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OFFICIAL REPORT

(THE HANSARD)

Tuesday 24th June, 2025*The County Assembly met at 2:45 p.m. in the County Assembly Chambers**[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki)] in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

Temporary Speaker: What is it Hon. Munyao Gabriel?**Hon. Gabriel Munyao:** Hon. Speaker, it is a point of concern. I can see some changes in the leadership and it has not been communicated, I'm not aware.**Temporary Speaker:** Which leadership Hon. Gabriel Munyao?**Hon. Gabriel Munyao:** That Hon. Katula, the one from Kanyangi (ward) has dethroned the known Majority leader, so he's acting as a Majority Leader. So can you confirm if there are changes to that affect Hon. Speaker?**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you for your concern, but we have not even started Hon. Gabriel. But, Hon. Katula kindly take back your seat?*(A Member spoke off record)*

I don't want to encourage that discussion. Hon. Katula, kindly sit where you are supposed to sit? You see now you will...

(Laughter)

I can see most of the microphones are being switched on. But, once it has been communicated, we'll be able to go that direction. Anyway, Clerk, next order!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**VISITING STUDENTS FROM KALUU PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MIGWANI WARD**

Hon. Members, I would like to acknowledge the presence of 37 visiting pupils from Kaluu Primary School, Migwani Ward, accompanied by their teachers in the Speaker's gallery today. In our traditional way of receiving and welcoming visitors to the Assembly, I extend a warm welcome to them, and on behalf of the County Assembly of Kitui and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit. Thank you. So, Hon. Members, I'll give a few members who want to welcome the pupils from Migwani Ward and we'll be brief, so that we can proceed with the next agenda and so that now they can feel welcomed into this chamber, the County Assembly of Kitui. I can see some microphones are switched on. Hon Hussein Mwandia, then we'll come to Honourable Charity Musyoka. Then... It's okay, you can proceed Honourable Hussein Mwandia, member for Ikutha Ward.

Hon. Hussein Mwandia: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as it is the tradition of this House, and even the Commonwealth, Mr. Speaker and for the best practice, I'll join you and other members, my colleagues to welcome the pupils and teachers from Kaluva, if I'm not wrong, Mr. Speaker, to this honourable House.

Temporary Speaker: I said Kaluu, not Kaluwa.

Hon. Hussein Mwandia: I stand to be corrected, Mr. Speaker, thank you. I welcome them to this August House, the County Assembly of Kitui, and tell them to feel welcome. I know they have come to learn how we legislate and other activities of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I also need your guidance, Mr. Speaker. You communicated, in your communication, you referred where they are seated as speaker's gallery. Mr. Speaker, which is the speaker's, is that not public gallery? So you said speaker's gallery, and I understand the one here is the speaker's gallery.

Temporary Speaker: Point noted, yeah, that's what I said. But Thank you for your correction.

Hon. Hussein Mwandia: Mr. Speaker, I cannot rule you out of order, but then, Mr. Speaker, earlier, a member rose on a point, and you said that the Assembly has not started. But, Mr. Speaker, no sooner, no sooner...

Temporary Speaker: Order! Order! Order, Hon. Hussein! You are just welcoming members. Your point is home. No, don't go that direction. You are a ranking Member in this House.

Hon. Hussein Mwandia: Mr. Speaker, you are misleading us. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Temporary Speaker: Take back your seat, Hon. Hussein.

(Laughter)

Let's have Hon. Jeremiah. Sorry, I had mistaken Hon. Jeremiah for Hon. Charity. Then we'll go to Hon. Musyoka Mbite. Then Hon. Benjamin Mulandi Ndambu.

Mhesh. Jeremiah Mutua: Mstahiki Spika nikubalie leo niweze kuzungumza kwa lugha ya Kiswahili kwa sababu unajua Waheshimiwa Ndagara na Judith Wanza ndio mabingwa wa lugha ya Kiswahili lakini leo ningependa kujaribu.

Mheshimiwa Spika nachukua fursa hii...

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: Nikutahadharishe kidogo, ikiwa umeanza kuzungumza kwa lugha ya Kiswahili uongee kwa hiyo lugha mpaka umalize.

