

# **BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

## **THE HANSARD**

The House met on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at  
The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) in Chair

### **PRAYERS**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Welcome members to our session. Clerk!

### **MOTION**

#### **WEARING OF TRADITIONAL ATTIRE IN THE ASSEMBLY**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members we have a motion by Hon. Sam Limo Lourien MCA Tirioko ward, welcome.

**Hon. Limo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to move a motion;

Aware that article 11 of the Constitution recognizes culture as the foundation of the nation and as the cumulative civilization of the Kenyan people and nation,

Further aware that there are different communities living in Baringo County;

Acknowledging that, the different communities have their own cultural heritages that bring them together and give them a sense of belonging;

Appreciative of the fact that recently the Speaker of the Senate made a landmark ruling allowing senators to dress in traditional attire while in the House. Appreciating the diversity of our culture and therefore it is imperative to note that the, members of County Assembly also represent devolution and come from different communities that live in Baringo County;

Noting that, the Baringo County Assembly Speakers rules provide for the type of dressing which includes coat, collar, tie, long trousers, socks and shoes or service uniform, religious attire or such other dressing as may be approved by the Speaker from time to time for male and equivalent standard shall apply in respect of women members of County Assembly who may also wear Kitenge or such other African attire;

Further noting that culture provides important social and economic benefit. With improved learning and health, increased tolerance, and opportunities to come together with others, culture enhances our quality of life and increases overall well-being for both individuals and communities.

Now therefore, this motion urges that members of County Assembly be allowed to put on traditional attire during every last sitting of the week while attending House sessions.

Mr. Speaker as elaborated by the motion it has prayers but before that I give some brief on why we should appreciate our diverse culture in Baringo County which has four tribes meaning for different cultures. Further, we have different sub tribes within Baringo thus calling it County of diverse cultures. We are blessed with these tribes in our County by God making us different from other counties.

We must appreciate God who put Tugens (Arror, Samor, Endorois, Lembus), Pokot, *Ilchamus* and Nubians in Baringo. We have goodies in our culture for example *Ilchamus* during initiation ceremony wear beads, sheets and the style of hair they put attract people and tourism in our County.

The Arror people do travel long to markets with goat skin beaded. Today that attire has disappeared and replaced with European attire. The Pokot men wear beads and okra in their heads with sheets and feathers of ostrich making them beautiful. The Nubians and Lembus have their attire but have been lost.

The prayer of the motion is to put on such attire on Thursday thus improving and attract our culture and public will appreciate that our leaders have chosen and lead the way. Article 11 recognizes our culture as the foundation of our nation and the cumulative civilization of the Kenyan people and the nation. Mr. Speaker we represent the Wards as the Constitution represents the entire nation, we come from different Wards Mr. Speaker and different Wards have different types of their cultures.

It is not that when we come from the same sub-County we have the same culture; they are different even in Wards Mr. Speaker. And therefore giving them an opportunity and giving them any leader an opportunity to come up with a type of attire that we wear it would be an appreciation to the people of that Ward and the community.

Mr. Speaker there has been an argument before the national Assembly when the Speaker was Hon. Olekaparo and there was an argument at the national Assembly where Koige wa Wamwere and Raila Odinga had won an African attire and attended the session.

And the Speaker was very stir with the rules; he ejected the two Members outside the Assembly because of wearing the African attire. Mr. Speaker I appreciate Hon. Justine Muturi for being fair to Hon. Ladema Ole Kina recently Hon. Ole Kina walked in to the National Assembly... The Speaker of the Senate Hon. Lusaka, Hon. Lekina wore an an elder of the Maa Community and the Members wanted him ejected out of the House but the Speaker after the arguments of the Members and defense from Hon. Ledama Ole Kina gave a ruling and a ruling that became a land mark in the National Assembly.

That the Speaker has the power to... because the Speakers rules change from time to time and those rules we follow because they are made by people and currently you can find Hon. Ledama Ole Kina entering the Assembly in a very smart attire of the Masaai community.

