now is probably the No.1 preferred Committee. In the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament, I did not see the kind of interest I see in it. But when he chaired it in the last Parliament, it became very important and I do not know how. All these committees depend on the leadership and Members. Please get to these committees, execute and discharge your functions.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Members:** Put the Question!

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us have a few Members. I am following the order here and we will start with Hon. Dr. Otiende Amollo.

**Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo** (Rarieda, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to second and support this Motion. First of all, it should be noted as a Member raised in a point of order. That, in the wisdom of this House in Standing Order 173, it encourages the selection panel to consult with the parliamentary parties. So, there is nothing inconsistent either with our Standing Orders or the Constitution with the selection panel consulting with the parliamentary parties.

Secondly, it is true as the Leader of the Majority mentioned that this list once presented gives us very little room, either we adopt it or reject it. This is because these are the words of the Standing Order 175(2) and the ruling which the Speaker has made severally. Speaking for myself, I think it is also consistent with this Special Sitting because in our last Sitting, we had extended the time by 30 days and we are still within the 30 days.

I will be honoured if this list is approved so I can join my distinguished colleagues in the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs Committee. I see a lot of distinguished Members there. I have always wanted to serve in this Committee. Speaking for myself and in the interest of time, I second this and commit to serve.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Well, definitely you were not seconding.

**Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo** (Rarieda, ODM): Not seconding. I support the Motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us go to Hon. Duale. I am surprised you are top on the list. This is real activity at the backbench. From my records here, he is ahead.

**Hon. Aden Duale** (Garissa Township, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I have to get used to the new environment. As I support this list, first I want to thank both the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party. This is because in my old position, this is one of the most difficult things which the Whips and the Leader of the Majority Party go through. Combining and compiling the Committee list of Members.

Let me not dwell on that, but on the importance of Committees. Committees are vital tools and organs for any legislative procedure and processes. Without having effective and efficient committees then the Plenary will have no business. This must come out very clearly whether it is the processing of Bills either Government or Private Member Bills or whether it is dealing with Petitions, Statements and Questions under the Presidential system of Governance.

Second and more important, it is committees that conduct fundamental constitutional obligations known as public participation. Also, committees review legislative proposals brought to this House. They scrutinise the governance activities, policies, trade agreements and all ratifications. Committees deal with investigations and special issues like Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Public Investments Committee (PIC). The Committee on Appointments deal with the vetting and approval of executive appointments. Finally, committees provide a platform for public participation in the execution of specific items.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, you know Hon. Kimunya is learning ropes, there are certain things on which party leaders give instructions and you do not say them on the Floor of the House. It might, in a way, contradict the Standing Orders. There are things you deal with administratively in your offices. That is because when we are here, we are guided by the Standing Orders. I want to make it very clear. The House has given you 30 days. In fact, the Standing Orders are very clear that elections should have taken place within seven days. However, because the House overrode the Standing Orders and gave you 30 days, the few remaining days, from the day he got the 30 days, must be enough for Committees to conduct elections.

There is another thing I want to raise. In future, even the Office of the Clerk should put the Order Paper the way we are used to; that is, 24 hours before the commencement of business. Now that I have enough time, I want to study the Order Paper, in compliance with the Standing Orders, but I am sure the Chairman of the Committee on Selection must have looked at this in Standing Order No.174, which states that in nominating Members to serve on a Select Committee, the Committee on Selection shall ensure that...

I hope the Chair has complied with paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d). Paragraph (b) says that two Members of the House Business Committee (HBC) cannot be in one Select Committee because they can push the agenda of their own Committee in the HBC. Paragraph (c) states that so far as may be practicable, at least, one independent Member is nominated to serve in the Special Funds Accounts Committee.

The Standing Orders are very clear that you cannot be a Chair of a Committee and be a Member of another Select Committee; and that, if you are a Member of the Parliamentary Service Commission, you cannot be a Chair of a Committee. These provisions are in the Standing Orders. They are not my words. That is because I have not looked at the list enough.