Mhesh. Jeremiah Mutua: Mheshimiwa Spika nitajaribu nizungumze kwa lugha ya Kiswahili mfululizo mpaka nimalize. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa niaba ya wanafunzi wa Shule ya Msingi ya Kaluu, jina langu ni Jeremiah Mutua. Mimi ni mwakilishi wadi wa Nguni, Mwingi ya Kati.

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah I am just advising. You see now, when you say, "kwa niaba ya" it means you are speaking on their behalf. So that's why I requested you, if you are not sure of speaking Swahili up to conclusion, kindly use English so that...

(Laughter)

Kindly proceed.

(Loud consultations)

Yes Hon. Musyoka Mbite.

Hon. Joseph Mbite: Mr. Speaker, Sir. Actually I would rule that you are confusing *Mheshimiwa* Jeremiah. Would you allow him to flow in that language irregardless of the mistakes. Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

(Hon. Gabriel Munyao stood on a Point of Order)

Temporary Speaker: Yes Gabriel.

(Loud consultations)

I will listen to all of you. Hon. Gabriel Munyao, then Hon. Ndagara and then Hon. Mulandi.

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: Hon. Speaker, is Hon. "Mameni" in order to rule on your behalf? Is he in order? Hon. Speaker is Musyoka Mbite of Nzambani in order to rule the Speaker out of order?

Temporary Speaker: Anyway he is a friend. Hon. Ndagara what are you saying

Hon. Godfrey Ndagara: In fact, Honorable “Mameni” is completely out of order to rule on behalf of the Speaker.

Temporary Speaker: No, no! Refer to him in his official name. His official name.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Godfrey Ndagara: Honorable Musyoka Mbite from Nzambani is completely out of order. He should withdraw.

(Laughter)

Temporary Speaker: Let's hear Honorable Mulandi, then Honorable Munyoki Mwinzi. But anyway, if something has been said, don't worry. You are also there.

(Hon. Gabriel Munyao spoke off record)

I'll deal with him, don't worry. Yes, Mulandi? No, of course, Honorable Jeremiah, no. Of course, I haven't given Mulandi an opportunity to welcome the pupils. We were referring to water, Honorable Mbite was referring to point of order. Then other point of orders came up. But I'll come back to you.

(Hon. Member spoke off record)

No, there is somebody who already is on a point of order. You can't add a point of order on top of another one. Honorable Mulandi kindly proceed.

(Laughter)

No, I'll give you an opportunity, Majority Whip.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir. (10:04) I had just requested for airtime to continue wondering whether it's in order for Nzambani Hon. Musyoka Mbite to rule the Speaker out of order. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Honorable members. Of course, I know what you want to say. I'll assume. And I know a good member of Nzambani. Whip now kindly... Then now, I'll be forced now to ask members to quote the point of order because we might start misusing them already.

(Hon. Boniface Mukwate spoke off record)

I'll give you an opportunity. Hold on. If now we start misusing this point of order, I might be forced to ask Honorable members the point of order they are referring to. Majority Whip, kindly.

Hon. Boniface Mukwate: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, you know, I'm just sitting down here observing what is happening. And Mr. Speaker, I have observed something

which has happened right now which is not in order. That is how Honorable Waziri Mbakari has entered in this chamber without bowing. Is it in order, Mr. Speaker?

Temporary Speaker: Honorable Katula, I didn't see the honorable member entering the chamber. But now I'll be keen going forward because I haven't seen him entering the chamber. Let that matter rest. But if now the eyes of the chair captures you, we are there in the morning and remember we are with Honorable Grace. Anyway, we hear you. Honorable Kathoka. Was that your point? Okay.

Hon. Rose Kathoka: Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. I want to defend Honorable Musee Mutua of Nguni Ward because people put him off in speaking Swahili. The other day, Mr. Speaker, we saw the Senator of Tharaka Nithi. He was in the Senate and he was debating in Swahili. His Swahili was just like talking Kitharaka? Mr. Speaker, now can we give Honorable Mutua a chance to debate? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, but now you are referring a member who is not a member of this House. But anyway, I'll assume I have not heard. Honorable Jeremiah, kindly proceed with the language that fits you better. If it is Swahili, well.