Therefore Mr. Speaker I want a situation whereby Members will not get oppressed with the European rules that were formed during the colonial period... we cannot remain in that colonization up to now.

We can adjust by havinge our own rules, the Speaker is one of us, the Members are there and therefore we need to be adjusting these rules even including sometimes you go to our churches and you find that some rules are not biblical some were even formed by the Europeans to suite themselves.

Who knew about these issues of weddings and the colorful wedding in the churches, we had our own cultures where a man goes and marries and it is done traditionally with our traditional rules, Mr. Speaker I don't want to disgrace but these are part of the things that build up this motion. Mr. Speaker that we need to be independent and we are an independent nation with our

Constitution giving us mandate that we can adjust our own way of living and dressing Mr. Speaker.

Therefore, with the prayers in this motion Mr. Speaker that this motion urges the County Members of the County Assembly be allowed to put on traditional attire during the last sitting of the week while attending House sessions Mr. Speaker.

Therefore Mr. Speaker I beg to move this motion and request Hon. Cheruiyot to second. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Cheruiyot.

**Hon. Cheruiyot:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I congratulate Hon. Lokales for bringing this motion, as I second our County is very rich with cultural heritage and Mr. Speaker we need to not only enhance it but also to transfer to our siblings and to the coming generations.

Mr. Speaker sir if we don't practice or put in to practice and put on African attire and even encourage our people, you know it will be overtaken by events the way it is now Mr. Speaker sir.

People have believed that this clothes that we are wearing like the neck tie the trousers and the suits and dresses our children thinks it is part of us but Mr. Speaker sir we know that from history this clothing came from the Europeans, they practice it and I am sure that they have put it in their Constitution that is why they even transferred to us whom we were not part of their cultures.

Mr. Speaker sir as I support this motion we need to pass this motion that once in a week the way the Hon. Members have put it that the last sitting of the week we need to put on our African attire and not only the African attire but we can also put on the religious attires.

There are many... we are rich in all these cultures and Mr. Speaker this will even give us a chance some of us are used to putting on some good attires which we like in our places when and when we come here the identity will be lost because of the clothing that we are putting on.

So in order to continue with our identities, the sub-tribes in our sub-County and even the clans we need to put on the kind of dressing and even encourage the people to be putting on during celebrations. Mr. Speaker sir, I support this motion and congratulate Hon. Sam for bringing the motion. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you. The motion having been moved and seconded by Hon. Cheruiyot from Kiplombe Ward I now propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

Members' debate is open. Any Member willing to contribute. Yes Hon. Nelson Lotela; Member Silale Ward.

**Hon. Lotela:** Mr. Speaker I stand to raise some issues on this motion, the mover have a very good intention, it is very important to have a common way of doing things, to recognize that people are different in their own ways and we appreciate and compliment the values that we have in our way of life.

Mr. Speaker but this motion is not fit for this House or for this County because if Mr. Speaker in this House there is no tolerance of culture, religion, ethnicity and even to gender. Mr. Speaker this Assembly has been characterized by fights and anything negative, physical and the other

time if we really agree as a House that we are ready for inclusivity, diversity we appreciate we could have imagined that even during the opening of a session of this Assembly let us say in a calendar year we can bring an Ilchamus to pray, to open a prayer ... yes that is the level of where we are heading.

That is an appreciation Mr. Speaker, even during the closing because this House is a House of people, we are transacting business on behalf of our communities we are exercising or enjoying the powers that we have been delegated because the constitution says that you can exercise your powers either directly or indirectly so the powers that we are exercising here is indirectly.

If it could be directly the people themselves could have made the decision so there is no need of an Assembly, I am a bit afraid because if we go that direction this House has a history of frog matching a Pokot elder when we involved our communities when we were opening the Assembly but there was a rejection, that sign of intolerance in this House.