Secondly and more fundamentally, you cannot have certain Members in three Committees and have a Member in one Committee. Finally, there was the Speaker's Communication in terms of how slots were shared. I saw my good friend, the Leader of the Minority Party, talking about

Hon. David Ochieng'. I am sure that, going by that Communication, smaller parties have a right to committee slots. Let me put it very clearly that the Speaker's Communication was fundamental. I think it was the first one that can now guide future deliberations of the Committee on Selection. It is important for Members to know that Committees are meant to establish institutional leadership. When you become Chair, Vice-Chair or a member of a Committee, you must leave a mark. You must be remembered. I am happy that I have been put in the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). I will join the ranks of Hon. Opiyo Wandayi, my very good friend. The President of the Republic of Kenya was a Chair of PAC. The former Prime Minister and former President Kibaki were Members of PAC. Hon. Wandayi, PAC will not be the same because I want to make a mark as a member of PAC. It will be a different Committee. I will go and do research and help the Chair and the rest of the Committee Members. So, those of us who have been taken to different Committees, subsequent Parliaments must remember us.

I saw Hon. Ichung'wah in the Committee on Members' Services and Facilities. Let me tell him that, that is a very important Committee. Why do I say so? In fact, under the Parliamentary Service Act, the Parliamentary Service Commission must report to the House on services...

*(Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah stood up and waved)*

**Hon. John Mbadi** (Suba South, ODM): On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** What is your point of order, Leader of the Minority Party?

**Hon. John Mbadi** (Suba South, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I did not really want to interrupt my friend, Hon. Duale, but has it become the new normal that when a Member is speaking and he refers to you, then you stand up and start making gestures and shouting, like what the Member for Kikuyu is trying to do? I find that completely out of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker. It is not acceptable.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** It is actually out of order. You can only applaud in the normal manner - the shoe to the wood.

**Hon. Aden Duale** (Garissa Township, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I think it is because of the excitement about the Committee he has been put.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I could easily understand the Committee he is going to.

**Hon. Aden Duale** (Garissa Township, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I think it because of the excitement about the Committee he has been placed in. He should ask my good friend, Hon. Jakoyo, who used to be in that Committee. What I am saying is that when you become a member of a committee, you have roles of oversight, representation and legislation. Of course, the final say will be with the plenary. But I really want Committees to make sure that we, together, change and be better than the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Parliaments. The 12<sup>th</sup> Parliament must be seen to add value so that those who come after us will also add value. All of us who are sitting here should make the lives of the people of Kenya better and make sure that Parliament is run better.

Hon. Mbadi and Hon. Junet were with me in the HBC. We said that the culture where every time a Committee sits you have to say "My name is Hon. Duale" should stop. We should borrow from other jurisdictions. There should be name tags in front of Members so that the Chair does not need to ask: "Can you introduce yourself?" Some will say: "I am so-and-so. I hold a PhD or do this." That is not important because we have a presidential system of governance. If you go to the

House of Commons, there are specific name tags. You do not put the name tag. The moment a Member arrives and takes his seat, the clerk of that committee is supposed to put a name tag so that the person you are interrogating can see that the person asking him a question is Hon. Junet.

The functions of Committees are critical to this House. Committees must be effective and efficient. To become a Chair or a Vice-Chair is a privilege that the House gives you and you must not abuse that privilege. You must not go to bed with the people you oversee. There must be distance and space between you and the officials of Government Departments, Agencies or Ministries that you oversee. There must be consultations and concurrence with those agencies. But when it comes to real issues of oversight, you must be ready to say this is wrong and this is right.

With those many remarks, I thank you very much for according me a specific seat with a ranking Member. Again, I become the first ranking Member in the House. I thank the HBC, the Office of the Clerk and everybody for that respect and appreciation.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You asked the Leader of the Majority Party not to divulge too much and you are already doing it yourself.

Let us have Hon. Junet. Please, you can contribute briefly, so that we give a chance to as many Members as possible. I know I have not even considered gender. Unfortunately, they are not at the top of the request list, but I am going to look into it now.

**Hon. Junet Nuh** (Suna East, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to contribute. First, I support the Motion. I know that Members will want to serve in certain Committees due to their expertise or other things. However, if you put all your efforts in any Committee, you will get good results as a Member. That is the bottom-line.

*(Hon. Aden Duale walked out of the Chamber)*

I want to raise something, but the former Leader of the Majority Party is leaving the Chamber. Hon. Deputy Speaker, I have nothing to add because the former Leader of the Majority Party has spoken. I can see that he can do better as a Backbencher than where he was.

*(Laughter)*

The contribution that he has made in this House today is very good. I did not know that, sometimes, being at the back can be of value like the way he has done. As the Minority Whip, I received many messages from Members asking to be in certain Committees. What shocked me was that some of them told me to kindly put them in lucrative Committees. I have the messages in my phone. I do not know which ones are lucrative and which ones are not. I am still investigating.