(Laughter)

Mhesh. Jeremiah Mutua: *Mheshimiwa Spika mimi najua kuzungumza kwa lugha ya Kiswahili. Na hapo awali nilikuwa nimesema hivi: Jina langu ni Jeremiah Mutua. Mimi ni Mwakilishi Wadi ya Nguni, Mwingi ya Kati. Nachukua fursa hii nijiunge pamoja na Spika wetu kuwakaribisha kwa bunge hili la Kitui. Na pia niwaambie kwamba, mwakilishi wenu Mhesh. Harrison Maluki ni rafiki yangu. Hapa bungeni mmekuja kuyasoma mambo mengi. Mnaponitazama mimi, na nikiangalia umri wenu nyinyi ni wachanga. Ningependa kuwambia bidii ambayo binadamu anajitwika katika maisha yake inaweza ikamfikisha mahali fulani kwa maisha yake. Kwa hivyo sasa, langu ni kuwambia muendelelee kutia bidii. Mwape walimu wenu heshima, mwape wazazi wenu heshima na jambo lolote ambalo mnafanya pia mweke bidii. Tutaweza kuona Wawakilishi Wadi wengi wakati ujao.*

(Kicheko)

Mheshimiwa Spika, pia nakushukuru wewe pamoja na bunge la Kitui, kwa sababu ya kuipa fursa shule kadhaa. Kila wakati nikiangalia katika mitandao huwa naona wanafunzi wametutembelea kwa ajili mafunzo na kujua mambo kulihusu benge. Fursa hii ambayo tunawapa wanafunzi ni fursa njema. Hivyo basi tunalishukuru bunge kwa jambo hilo ambalo wanafanya kila wakati. Mheshimiwa Spika asante na karibuni sana.

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: Shukrani sana. Naomba kumpa nafasi hii naibu wa Kiranja wa Waliowengi Mheshimiwa Godfrey Ndagara, akimaliza twende kwa Mheshimiwa Musyoka Mbite.

Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara: Naam, Bwana Spika ngoja kidogo nirekebishe mahali ambapo mambo yamekwenda kombo, manake mwenzangu ameboroga lugha ya Kiswahili na sio vizuri wanafunzi wakiwa hapa waone sisi wabunge ni watu ambao hatuna uwezo wa kuzungumza lugha

ya Kiswahili. Mwenzangu Jeremiah ameaibisha uwezo wa bunge kuweza kuzungumza lugha ya Kiswahili na kwa hivyo lazima turekebishe kidogo

(Kicheko)

Kwa hivyo, Bw. Spika nashukuru sana kwa kunipa nafasi. Kwa jina Naitwa Muthengi Ndagara. Mimi ni mwakilishi wadi eneo la Tharaka. Naungana na Mwenzangu Jeremiah, rafiki wangu wa dhati kuwapongeza wanafunzi wa hiyo shule (sitaki kilitaja jina labda nitauma ulimi) kwa kuonelea ni vizuri waungaune nasi hapa kuona utaratibu wa bunge unavyoendeshwa. Nawahimiza masomoni ili waweze kuwa chochote wanachopania kuwa. Kwa hivyo watie bidii manake siri ya maisha haya ni kujiheshimu mwenyewe, la pili uheshimu mzazi wako na vile vile uweze kuheshimu mwalimu na vile vile kumuheshimu Mungu.

Mikakati yoyote watakayopanga maishani mwao bila shaka itaweza kufanikiwa kama watazifuata kaida hizo. Hivyo basi nawashukuru sana na kuwapongeza. Mwenzangu ambaye ni mwakilishi wadi wao wa Migwani Mhesh. Harrison Maluki ni rafiki wetu na Kiongozi wa Waliowengi katika bunge hili. Anatuongoza vizuri sana lakini ametumwa katika huduma zingine za bunge. Kwa hivyo nawashukuru sana na kuwapongeza.

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: Shukrani. Mwakilishi wa Wadi ys Nzambani unaweza kuichukua nafasi hiyo kuwakaribisha.

Hon. Joseph Mbite: Mr. Speaker, Sir thank you. I think now you are tempting me to go the line of Kiswahili, but how Ndagara has done it; that was so perfect. Please allow me to proceed in the language that I understand best.

Temporary Speaker: Very well.

Hon. Joseph Mbite: My name is Joseph Musyoka Mbite, alias Mamen, MCA in Nzambani Ward. I want to take this opportunity to welcome the pupils and the teachers from Kaluu Primary School in Migwani Ward. Mr. Speaker, maybe in your next communication, when you receive visitors, I would appreciate if also we get the category of the visiting students in terms of class, is it Student Governing Council or in terms of the grade, so that at least when we are addressing them, we know the kind of group that we are dealing with.