Mr. Speaker you can also see that most of the motions that we are bringing here are being done an procedurally that is a sign that the kind of this House... we have to bring issues that are in tandem with the behavior and the kind of leadership that we have in this House.

This House is being used in a very awkward way in a manner that what is our emotions and feelings that day, is it politics or not and if we pass this one I don't see and I don't even believe that the County Assembly of Baringo service board or whoever the leadership will be will ever implement even an inch of it.

Why? Because if they cannot even include the Act of Public Service Board Act 2017 in the standing orders, Mr. Speaker there have been grievous issues that have been in this House. Powers and privilege committee like recently on the BBI issue and there are security issues that have happened in this House where someone came with a teargas to this House, can you imagine if that teargas could have been a grenade what could be the situation.

Mr. Speaker this is because we can compromise even life, it is so serious, secondly we are now proclaiming as an Assembly but since we came in 2017 I have been seeing we pretend that we are Christians then what is now the meaning of bringing other cultures, who is cultural here?

If you get Hon. Kimosop preaching on Sunday...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is your point of order Hon. Kimosop.

**Hon. Kimosop:** Mr. Speaker we must guard the dignity of this House and is it in order for Hon. Lotela to generalize Members that we are pretending to be Christians when some of us and including you Mr. Speaker know that we are Christians we are not pretending we believe in Jesus Christ.

So I think it is not fair Mr. Speaker he really needs to withdraw that statement. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Kimosop. Hon. Lotela refrain from that, you are provoking other Members because most of them are Christians.

**Hon. Lotela:** Mr. Speaker he raised a standing order, you see when you substantiate that you are a Christian you have to bring a baptism card to show that you are a Christian, you cannot jest by the words, he was even laughing to justify that we are just doing it for the sake of talking and for the sake of our interactions.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela I think you are going beyond because we know most of these Members are baptized and there is no time that they have been requested to bring their cards. Sao refrain from that issue and go ahead with the motion.

**Hon. Lotela:** So we go on even if they are fighting and other things they are still living like Christians, so Mr. Speaker why I am saying this is because the minority leader raised a diversity issue Mr. Speaker.

He raised cultural values that are diverse, it is very important, very instrumental but the same issues have been challenge by the existence of this House, has been challenged the way we are transacting business in this House that is my position, that is what I am raising, I am not saying that I am judging anyone because all in all whether they bring anything like a Christian or not a Christian all of them are praying God, whether they are cultural the end result is God.

But Mr. Speaker my challenge is how to accommodate inclusivity in this House, it is a serious issue it is something that we need to... I don't know because the laws we have are in place, we have enough policies in the House but no one will follow including even the Speaker himself, they don't even follow the law, they don't follow the procedures or even the standing orders so when we bring these issues and we know ourselves, Mr. Speaker you know me and I know you, you are an MCA like me and you know how you have been behaving, the kind of hatred...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela you are really going outside this discussion you are intimidating everyone you are just bringing up things which are outside this motion because if you are claiming that everybody is not following the law in this Assembly then you are going beyond.

Can you just go direct to the issues which have been raised in this motion, discuss the issue of the motion.

**Hon. Lotela:** Mr. Speaker I am sorry if I really made you emotional and I only wanted to remind you that there was an old man from Pokot who wore traditional attire but he was frog matched when he was to pray for the Assembly, that is my statement.

And when you say can you confine yourself to this motion, I do not want to be blind that in this House there is intolerance, how will we talk about inclusivity, what is the guarantee Mr. Speaker. If I raise the issues that are paining me I don't know why Members feel it hurting, to who? This House belongs to all of us and I don't think I have infringed anyone, religion or any believe or any subscription of religious believe of anyone, I just wanted to put that across that there is intolerance in this House.

I don't know whether to support it but Minority Leader I am going to support it not because I wanted.. But because the motion is good, I just wanted to see the drama of the House after this motion passes.