*(Laughter)*

Every Committee in this House is as important as the other. I have never doubted the capacity of Hon. Ichung'wah. He is one of the best Members of Parliament in this House. I have served with him for two terms. He was the Chair of a Committee. I know that he will serve very well in the Catering Committee.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, we do not have a Catering Committee in the Standing Orders.

**Hon. Junet Nuh** (Suna East, ODM): It is the Committee on Members' Services and Facilities. There are no services which are being provided because of the Coronavirus. However, when we return to normalcy after COVID-19, if the quality of my tea and *mandazi* go down, I will only blame Hon. Ichung'wah. He has to take responsibility for my tea.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah** (Kikuyu, JP): On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You mentioned him. So, I have no choice but to give him an opportunity. What is your point of order, Hon. Ichung'wah?

**Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah** (Kikuyu, JP): My seat is No. 125.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I can only see seat No. 126. I cannot see seat No. 125. There must be a problem somewhere. Use the next microphone. I do not know what you will do with Hon. Kamuren.

**Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah** (Kikuyu, JP): I will evict him.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** It will be re-done after you leave.

**Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah** (Kikuyu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise on a point of information. I am glad because the Minority Whip is gracious enough to accept the information that there are Members' services which are being offered even today. Members' services do not mean catering. Because of where he comes from, catering is very important.

Hon. Junet, Members' services include being facilitated to be in this House this morning amidst COVID-19 pandemic. I want to assure Hon. Junet that I will make sure that he will be properly facilitated. We will ensure that the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, who is the *Baba* of the House, *Mzee* Nuru Angwenyi, and *Mzee* Maina Kamanda, are properly facilitated, virtually or physically, to transact business on behalf of their members.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You sneaked in and tried to give information, when I thought that you were rising on a point of order. Proceed and finalize, Hon. Junet.

**Hon. Junet Nuh** (Suna East, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to thank him for the good information that he has given me and for taking up the job with gusto. I know his capacity. I know that he runs butcheries in Kikuyu Constituency. So, I know that is a good job that he can do.

*(Laughter)*

Finally, I want to urge Members to approve the appointment of these Members who are in this list. We have tried as best as possible to place Members in different committees. This list is not final or conclusive. In case of any changes which are required going forward, we, as the Whips, will make sure that we listen to Members and change where we can. If a Member is not comfortable in a certain Committee, our offices are open to listen to them.

As the Leader of the Majority Party has alluded to, after this list of Members is approved, we will have elections in different committees. For those who are from my side in the National Super Alliance (NASA) Coalition, please, do not start campaigning. Consult me. I might have information that you do not have that I want to share with you. As the Leader of the Majority Party has said, do not waste your money. Before we start campaigning, let us have a small meeting in

my office and agree that we will contest in certain positions. Let us agree on that. If you go against my directions, there will be dire consequences. I will de-whip you thoroughly.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Metito.

**Hon. Katoo ole Metito** (Kajiado South, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. First, let me take this opportunity to thank the leadership of both sides of the House - Leader of the Majority Party and Majority Whip; and the Leader of the Minority Party and Minority Whip. Like the former Leader of the Majority Party, I was the Majority Whip in the last Parliament. I can attest that this is not an easy work. So, I want to very sincerely thank those leaders who sat down and tried to balance all these Members. The leaders have said that they received many requests - which is very true. Trying to satisfy the interest of each Member is not easy.

I have served in four Parliaments - 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time we are doing almost an overhaul of these Committees, especially Departmental Committees, midterm. It has advantages and disadvantages. The Minority Whip has alluded to the fact that this list may not be the final one. They will still listen to the interests of Members and further changes may come, as we go forward. At times, it is good to have consistency in these committees. As it has been said by the previous speakers, Committees are as good as their leadership. At times, you try to build consensus, bonding, trying to understand each other and bipartisan committee work, and then you get disruption in the course of the work by changing the membership. It will not be easy again.

I have looked at this list. Some Departmental Committees have changes in half of the membership. The most affected is the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) which is ably led by Hon. Opiyo Wandayi. Many times on the Floor of this House, we appreciate the work that he has done in trying to bring the audited accounts of Government to date. If you look at that Committee, you can see that there are nine new Members out of 19. There are eight new Members in the Public Investments Committee (PIC). There are six new Members in the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing. The Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives has eight new Members. These Committees have 19 Members. Bringing half or more than half of the new Members means that they will start the work from scratch. Nevertheless, I thank the leadership of both sides because I know that they have done a lot of consultations. As the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations, I was asked many questions by the leadership of both sides about the performance and attendance of the Members of this Committee. That is a very good gesture by the leadership of the House.