But in the meantime, I want to welcome them here, feel home. A few years back in 2009 is when I exited the primary education, and I know how they feel. I know they are ambitious and start building your tomorrow now. Kindly, with the help of your teachers, identify yourself, know what you want and maybe discover yourself for greatness. I am proud to tell the pupils that I am the youngest MCA in this assembly, representing the great people of Nzambani Ward and also welcome them. Next time when they are planning to visit Kitui County Assembly let them also visit Nzambani Rock. It will give them a very good recreation. They will also understand life in a different perspective. And maybe I will ask them and pay the entry fee for them if they alert us early in advance. Otherwise, we are proud of you, pupils, together with your teachers. Make us proud. Make Kaluu Primary School proud. Maybe after here, just learn something, have a take

home. Either you are a teacher, or you are a pupil, or you are a cook, or you are just a son or daughter to the visiting teachers. Let it not just be a tradition that you visit and leave. You have so much to learn from this assembly, from the conduct of Hon. Members, from the conduct of our staff, how they dress, how they behave, and maybe that will ease your tension in terms of how you came and how you entered this chamber. Otherwise, *asanteni sana*. God bless you.

Temporary Speaker: *Sasa umeharibu ukimalizia.*

Hon. Joseph Mbite: I quote, *asante.*

Temporary Speaker: Okay, let us have Hon. Mulandi, then Hon. Munyao, and then we can end that discussion there. They are already welcomed. Hon. Mulandi.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: Thank you Speaker for the chance to welcome the students My name is Benjamin Mulandi, MCA representing the great people of Mutonguni ward. Mr. Speaker protect me from...

Temporary Speaker: You are protected.

Hon. Benjamin Mulandi: I want to join the voices of my colleagues (20:54) on behalf of the MCA to Migwani Ward, Honorable Harrison Maluki, (21:00) who is not with us today, this afternoon, to welcome the visiting pupils from the school to the Chambers. It is time for them to learn something about legislation and it's a good chance for them. The assembly of Kitui has got the youngest MCAs, so it's a motivation to the students that at their age, it's doable to lead at an early age. So, thank you for that chance, Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you. Honorable Munyao. Or you had not switched on the microphone. Then we'll have Hon. Mukwayu.

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: Honorable Speaker, I had finished speaking. But in the spirit of what is going on in the House, I want to join my colleagues to welcome and congratulate the pupils from Migwani ward who have come to visit and to see how we do things in the House. Honorable Speaker, this being a house of honor, I want to believe that these dear ones will learn a lot from us. They are children that are growing and they have come to know what actually happens at the Assembly and I want to just say, though you did not mention the name of the teacher or teachers who have accompanied them, that we really welcome them here and we are proud to have our kids, our young learners, joining us. And we are ready to be good examples and role models to these dear ones.

I want to encourage them to work hard, as it has been said by Honorable Mbite. Let them work hard in school and let them dream and dream big; not dreaming small. Let them dream of becoming not only MCA, but also MP, Senators, and Governors. This position to our people down there is a position that is usually down looked upon by the people. They usually ignore MCAs. *Kuna wakati mwingine nilikuwa wadi ingine na MCA ambaye si wa hapa...*

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Munyao, just flow in one language.

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: In quote... In quote.

Temporary Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: End of quote.

(Laughter)

There was a day, Honorable Speaker, I visited a ward with one of my colleagues and the electorate called the MCA, “*Wee uka vaa*”. It is actually a position that requires a lot of resilience. It is the hardest of all the positions of leadership. And we do a lot of work. As they go back home, they should know that their MCA, Hon. Maluki is working hard to make life better for them. And we, as the County Assembly of Kitui, we are working hard to make life better for the people of Kitui through proper legislation and good budgeting. I want to say thank you, Honorable Speaker, for those very many remarks.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mukwayu and be brief.

Mhesh. Alphonse Mukwayu: *Asante sana Bw. Spika. Mimi pia nitaongea kwa lugha ya taifa kwa sababu pia mimi ni ngwiji wa lugha ya Kiswahili kama vile Mhesh. Ndagara. Kama hamjui mjue!*

Mheshimiwa Spika naomba nafasi hii kuwakaribisha walimu na wanafunzi wa shule ya Msingi ya Kaluu. Kwa jina naitwa Alphonse Mukwayu Musyimi. Nawakilisha Wadi ya Kyome/Thaana ambayo ni jirani ya wadi ya Migwani.