I know people like Hon. Kimosop from Baringo high school we know him after this can you come tomorrow with traditional attire, they will say that it is satanic, they believe in their own God. Okay I have used you as an example as a friend it doesn't get hurt, okay not Kimosop I mean Minority Leader.

So Mr. Speaker let us allow that inclusivity I have no problem for the deputy majority leader I wanted to learn something from the Ilchamus Community I wanted to see that difference that

Ilchamus has an identity, it has different values, I don't know how God created them and that is why I want to get something good from them Mr. Speaker because they live life.

Mr. Speaker we are all made by God but we were given different roles and languages and that is the complimentary and the diversity we wanted to put as one but this House is a wrong House for that role, it is extremely wrong they will never do that and that is why I am not afraid to say ...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela I think you are going... if the House is wrong it is you now to resign because you are at the wrong place, if you deem the House is wrong the good thing for you is actually to send your resignation letter so that you don't stay in a wrong place because we are going on.

**Hon. Lotela:** Mr. Speaker I am a bit worried if you now intervening each time I make a statement. Mr. Speaker I think the Honorable thing you need to do is to hand over the arbitration role, you don't need to back; you only need to arbitrate to let us discuss Mr. Speaker.

So the behavior is the issue culture of intolerance so with those remarks the Minority Leader of this motion I am supporting to see if there will be even one leader that is going to appreciate diversity in this House otherwise that is the situation that we have in Baringo County Assembly that people use thoxax, people use politics, people use crude way of managing issues, Mr. Speaker there is no dialogue and that is why you can even bring a panga and do anything here or even a pistol and no one can protect you. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Fransisca or Hon. Lourien first.

**Hon. Limo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am rising on a point of order to my good friend Hon Lotela here, what Hon. Lotela is referring to issues which happened in the other Assembly some of us were not there to see what happened, we have not even been told he did not narrate to us what surely happened and referring to something we did not see without giving us or substantiating it well Mr. Speaker with some good evidence to me I think he is a disgrace to this motion.

Mr. Speaker with all those references I know maybe there is some kind of bitterness Hon. Lotela at things he sees in his own way, is it in order that he makes a reference to things which happened in the last Assembly Mr. Speaker yet we are in the second Assembly.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay thank you Hon. Limo I think he is not in order and he had already summarized. Next Member! Yes Hon. Fransisca.

**Hon. Fransisca Cheburet: Thank you** Hon. Speaker, I don't know whether I will be allowed first to move an amendment prior to contributing to this motion on the prayers. I think the amendment is on your desk and I would have wished that on the prayers, now therefore this motion urges the Members of County Assembly be voluntarily allowed to put on traditional attire during every last sitting of the week while attending House sessions.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay members there is a request by Hon. Cheburet to make an amendment on the said prayers and I believe they have consulted with the mover of the motion and Hon. Lourien has already agreed the amendment to be moved and I call upon Hon. Fransisca to move the motion so that we can continue with the motion.

**Hon. Fransisca Cheburet:** The amendment moving is on the prayers second page; that this motion urges the members of County Assembly to be voluntarily allowed to put on traditional attire during every last session of the week while the last session

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay seconder.

**Hon. Francisca Cheburet:** I think I beg to move so that there is a seconder...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay already Hon...

**Hon. Francisca Cheburet:** I think I already have a volunteer...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Kimosop MCA Mochongoi Ward has seconded the amendment therefore, you can move ahead with the motion so that I can put the question on the motion. I think you've already moved; I want to put the question on the amendment of the motion. On the amendment of the prayer...

*(Question on Amendment proposed)*

*(Loud Consultations)*

Yes Members, prayers to read that; now therefore this motion urges the Members of the County Assembly to be allowed to put on traditional attire be removed and the amendment prayers to include the word voluntarily and without specifics.

Debate is open and any Members to contribute on the amendment...so if there is no member with a contribution, I now put the question.

*(Question on amendment put and agreed on)*

Members lets continue with the motion as amended. Next Member Hon.Tarus, discuss as amended.