It is also good to check the issue of putting one Member in three Committees. I have seen the list. There are many Members who are in more than two Committees. For those who have been here before, they know very well that we are heading to a very critical time in this House. As we near the tail end of this House towards elections, Members will be very busy on the ground campaigning for re-election. That will leave many Committees without quorum. That may bring the work of Committees to a halt. Therefore, if you are put into three Committees, you may end up being a Member who gets in, signs and gives quorum, and then you go to another Committee. If you do that, you will not do justice to both the Committee and this nation in terms of the oversight role.

Therefore, because of time, I want to end by saying that I support.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I am trying to see if many Members can speak to it, even if it means giving each a few minutes. Hon. Pamela.

**Hon. (Ms.) Pamela Ochieng'** (Migori CWR, ODM): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Members, we will share. The interest is so high and I have to balance.

**Hon. (Ms.) Pamela Ochieng'** (Migori CWR, ODM): I rise to support the Motion. Mine will be very brief. I just want to say that, as much as consistency is very important, I do not agree with what the Hon. Member has just said a few minutes ago. That bringing in new Members in certain Committees will destroy the Committees making them to begin at zero. If you look at that list carefully, in every Committee, there are Members who have been there and they can carry the memory of what has been going on.

Secondly, rotating all the Members in all these Committees may just add value to all of us by giving us experience to work with various departments and institutions in this country. So, I really think that the idea of moving one Member to another Committee is not bad as such; and it is important.

However, I concur with the point that some of the Members happen to be in very many Committees, three or four and yet, others are in one. I would want to encourage the leadership of the House that, even as we talk of the changes that are yet to be made, to be sincere and very fair to all the Members, so that we can serve this nation in our various capacities.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I support.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Serem. Oh! So, you are on the other side? Sorry! This is the confusion that comes with Members sitting in different places.

I am going to give chances to as many Members as possible. So, Members, hold on. You will get your opportunity.

**Hon. Cornelny Serem** (Aldai, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I stand to support the Motion with reservations. I have seen that the Whips did a job that, in my view, needs some few corrections. For example, let me pick the Member for Ainakboi, Hon. Chepkut who is a first-timer in this House, but is in four Committees. I am a second-timer in this House, but I am in one Committee.

Let us not use the excuse that it is fair as long as you are in one Committee. I have gone through the list and quite a number of Members in this House are in two or three Committees and others are in four. To be fair, let us have Members being given equal opportunities in this House. We might have differences of opinion but you cannot punish Members on the Floor of this House because of having a different opinion from what the Whips feel about other Members.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I served as a Vice-Chairperson of a Committee and I understand the consequences of a Member being a Chair or a Vice-Chairperson on the other Committees. Therefore, if you are a Chairperson or a Vice-Chairperson and you are in two Committees, the other Committee will definitely suffer. Being in four or three Committees while other members are in one committee is not fair.

So, I support the Motion with reservations.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay. Now we go to the other side. Hon. Ichung'wah, you may have the Floor. But let us be brief. I will give two Members on this other side, as we are about to wind up.

Proceed, Hon. Ichung'wah.

**Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah** (Kikuyu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support this Motion but, with the reservations that have just been mentioned by Hon. Serem. That, indeed, our Standing Orders are quite explicit that no Member should be appointed to serve in more than two Departmental Committees. I hope that the two Whips - the Majority and Minority - will act swiftly to correct that anomaly, so that we are in compliance with our own Standing Orders.

I must also take this opportunity to thank the Majority Leader, the Majority Whip and Members of the Committee on Selection for the opportunity they have given me to once again serve in another Committee of this House, the Committee of Members' Services and Facilities, which was previously referred to as the Catering Committee. You will appreciate that with the enactment of the Parliamentary Service Act of 2015, this Act went to the extent of defining Members' services and facilities.

It says as follows:

"Services and facilities" include all means by which Members and staff of Parliament are officially assisted in performing their parliamentary duties."