Mimi nafurahi sana kuona watu wa eneo langu wakiwa hapa. Kama vile wenzangu wengi wamesema, yangu ni kuwambia wanafunzi kuwa dunia ni nzuri ukiwa na masomo nzuri. Ukiwa mwanafunzi wa shule ya kiwango cha chini, unaona ni kama maisha yako mbali lakini wakati unaenda. Tieni bidii nao walimu mchunge watoto wetu. Ni hayo tu Mheshimiwa Spika. Karibuni sana.

Temporary Speaker: Since it had been asked, they are in the Public Gallery and not the Speaker’s Gallery. Apologies for the miscommunication. I read what had been written but we are all on the same page. Clerk, next Order!

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON
CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

*(Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga, Vice Chairperson-Committee on
County Budget and Appropriations)*

Temporary Speaker: Chairperson.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 131(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2022, as read together with the County Assembly of Kitui Standing Orders No. 186(3)...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Hon. Kalenga. You read a different Act. So, it is 2022 from your copy?

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: I am reading what is written here, as you did while you were saying that...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): So, it is 2022 from your copy?

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: It's written 2012.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Yeah, read what is written.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Yes, I read that...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): No! no! Kindly start over again.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 131(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, as read together with the County Assembly of Kitui Standing Orders No. 186(3), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today, being Tuesday, 24th June 2025.

It is a Report by the County Budget and Appropriations Committee on the consideration of the Kitui County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Very well. Yes, Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Kindly Speaker, I'm lost. Is it laying or giving notice?

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): That was laying, she was laying.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: It was laying?

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Yeah.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Okay. We are coming there. Clerk, next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026.

(Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga, Vice Chairperson, Committee on County Budget and Appropriations)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Vice-Chair again.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to give Notice of Motion on the adoption of the Report by the Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the consideration of the Kitui County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): You want to beg or you want to give?

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Yeah, to give notice of the motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Okay.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Mr. Speaker, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 131(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, as read together with the County Assembly of Kitui Standing Orders No. 186(3) (b) and 206(6), this Assembly hereby adopts the Report by the Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the consideration of the Kitui County Budget

Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, 24th June 2025.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give the notice of the motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Very well. I think that is what Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi wanted to hear. So, Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi, are you okay now?

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: (*Spoke off-record*)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): So, Honourable Members, in regard to this Paper which has been laid, I want to apologise because we will not be able to get those copies by this evening. However, we will be able to get them early tomorrow morning. Clerk, next Order.

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS.

(The Designated Member of the County Assembly House Business Committee)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): I can see it is Honourable Bernard Mwangangi Munyasya.

Hon. Bernard Munyasya: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move a Motion on the approval of membership to the County Assembly Committee on Appointments. That, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 184, this Assembly hereby approves the nomination of membership to the County Assembly Committee on Appointments as follows—

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| 1. Hon. Kelvin Kinengo Katisya | Chairperson. |
| 2. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia | Leader of Minority Party. |
| 3. Hon. Alex Mutambu Nganga | Leader of Minority Party. |
| 4. Hon. Hussein Mwandia | Member. |
| 5. Hon. Priscilla Mather Makumi | Member. |
| 6. Hon. Judith Kasyoka Wanza, | Member. |

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move and request Honourable Mukwaiyu to second.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Very well. Honourable Alphonse Mukwaiyu.

Hon. Alphonse Mukwaiyu: Mr. Speaker, I second.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Very well. Hon. Members, allow me now to propose the motion.

(Question Proposed)

Honourable Members, I will open the floor for discussion before I put the Question. Let us have Honourable Ngoima Kimanzi, and then we will have Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi.

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this time to either give my support or state my objection to the Motion before us. Mr. Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity after I have been off this microphone for about three months or so.

[Laughter]

Mr. Speaker, it is an honour...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Honourable Ngoima, why have you been off the mic for that long?

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Mr. Speaker, if I may talk about it, I have been denied my right to speak in this Chamber through other quarters.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Apologies, kindly proceed.