**Hon. Tarus:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute to this motion and first of all I arise to support the motion that we as the Members of the County Assembly and the subsequent Assemblies be allowed to put on the traditional attire as the motion mover has requested and I want to put it like this that you know we as Africans we have our own cultures and the putting on of tires and suits is actually from the common wealth countries which came to be because we adopted the parliamentary to put on suits and attires but Mr. Speaker we are people who should recognize, value and practice our own cultures as long as it is in tandem to our beliefs and of course when we put on our traditional regalia, it means that we are developing our own cultures even in our own assemblies which to me is a plus to our communities.

You will realize that when the white man came to Kenya, everything that is African was demonized and it is high time we bring back what is good and will help us because you will realize that most of our traditional beliefs, some have been thrown out and they are good; some are biblical, others are even in the constitution because some of these things if we follow strictly, we will salvage our communities from being lost further. On the issue of voluntary dressing on enables us to choose so that on the day you feel like putting on a traditional regalia, then you come with it as long as it is a decent attire then it is acceptable and from what we see in that noting that the Baringo County Assembly Speaker provides for a type way of dressing which include a coat, a shirt that has a collar, a trouser, tie, socks and shoes or service uniform, religious attire or such other dressing as may be approved by the Speaker from time to time and you can see from that, such other dressing as may be approved by the Speaker from time to time, male and equivalent standard shall apply in respect of women Members of the County Assembly who may also wear *Kitenge* or such other African attire and you can see even the ladies have that African attire which is already in the Speaker's rule and I think its high time we accept and

embrace our culture so long as it is modest as the bible puts it thus I support this motion and I urge Hon. Members to pass it so that we can start putting on our African attire and be proud and enjoy it because you know maybe when Hon. Leparsalaach he puts on the attire of the Illchamus, I will be proud of the Illchamus culture. The same applies to my friends from Tiaty, the Pokot attire, the Tugen and any other community living in Baringo as there are many of them; I support Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Tarus MCA Sacho, next member Hon. Elizabeth... Hon. Francisca Cheburet.

**Hon. Francisca Cheburet:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I arise to support this motion and congratulate the member who raised this motion. If there is one person who had the interest of this motion was me because for one most of us have our culture dressing but we have been wearing them except the day we went to Kimalel for goat auction only and you wonder if we were going to sell goats or sell ourselves as well. This will be better because we will neutralize ourselves and have a team that is full of culture in the Assembly and o will not wait until this is passed because I wish to put on mine on Thursday. I want to support this motion and as a member of this Assembly, we will be the first team to have this attire because when you think of culture, if we don't enrich our own culture we say, 'mwacha mila ni mtumwa' and we do not want to fall under the same category in this Assembly. One, when we think of such, we think of our religious attire; we think of dressing and for the ladies, I have seen they have written you can wear *Kitenge* and it is not our own attire, it is of the Swahili, the Mijikenda and Nigerians but then as a Tugen lady, I will put on an attire that belongs to the Tugen community and I have one Hon. Speaker. I want to say that there are so many people who have taken precedence when it comes to culture and dressing like the Turkana but we in Baringo; though Turkana is named the cradle of mankind, it is not and Baringo should be because the cradle of mankind according to aging, Baringo has one that is older than that of Turkana and they are proud of it. I happen to have gone to Tobong'oroiei and they own it with a lot of sense of belonging. Every age set is proud of it.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members consult in low tones.

**Hon. Francisca Cheburet:** You know when Hon. Lotela doesn't want to let Mhe. Mailuk to contribute to this House, he confuses him...

*(Laughter)*

That was just a by the way he is my Chair and I really got irritated today to know that my Chair doesn't respect his own culture. So I was on the point of how Turkana has only one culture and when we went there, they were sitting there, they were singing the same songs, using almost the same attire which is so different in Baringo because we have a diverse community setup so that we have different people and I think in future we can prepare so that we can have our own presentations from the different teams in this country because we have more than four. If there is a place where people can admire starting with us as a leadership then it's us Baringo because we are very diverse and so creative and every time we go to a function even that of the Governor and you listen to the Illchamus singing, you really want to listen and know that language also when you listen to the Tugen women sing, they portray the picture of what happened in the past that we didn't see and our children can learn from this.

