

# MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## THE HANSARD

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

The House met at 2:36 p.m.

*(Temporary Speaker Hon. Bernard Kariuki in the Chair)*

### PRAYERS

### MOTION

#### REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS BY-LAWS 2007

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki):** Any committee member present may move the motion on behalf of the chairperson who is the Speaker today.

*(Silence)*

#### ADOPTION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

**Hon. Charles Karina:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;-

That the committee on Selection report on nomination of members of various committees laid on the table of the Assembly on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 be adopted.

I hope all the members have the reports and the composition of the membership; I just want members to confirm they have the report in their files.

Aware that the Assembly lost one of its members; Peter Kariuki Njogu representing persons with disability on June 19 2016, the committee on Selection noted that there was need to realign the committee membership and expunge his name from the membership of various committees of this Assembly.

Further the committee on Selection held a workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September at Blue Spring hotel, where the membership of the under listed committee which had been affected by the aforementioned was considered. These affected committees were the Health Services committee, Governance Labour and Social Welfare and Justice Legal Affairs committee, Education and Child Welfare Research and Technology Government committee and Youth and Cultural and Gender Services committee.

The objective was to review the membership to ensure that each and every member will have four sittings, in line with Salaries and Remunerations Commission (SRC) guidelines.

There was a problem of overlapping of the meetings where the members are required to attend more than one committee meeting. There were quorum hitches in the committees as a result of the conflict of weekly committee meetings.

There is a list on the composition of the membership that this committee enlisted. The committees will be able to be productive. I urge the House to adopt the report as it is. I call upon hon. Duncan Njuguna to second the motion.

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I do hereby second the report.

*(Hon. Joseph Kimani consulting loudly)*

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** Hon. Ithiru----- let me second the report. The organization of the membership was done very---

*(Hon. Joseph Machiri rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Joseph Machiri:** I think there is an alien because we do not have someone by the name of hon. Ithiru in this House. The member should apologize or withdraw.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki):** Clear that hon. seconder for the benefit of your neighbour member for Kamacharia.

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** As you have called me hon. seconder, the same there, is a representative for ward known as Ithiru. When the name passes me I can only use the ward that the hon. member represents.

As I was saying, the re-organization was to see that all the members are well distributed to the various committees so that when we are meeting during committee meetings there is no overlapping especially in the meeting hours.

A certain hon. member wants to be in environment and also in finance and when we want to make the reports outside the precincts of the Assembly as you are aware the Liaison committee adopted a schedule whereby we wanted every member catered for, we do not want overlaps or where a certain member does not contribute because two of his or her committees are out yet he wanted to contribute on both committees.

*(Hon. Joseph Kimani rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Joseph Kimani:** Is it in order for the hon. member to second a motion when he is not a member of that committee? We need the guidance.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki):** The hon. member is in order to second the motion because he is doing it in good spirit. Continue

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, make the member understand that the standing orders are there and he should read them carefully without skipping some sections. As I was saying before I was interrupted -----

*(Hon. John Kiarie consulting loudly)*

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** There is an hon. member from Kakuzi who cannot let the other members listen to what I am saying. That is not consultation it is----- I will not say noise making but something close to that.

I was invited when the committee on Selection was doing this because of my contribution to the committee. So the member of Ithiru, my input was very important to this committee. That is why I am seconding.

*(Hon. Joseph Kimani Gitau rose on a point of order)*

**Temporary speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki):** Let the member contribute.

**Hon. Duncan Njuguna:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, the distribution of all the hon. members was well done and there will be no overlaps and members will be able to participate without the fear of being in other committees which might be meeting at the same time. I will request the hon. members to check their names and see where they have been placed thereby adopt the report. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. John Kiarie:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the committee for the work that they have done and that which they have continued to do since the inception of this House.

I want to raise my concern; previously I was a member of Education committee, in this new setup, my name has been deleted from the Education committee. I have been left with four committees. It is worth noting that I am a member of Implementation committee and Roads and Public Works committee which happen to hold meetings at the same time.

If this document is passed as it is, I will be a disadvantaged member of this House because the same time when the Roads and Public Works committee where I am the vice-chairperson is meeting, Implementation committee will also be holding their meeting. Thank you.

**Hon. Joseph Kimani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this motion. As the committee has said, the objectives need to be observed. As the hon. member has said I would propose if there are changes to be considered, as the hon. member who has contributed earlier said, it is important that everybody be catered for. We hence need your guidance because I can see some members are not here. If there happens to be another case that may arise we will have problems. We need your guidance.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki):** I will call on the mover to respond but I wish to make a clarification on the issue of the members who feel aggrieved by the membership. It is good for them to note that nomination of members to committees is purely a party matter; that is why nominations are led by the Leader of Majority. The Assembly just approves or rejects.

A member who has issues with membership or is affected in one way or the other, it is purely an issue with the chairman of the committee on Selection. Since this Assembly cannot purport to place members in committees, we can only approve or disapprove a report. I now call the mover to respond.

**Hon. Charles Karina:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for the way they have contributed to this motion. I would apologize to those members who feel that they were not well placed in the committee that we placed them. I would just request the Speaker to allow me and my committee to withdraw this report for more clarification.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki):** I will allow that but in future it is important to note those issues before they come to the House. Order number eight will come on Tuesday afternoon by the Chairperson Delegated Committee.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bernard Kariuki):** The House is adjourned until Tuesday next week. Thank you.

*The House rose at 2:57 p.m.*