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So that's why I'm thanking you for giving me this opportunity. Mr. Speaker, I stand to object the motion before us.

Hon. Jacquelyn Kalenga: (*Spoke off-record*)

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Mr. Speaker, in response to the call for a reason by Honourable Kalenga, who shouted "reason," I wish to state that, with regard to the motion before us, I do not know what transpired that led to Honourable Matthew Ngovi Vuthi being removed from the previous committee, despite having been a very active member of that appointments committee. That is the basis of my objection.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, committee positions emanate from the political parties. It is the parties that make proposals as to which member should serve in a particular committee.

Mr. Speaker, speaking on behalf of the majority party in this Assembly, we were not consulted on the replacement of Honourable Vuthi with Honourable Priscilla Makumi. Those are my reservations and the reason I am unable to support the motion.

(Hon. Godfrey Ndagara stood on a point of order)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): There is a point of order.

Hon. Ngoima Kimanzi: Oh yes.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Okay, Hon. Ndagara. Then Honourable Ngoima will finalise on what he was saying. What is it, Hon. Ndagara?

Hon. Godfrey Ndagara: Mr. Speaker, it is out of order for Honourable Ngoima to speak...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): What have you said?

Hon. Godfrey Ndagara: It is out of order for Honourable Ngoima to speak on behalf of the Wiper party.

(Laud consultations)

He has no audacity or capacity to talk on behalf of the Wiper Party because he is not elected to any position to represent all the Members. So, let him talk on his own behalf.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Order! Hon. Ndagara. No—first of all, listen, Members. I have heard what Honourable Ngoima said, and I have also heard what Honourable Ndagara has said. However, Honourable Ndagara, Honourable Ngoima did not speak as the Whip of the party; he spoke as a member of the party.

Honourable Ndagara, even if you wish to speak on behalf of the Wiper Party, I will give you that opportunity because you are a member of that party. So, please allow Honourable Ngoima to finalise. I hear all of you. Yes, Honourable Ngoima, kindly finalise.

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Thank you, Mr. Speaker...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): But don't go that route, I have already advised.

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: No, no, no. I will not take that route, Mr. Speaker. My candid presentation to this house about the motion; is that I'm objecting the proposals and I'm ready to shoot this proposal and the motion down by a way of division.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Okay. Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi, then we'll go to Honourable Jeremiah Musee, then Honourable Kalenga, and Honourable Maua.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I do not want to repeat what my colleague has said, but this is a day that I have also been given the opportunity to debate, and I am happily doing so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is very unfortunate that whenever there are changes in the committees of this House, it is only the Wiper Party that is subjected to such changes. Whenever disciplinary action is to be taken, Mr. Speaker, it is only Wiper members who are disciplined.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of Wiper, I do not recall being consulted at any point regarding the proposed change of Honourable Vuthi being replaced by Honourable Priscilla Makumi.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi, allow me to advise. The composition of committee membership originates from the Party Whips—those Whips who are duly recognised and pronounced here by the Speaker. How the Whips present those names, Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi, is not at the discretion of the Chair.

However, you may provide other reasons as to why you are opposing the motion. I must emphasise that if, for example, the Whip of the UDA Party, Honourable Malinga, were to present names here, we would be expected to sort out our issues internally as a party. Once the names are brought before this House...

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Thank you. I have heard you, Honourable Speaker. But let me say this: The Whips, the Majority, and the leadership of the parties do not work in isolation.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Sure.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: They have to consult their members, Honourable Speaker. That is the basis of my argument and the reason I am opposing this motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: That is why I say, Honourable Speaker, that we know any committee being constituted, Honourable Speaker...

(The Temporary Speaker consulted with the Clerk-at - the Table)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Yes, proceed...

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Honourable Speaker, in constituting any committee, the Standing Orders are very clear that it must be done while considering the proportions of the parties. The person in charge of presenting or proposing those names is the Whip of the party, and he or she must do so after consulting the members. Therefore, Honourable Speaker, I stand to oppose.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you, Honourable...

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Honourable Speaker, before you proceed, allow me to appeal to the Honourable Members of this House who stand for justice to also oppose this motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you, Honourable Jeremiah.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker, it is very interesting. Mr. Speaker, if someone wants to lobby for support, there is a Lobby Chamber, Mr. Speaker. You can simply walk to the lobby Chamber and lobby.