There are so many things that people will learn from this and when we put on these cultural dressings then we will be seen one part of those people who are promoting it.

There is a time when we were from Kimalel and I happen to have walked having my own *Tugen* attire as a lady and there was a girl who followed me all the way and I didn't know her and when I stood she told me "*ulipata wapi hii nguo*" (where did you get this attire?) she really loved it, then she asked me who wears such dress? I told her this one belongs to the *Tugen* girl, and I was very proud because this girl was a *Tugen* and she told me I need one like this and I promised I will make one for her. You can imagine what the dressing brings even to the younger generation.

Mr. Speaker I am very sure once we will put on and come to this Assembly everybody in the first time will want to wonder what is happening in the Assembly because we will be in a different attire unlike the suits that people know Hon. Kimosop is on a navy blue and that Hon. Leparsalaach is on a red tie always so they are fond of it and they become used to, unlike when we come...

*(Loud consultations)*

Please don't try to disburse my points, Baringo County Assembly should give an example so that it can be emulated by our own generations that are coming later and we should take the precedence that this second Assembly to those coming to this Assembly will know that we really passed a motion that promotes culture, I think we really didn't have one in this House. If the president promotes culture by allowing all of us to have a cultural day on 26<sup>th</sup> December every year, who are we in Baringo not to emulate the same and make sure that we protect our culture, attire and all that we have in our hearts and own that this come from Baringo, what makes us to be seen that we come from Baringo, I support the motion fully Hon. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Francisca Cheburet, Yes Hon. Kimosop.

**Hon. Kimosop:** Mr. Speaker first of all, allow me to make an observation that is very interesting Mr. Speaker every time I bring motions to this House I have always received the highest support from my colleagues from Tiaty Constituency, actually every time, like when I brought the one that was about the revenue collection in boulder points they were very passionate about it, I also brought the one for the boundaries and they were also very passionate about it, I thought they will oppose the one for compensation for cattle rustling but they also supported it but we disagree a lot outside this House, when we are outside this House even my friend the Minority Leader becomes very emotional in disagreeing with me.

Again Mr. Speaker when I look at this motion I didn't know there was a motion, I was only coming to sign and look at the order paper and I was interested in some areas that I was following but immediately I looked at this motion I loved it and I stand here to support this motion.

*(Applause)*

This is because Mr. Speaker there is a lot that is so alien, everything around us is so alien, do you know Mr. Speaker I have actually basically I have three names but actually I didn't have the third name I only had two names up standard eight when those at Nairobi said they will only register me to do my KCPE if I had three names, a lot of us didn't have the names and we struggled to look at the calendar and we were selecting names of ministers those days, we were

selecting like for Hon. George Saitoti we say so and so has taken that one, so I ended up selecting Nicholas...

*(Laughter)*

Nicholas was in remembrance of Nicholas Biwot somebody I don't know, we have never met, we have no relationship, so I am forced to carry a name all my life as an identity which we have no relationship at all and that is why I all the time prefer to be called Kipruto Kimosop because Kipruto is the name my mother gave me and Kimosop is my father and this gives me identity, but this other one for Nicholas... I even realized later that Nicholas had a very serious history associated with KANU.

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker what I am saying is that devolution should allow us to go back to our roots and we should be proud of it, in this House Mr. Speaker we have two elected Hon. Members from the Ilchamus community, we should be proud of them, their culture, their attire and their tradition. We have two elected members from the *Endorois* community... and by the way Mr. Speaker many times I have heard my colleagues refer us as Tugen, that is not true, we are not Tugens we are *Endorois* community. The *Endorois* community Mr. Speaker is a community recognized with a code and we won our case in African Commission on Human and People's rights in Gambia and we later got acknowledged by UNESCO as a people so we are by and large completely independent.