That, of course, as I informed Hon. Junet, will include virtual links and virtual sittings, especially in this age of COVID-19. This is to ensure that even our aged Members like the *Baba* of the House, Hon. Nuru Angwenyi, Hon. Muturi Kigano - who I have seen here - Hon. Maina Kamanda and others are able to serve their people without being constricted because of the facilities and services that will be offered by this House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I also want to...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Please, finalize so that we can save time for others.

**Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah** (Kikuyu, JP): Yes. I am trying to summarise. I want to refer to Article 127 of the Constitution which informed the enactment of this Parliamentary Service Commission Act of 2015. The Act, in Article 44(3), is quite explicit. I think that the former Leader of the Majority Party did mention that the Parliamentary Service Commission ought to be oversighted. Like all other independent commissions in this country, the PSC must and needs to be oversighted and the Committee to oversee the Commission is this particular Committee.

Hon. Junet, I want to assure you that I will take this new position with gusto, energy and passion to ensure that the PSC does its work.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay. Save the remaining passion for your Committee.

**Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah** (Kikuyu, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I was saying that Article 44 (3) is quite explicit that-

“(3) The Commission shall hold bi-annual sessions with each House of Parliament on the status of implementation of Article 127(6) of the Constitution.”

It is then important that we draw reference to what Article 127 (6) talks about. It talks about the responsibility of the Commission to Members. Article 127 (6) (d) says that-

“(6) The Commission shall be responsible for-

(d) undertaking, singly or jointly with other relevant organizations, programmes to promote the ideals of parliamentary democracy.”

I want to end by saying that this Committee, at this time, when parliamentary democracy in this country and in the world is under threat, will ensure that the PSC reports to both Houses and tables reports to show what they are doing towards the implementation of Article 127 (6) and, especially, in working with other institutions to promote parliamentary democracy so that in future years, we will not have leaders of majority and minority parties or the whips telling Members of a system where... Under parliamentary democracy, Members ought to be electing their Chairs and

their Vice-Chairs and that there must not be guided democracies from other institutions outside of this House.

We are destroying the parliamentary democracy in this country. In the one or two years remaining, I will work to ensure that we safeguard our parliamentary democracy.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You have taken more than your share. So, let us have Hon. Wamalwa.

**Hon. (Dr.) Chris Wamalwa** (Kimimini, FORD-K): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

*(Hon. (Ms.) Fatuma Gedi interjected)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed. Do not bother so much with a point of order. Ask for permission to speak by clicking here.

**Hon. (Dr.) Chris Wamalwa** (Kimimini, FORD-K): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. First and foremost, I rise to...

*(Hon. (Ms.) Fatuma Gedi rose in her place)*

**Hon. (Ms.) Fatuma Gedi** (Wajir CWR, PDR): On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** What is it Hon. Fatuma? What is your point of order?

**Hon. (Ms.) Fatuma Gedi** (Wajir CWR, PDR): Hon. Deputy Speaker, what the former Chair of the Departmental Committee on Budget and Appropriations is saying is really unfortunate. He was given the chairmanship in State House. His name was read out in State House. Nobody voted for him. It is total dishonesty. Let us not use double standards here.

He was also talking about positions. We were in State House and their names were read by Hon. Duale, including Hon. Ichung'wah here.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, let us not delay the debate. Put the Question and we finish debating this matter.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We actually have only 15 minutes and so, you are okay. I hope Hon. Wamalwa will be very brief so that we can have other Members speaking. The Whip of the Majority Party should be prepared. He will be the last one to speak, when his time comes. So, he will have to wait. I will give a chance to other Members and then we finish with him.

**Hon. (Dr.) Chris Wamalwa** (Kimimini, FORD-K): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support this Motion, though there are some anomalies which we will point out so that correction can be done. I spoke to Hon. Junet this morning and he explained to me what happened. I agree with him that placing Members in committees is a very difficult task.

As much as some Members are in one Committee, there are other Members in five Committees. Standing Order No.174 says that when a Member is in a leadership position of the House, he can only be in one Committee. There is an Hon. Member who is in five committees. For example, Hon. Eseli is in the Committee on Selection, Committee on Appointments, Departmental Committee on Health and is also in Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and yet, he is in leadership of the House. Is this fair? He is in five Committees. Moving forward, that anomaly should be corrected.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** So that we dispense with that, Hon. Wamalwa, when you were the Deputy Whip of the Minority Party, how many Committees were you in?