Mr. Speaker, I rise as the Deputy Minority Leader in this County Assembly of Kitui, Mr. Speaker. Speaking on behalf of the Minority Party, which is NARC, Mr. Speaker, in this composition, I have a member by the name of Honourable Alex Mutambu Nganga, who is our substantive Minority Leader.

Mr. Speaker, I also have a member by the name of Honourable Hussein Mwandia, who is a very hardworking member of our party. And, Mr. Speaker, he is also a member with a great deal of experience, a ranking Member in this House, Mr. Speaker.

Therefore, I rise, Mr. Speaker, to support this report because two of our Minority Leadership, Mr. Speaker, have been incorporated in it. Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt about what Honourable Alex Mutambu Nganga can do in this Appointments Committee.

Mr. Speaker, this is a Committee that gives us individuals to serve this County. We have witnessed its performance before, we have seen the recruitment of boards, the recruitment of senior officials in this County—all going through the Appointments Committee. Mr. Speaker, we have also seen what Honourable Alex Mutambu Nganga has accomplished over the last three years.

Likewise, Mr. Speaker, we recognise what Honourable Hussein Mwandia has accomplished. From the Minority Party, Mr. Speaker, we are very satisfied with the names proposed to represent us in this Committee, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when this report comes to the Floor of the House, it ceases to be party property. Mr. Speaker, once the motion reaches the Floor of the House, having already passed through the House Business Committee, it ceases to be party property and becomes the property of the Kitui County Assembly. That is why we are discussing it.

Mr. Speaker, if, as a party, we were to have issues with Honourable Alex Mutambu Nganga, or if we were to say we had an issue with Honourable Hussein Mwandia, then it would be for us, as a party, to sit down and identify the problem. And if, upon nominating these two individuals, we felt that they might not serve the interests of the party in this Appointments Committee, then we would have to reconsider.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, since the matter has now become the property of the Assembly, it is for us—as I usually say—either to kill the baby or to grow the baby.

However, at this juncture, Mr. Speaker, we, as the NARC Party, are not going to kill this baby, because we believe in the capability and ability of Honourable Alex Mutambu Nganga as the Minority Leader, and Honourable Hussein Mwandia as a member of the NARC Party. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I support the motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Hold on. Are you supporting the motion solely because of Honourable Alex Mutambu Nganga and Honourable Hussein Mwandia?

(Applause)

Oh, you are supporting because of the full membership, I just want to know.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker, when I started debating, I said I was speaking as the Deputy Minority Leader. Mr. Speaker, I categorically said that I am speaking...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Again, Honourable Jeremiah, I just want to advise. In your own words, you said that when a motion is brought into this House, it becomes an asset of the House, not of the parties. You said that?

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Yes.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Very good. So now, are you supporting the list halfway, or the whole list?

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Allow me to finish, Mr. Speaker. Give us freedom, Mr. Speaker, to debate...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): No, you have a lot of freedom Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker, you are thinking on behalf of us, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, let me proceed and say this, because I can see the direction you are taking, Mr. Speaker. Also, I wish to comment on the other Members, Mr. Speaker, so that I may not appear egocentric by focusing only on our party matters, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, regarding the rest of the membership, you know, Mr. Speaker, we know each other. Three years down the line, we know each other. I know you, Mr. Speaker, I know the Member from Mutonguni Ward, and we know each other's capabilities. Mr. Speaker, if you replace one Member with another, and then we assess the capability, and that Member can deliver in a Committee, Mr. Speaker, then there is no cause for alarm.

I also want to urge my good friend and neighbour, Honourable Mwinzi, the MCA for Kyuso. Mr. Speaker, this Honourable Member is a good friend of mine. Mr. Speaker, we are just good neighbours, very good neighbours, Mr. Speaker.

And on the matter raised, that Wiper was not consulted, that Wiper was not consulted—I believe that Honourable Priscilla Martha Makumi can also serve effectively for the remaining period, Mr. Speaker. So, notwithstanding, at the time when my good friend...

(Hon. Mary Ndumbu stood on a point of order)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): There is a point of order from Honourable ranking member. Honourable Ndumbu.

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: Mr. Speaker, is Honourable Jeremiah in order to tell us whom we should elect, when he already has his own members from his party?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Okay, thank you.