**Hon. (Dr.) Chris Wamalwa** (Kiminini, FORD-K): I was only in one Committee because when you are in leadership of the House, you are entitled to one Committee. How come Hon. Eseli is in five Committees? These are the questions we are asking.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** As much as I do not want to interrupt your contribution, by virtue of office, he would be in the Committee on Selection and Committee on Appointments.

**Hon. (Dr.) Chris Wamalwa** (Kiminini, FORD-K): No, it is not.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** It is by that virtue.

**Hon. (Dr.) Chris Wamalwa** (Kiminini, FORD-K): I was in that position and I was only in one Committee in line with Standing Order No.174. How come he is in PAC, Departmental Committee on Health, Committee on Appointments, Committee on Selection and yet, he is in the leadership? Maybe, it was an oversight, but Hon. Junet Mohamed has said he is going to correct that.

We must look and evaluate things so that we do them objectively and have equality and equity. I was in that position. If he is to come from FORD-K Party, we have other Members that can serve even better than him. Because he is in leadership, he should only be in one Committee. This should be corrected. I think it was an anomaly or oversight. Hon. Junet has said that he is going to correct it.

Thank you. I support the Motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We go to Hon. Sankok.

**Hon. David ole Sankok** (Nominated, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity.

Balancing Members in different Committees is a very difficult task. I congratulate the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party, the Whip of the Majority Party and the Whip of the Minority Party for the excellent job that has been done. Though there may be some anomalies, I am sure Hon. Junet and Hon. Wangwe have indicated that they are ready to correct the anomalies. I urge Members, as a Member of the Committee on Selection, to support the list so that we can move forward.

We know that all business that is in Plenary must come through committees. Without proper composition of the committees, the work of Plenary will limp. We want to hit the road running because we only have two years remaining.

I am particularly happy because of the composition of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and Committee on Delegated Legislation.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Today, I want you to be brief.

**Hon. David ole Sankok** (Nominated, JP): This is because as we move forward, we have the BBI Report coming to the House, and we need Members who can move it forward.

Hon. Deputy Speaker. I support.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Nyamai.

**Hon. (Ms.) Rachael Nyamai** (Kitui South, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. At the outset, I support this Motion. I thank the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Whip of the Majority Party and the Whip of the Minority Party for the very good work done. I know that it is extremely difficult to balance. I know they received many calls from all levels so that they can come up with this list.

I would also like to say that I was here when the list was brought initially, and you could feel that Members were not in agreement with it. It was withdrawn in order to consult further. I commend them for that.

I would now go direct to the purpose of being a member of a Committee. I encourage Members who feel that they have been placed in committees that they do not like or they are not very happy with that it all depends on the interest a Member has. Read about the Committee that you have been placed in. I just want to reflect on the day I was given the Departmental Committee on Lands at the start of the 12<sup>th</sup> Parliament. I wondered how the Leader of the Majority Party then and the leadership of the House thought of placing me in the Departmental Committee on Lands. I felt that I was better in the Departmental Committee on Health, Departmental Committee on Education and Research or in the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare. That is because that was what I understood. But with time, one reads and gets comfortable and interacts with Members and House leadership and realise that you can deliver on your mandate.

Hon. Speaker has talked about the success of the Departmental Committee on Lands. It is not about expertise but about interest and ensuring that you deliver on the mandate that you are given.

I have also heard from the grapevine that we are going to get more women chairs of committees. I am looking forward to that and I would like to thank the party leadership for placing women in positions of leadership. I am not saying that men do not lead very well. They do. But the fact that leaders of political parties saw it wise to have those great women chair committees is a matter that needs to be commended. So, I thank the party leaders and tell them that it is great to have women chairing committees. I assure you that women who have led committee have done it extremely well.

Before I sit, I have realised that positions of leadership in this House; whether leadership of a committee or membership of a committee depend on the leaders of the political parties. This is a matter that we need to respect. I did not understand it when I was a first term Member of Parliament. But I now fully understand that being a member of a committee or even chairing a committee is determined by a party and that I have a responsibility to ensure that I push the agenda of the party that I belong to.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mwashetani.

**Hon. Khatib Mwashetani** (Lungalunga, JP): Ahsante sana Mhe. Naibu Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii ili nichangia Hoja hii. Kwanza kabisa, naunga mkono asilimia mia moja Hoja hii ilioletwa na Kiongonzi wa Chama Cha Wengi katika Bunge hili.