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: So, he has no mandate of dictating us.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): We are not electing, but I hear you. Yes, Honourable Jeremiah, kindly finalise. I hope you have heard what Honourable Ndumbu has said. But, of course, you do not need to respond.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker, outrightly. That's a very useless point of order...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Anyway, finalise. Kindly finalise.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Very useless, because, Mr. Speaker, we are not electing here. You told me to proceed and also to say something about the other membership of the Appointments Committee.

So, under your guidance, Mr. Speaker, and while I am discussing the rest of the membership of this Committee, Mr. Speaker...

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: (*Spoke off-record*)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): No, you cannot talk to each other like that, Of course, you cannot exchange words as if we are in...

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: And he's a ranking member.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): No, no, no. Take back your seat, Honourable Jeremiah. Your point is well understood, and we have heard that you are supporting. No, no, no. Honourable Kalenga.

(Hon. Mary Ndumbu stood in her place)

No, you finish, I know you have finished.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir. Now, I raise to support the approval of the membership to the Appointment Committee.

(Hon. Alphonse Mukwaiyu stood in his place)

Yes, what is your point of concern? But if it is something we can speak about over a cup of tea, we can discuss it outside. Honourable Mukwaiyu.

Hon. Alphonse Mukwaiyu: Mr. Speaker, I can see Honourable Ndumbu is very serious. Actually, she has been perplexed by what Honourable Jeremiah Mutua said. I notice she is just staying away. So, Mr. Speaker, can you cool the tempers, please? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: (*Spoke off-record*)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you. Honourable Ndumbu, he didn't say you are useless. I heard well.

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: (*Spoke off-record*)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Okay. Can we finalise? It's okay. Honourable Kalenga, kindly proceed.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. First, I know the composition of committees is done by the Whips, and I know that while the Whip was carrying out this honourable duty, he considered the capability and capacity of every Member. Yes. Now, replacing Honourable Matthew Vuthi Ngovi with Honourable Priscilla Makumi should not be an issue, because Honourable Priscilla Makumi is equally up to the task of this Committee.

We have made changes before. At times, we made changes to the Budget Committee—we replaced some Members, and it was accepted. I, as a Member of Wiper, was not consulted at all, even though there was a Wiper WhatsApp group where changes to the Budget Committee were discussed.

So, I am left wondering why consultations are demanded when certain people are affected, yet no consultations are made when others are affected. Let us embrace one another, and when changes are made by our Whips, let us support them. Also, in committee formation, the Chairperson is Honourable Kevin Kinengo. We also see, in the Committees...

(Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi stood in his place)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Order, Order Honourable Munyoki, I gave you an opportunity to speak.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Can you stop distracting me, can you protect me from him?

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): You are protected but anyway.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: *(Spoke off-record)*

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: You know, while you are talking, I kept quiet. I didn't interrupt.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): No, no, no. Order, Order Honourable Kalenga.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: No, no, no. You know he is disrespecting me.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Order, Order Honourable Kalenga. Order, Order.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Please.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Order. I have heard what Honourable Munyoki said, and I caution him. You do not need to... You see, sometimes we are exchanging words as if there is...

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Speaker, can I finish?

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Kindly. Proceed.

Hon. Jacquelyne Kalenga: Thank you. To conclude my remarks, while supporting this formation, I can say that it rains everywhere—not only here in Kitui County. Therefore, I stand to support. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you. Let's have Honourable Mulandi. Oh, I had given you an opportunity, Maua.

Hon. Frida Maua: *(Spoke off-record)*

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Hon. Mulandi, can you take back your seat? I had already given an order. Let's have Maua first.

Hon. Frida Maua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support and congratulate the Members who have been shortlisted here.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Shortlisted!

Hon. Frida Maua: ...who have been chosen here, who have been proposed to this committee. First, I support it because, when we go to party issues, there is no member of my party here.

However, I am supporting it because I can see there is gender balance. So, let us all embrace this gender balance. At least the Member who was removed was replaced by a lady. It is very sad to see us fighting one of our own. We are fighting a female while we are all supposed to support females in taking positions here.

So, with those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I support it and congratulate the Members. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Honourable Members, allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Honourable Members, let us be upstanding so as to adjourn the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The House is adjourned until Wednesday, 25th June 2025 at 9.00 a.m. Thank you.

The County Assembly rose at 3:43 p.m.