Nimechaguliwa kwa mara ya pili. Kazi kubwa ya utendaji kazi katika Bunge la Kitaifa ama kutengeneza sheria ama kuangalia usimamizi unaoendelea katika sekta zetu za uajibikaji, naona inafanyika katika Kamati. Kubadilishwa kwa Kamati ama wale wanaokaa kwenye Kamati katikati ya muhula, naona pia ni uzima kwa sababu kitu ambacho ningependa kuwaambia wenzangu ni kuwa katika kazi yako kwenye Kamati uliyochaguliwa, hata kama si fani yako, lakini ukiwa na ari ya kuchangia kwa vikao, basi tayari utakuwa mmoja ya wale wanaotenda kazi.

Nilipochaguliwa kwa Kamati ya Mashamba, wakati wa mwanzo wa Bunge la 11, sikuwa na umahiri vizuri. Lakini nilipochaguliwa kama Naibu wa Mwenyekiti, niliweza kujua na kupanga na kuangalia ni namna gani naweza kuwajibika mbali na kuwa Bungeni na kuzungumza. Nikiwa kwenye Kamati, kuna mengi ambayo tumefanya kwa Kamati ya Mashamba. Natoa shukrani kwa kuregeshwa tena kwa Kamati hiyo ili niweze kuwajibika kwa sababu kwangu miaka iliyobakia, kwa uwezo wa Mwenyezi Mungu, nitafanya kazi iwezekanavyo ili katika sheria ambazo zimekuwa na utata katika masuala ya mashamba ambayo yameletwa na waheshimwa Wabunge ndani ya Bunge hili la Kitaifa vile vile... Tutakaa pamoja na Kamati ile ambayo tumekua nayo.

Naona pia kuna wengine wameongezwa, au kubadilishwa, na tuko na imani kuwa kazi itafanyika. Natoa shukrani kwa viongozi ambao wanasimamia maswala haya.

Naunga mkono Hoja hii kikamilifu. Ahsante sana, Bw. Naibu Spika.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The Mover is now supposed to respond, but we could give a minute to the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party and a minute to the Majority Whip.

**Hon. Robert Mbui** (Kathiani, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** What is your point of order, Hon. Ng'eno? Let it just be a point of order, please.

**Hon. Kipyegon Ng'eno** (Emurua Dikirr, KANU): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I have made this request based on the idea that a Member has an obligation to serve or not to serve – a right to choose to serve or not to serve. It is unfortunate that I am not...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I really want you to work on the point of order.

**Hon. Kipyegon Ng'eno** (Emurua Dikirr, KANU): I will be very brief and very specific.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You know, it is because the Leader of the Majority Party has to respond. So, I wanted you to go straight to your point of order.

**Hon. Kipyegon Ng'eno** (Emurua Dikirr, KANU): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I would have wished the Leader of the Majority Party to respond before I make my statement.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** To what then?

**Hon. Kipyegon Ng'eno** (Emurua Dikirr, KANU): Hon. Deputy Speaker, that is why I was saying that I wanted to make my point that...

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You know, you have risen on a point of order and I have given you a chance. I want you to just put your point. I do not think he will respond. I will respond myself.

**Hon. Kipyegon Ng'eno** (Emurua Dikirr, KANU): Hon. Deputy Speaker, my point of order is that I want to request the sender to take back...

*(Loud consultations)*

Yes! That is what I am saying. I have been nominated to sit in a Committee called the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges. It is a very powerful and strong Committee that is meant to be disciplining Members and doing all that. However, just like the Leader of the Majority Party had stated, they do these selections to particular Committees based on parties and party proposals. I know it is my party which had made this proposal – that I be removed from the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, and the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committee. I would like to tell the Leader of the Majority Party, and the Majority Whip, to take my nomination back to the senders and tell them that I am not going to serve in that Committee.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let me respond to that one briefly, Hon. Ng'eno. You are perfectly valid to raise whatever issues in the House but the procedure is what you have missed out. What you need to do since this thing will not be changed – it will either be adopted or rejected – you can now make a specific formal request to the Selection Committee when they sit. If you are just saying that you are not interested, that is fine. If you are saying that you want to be moved to a different Committee, I am sure they can work it out.

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Hon. Robert Mbui, you have the Floor.

**Hon. Robert Mbui** (Kathiani, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me the opportunity.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us finalise this one.

**Hon. Robert Mbui** (Kathiani, WDM-K): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I wish to raise three concerns very quickly. These are to do with the fact that these committees are formed in accordance with the Standing Orders. I have observed that Article 95 of the Constitution allows us to be in oversight committees so that we can carry out that mandate. However, the oversight committees are only 15 with memberships of 19. That means they consist of a total of 285 Members. Maybe, in the future, through the Committee of Procedure and House Rules, we need to consider increasing the memberships of these committees so that each and every Member can serve in a Departmental Committee for purposes of oversight.

The second quick one is to propose that after three years, like we have done, the Standing Orders should allow the lives of all committees to lapse so that we can review their memberships in terms of people who attend and those who do not attend meetings. We can make the final changes at that point in time.

Finally, when we have parliamentary parties, it is important that they also be given a mandate to, at least, have a member in every committee of this House. That is because there is a threshold for a parliamentary party in this House. The moment a party reaches that threshold, it makes sense every committee has a member from such a party.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Very well. Let us have the Whip of the Majority Party, in brief, and then we will have the Mover to respond.

**Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe** (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I just want to make one comment. I urge my colleagues to support this Motion by the Committee on Selection. We sought 30 days but, indeed, we have a few days. Once the Speaker announces the vacancies today morning or in the afternoon, it means we will only have seven days to call for the election.

Therefore, I ask that my colleagues support the Motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** What is your point of order, Hon. Ochieng'?

**Hon. David Ochieng'** (Ugenya, MDG): As he replies, and this is a House of rules, my point of order is whether he will confirm to this House that the list, as brought today, conforms to the Ruling of the Speaker on this matter. Hon. Speaker made a Ruling on the possible numbers and membership of committees by various parties and independents. The Ruling given on that day indicated clearly, at Page 11, the proposed numbers and membership of committees. Talking for small parties, this is what the Speaker had to say: "The Frontier Alliance Party (FAP), the Party of National Unity (PNU), the Democratic Party (DP) and the Movement for Development and Growth (MDG), each with one Member in the House, are entitled to two slots per party". Will he confirm that this list conforms to the Speaker's Ruling on this matter?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay. Let us have the Whip of the Minority Party.

**Hon. Junet Nuh** (Suna East, ODM): Through your guidance, Hon. Deputy Speaker, let us not bring up frivolous points of order. If you are a member of a party and you are the only one in this House, how do you occupy two committees? Hon. Ochieng' is the only Member of MDG in this House. He wants to be in two committees.

Secondly, we have put him, through the Committee on Selection, under the Committee on Regional Coordination and Integration. If he thinks that is not a committee, let him resign like Johanna Ng'eno. That is a very important Committee.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We can finalise this.

**Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe** (Navakholo, JP): In the interest of time, I wish just to say I support the Motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The Leader of the Majority Party, you have the Floor.

**Hon. Amos Kimunya** (Kipipiri, JP): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I just wish to thank Members for ventilating on this list. You can now appreciate how difficult it is to place 349 Members within 622 slots. If you divide 622 by 349, it is one point something. So, there is no way you are going to have every Member in two committees. It is simple mathematics.

Let me also explain that all the Chairmen also sit in the Liaison Committee, chaired by the Hon. Deputy Speaker, which is a coordination Committee for the Chairmen. So, you will find that the Chairmen will be in two Committees. Because of the specific committees they have, a number of them will also be called upon to be in the Committee on Appointments, which sits only when the Cabinet is being appointed. It could be once in five years or in two years. They might also be in the Committee on Selection which only meets when populating the committees. It has sat the third time in three years. So, there are some committees that are almost *ad hoc*. So, you might be counting a Member in three or four Committees but he or she is actually in those small committees. But we have ensured that every Member has, at least, one committee.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Johanna Ng'eno raised his own issue as to why he has been removed from the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. I have a Report here on attendance in committees. I hate to say this but I have to put it on record that out of 75 meetings of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs between January to October, Hon. Ng'eno attended only one meeting. So, we must take cognizance of the poor attendance of Members. We cannot continue burdening the other Members with some who do not attend.

*(Applause)*

This is something we are going to follow up; that a Member who does not attend four sittings is supposed to be reported by the Chairman. Members have been holding chairmen at ransom that if they report them, they will impeach them from the committees. I will now take over that responsibility. I will monitor to ensure if Members do not attend four meetings consecutively, they are de-whipped. We already have the template and we will only change the date and the name.

With those remarks, I beg to reply.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the time being 1.00 p.m., the House stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 1.00 p.m.