Mr. Speaker in this House it is only the two of us the elected from the *Endorois* community, that is myself and Hon. Kibarar and the two nominated MCAs Hon. Kibai and Hon. Francisca Cherutich... the four of us, Mr. Speaker you would have the opportunity to also enjoy our attire

*(Laughter)*

And then the Pokot community of course we will have the opportunity to see, your people will feel represented when you sit here and I would even wish that when we are on those attire we ensure it is well streamed.

The only thing Mr. Speaker that we need to guard is to ensure that the attire still has decorum, I think we should put a write up that it is not saying we allow people to be on casual dressing like to be on jeans or on T-shirts and to be on clothing that will demean the respect of the House.

Mr. Speaker I have seen the one that is normally won by Hon. OlekinaLedama Senator for Narok, you can tell despite it revealing some parts of Hon. LedamaOleKina like I saw him, I came close to him when we were in the burial of Hon. Hosea Kiplagat, you can tell that it is an attire with decorum and dressed with a lot of respect so I think we should also guard against abuse of this clause.

Something else Mr. Speaker is that I want to thank Hon. Francisca Cheburet for brilliantly pointing out that it should be voluntary, because if this motion would have been allowed to go the way it is it would have outlawed those who would not want to put on the traditional attire on Thursdays so I think that part of making it voluntary is also important because we do not want to appear like we are embossing on people, we must also understand that we are from different religious background, we are from different age background, there are some of us here whom culture to them has no much impact like the rest of the older generation.

Mr. Speaker I support and I want to thank my colleague the Minority Leader for thinking loudly and openly... maybe in future there would be nothing wrong also with legislating using languages that our people understand, there would be completely nothing wrong... what would be wrong for a Minority Leader here speaking in Pokot language and it is interpreted by an interpreter, I have attended the UN meetings myself and when you are in those meetings there is an interpreter, there is a gadget which is put on your... and somebody sits at the interpretation room and it is interpreted so that your people are able to follow you properly because this is a House of representation

Mr. Speaker, how comes that when we are taking feedback to the people... in fact I normally see we talk Kiswahili and English when we are explaining to people about National politics and BBI and other things but when we begin to talk about what touches them they tell you Mheshimiwa talk now in our native language because they understand that one more properly, because when you tell them now our people this is the direction... what is wrong with that, if we represent those people here we shouldn't ... I know people my laugh at us saying these people do not understand English, they have not gone to school... but what is representation? I think Mr. Speaker we should be local, politics is local and we represent our people and I support this motion.

*(Applause)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Kimosop Member of Mochongoi Ward... Yes Deputy Majority Leader Hon. Leparsalaach.

**Hon. Leparsalaach:** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker, I also rise to congratulate the mover of this motion, it is well thought Motion, Mr. Speaker I think before the coming of the white man in to Africa we all enjoyed our traditional attire and we sincerely loved it so much but the moment they came to Africa they described our way of dressing as primitive and because we wanted to please the white man we accepted that we are primitive and changed very quickly to their way of dressing Mr. Speaker.

I am glad that this time Mr. Speaker we are realizing that once upon a time our grandfathers were dressing very well and we want to go back to our roots Mr. Speaker, but Mr. Speaker before I continue I beg for your protection from the two Hon. Members who consulting Loudly...

*(Loud consultations)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela and Hon. Mailuk please consult in low tones.

**Hon. Leparsalaach:** Mr. Speaker sir we also need to take guard when we talk of our traditional attire, because there is a traditional attire which cannot be complete without a spear, shall we allow Hon. Members to come into this House in that traditional attire with a spear?

There is also traditional attire when you put on you must also have a clam or a stick shall we also allow that Mr. Speaker? We need to guard and later we give a correct description because if we leave it open like that there will be so many avenues of abuse but Mr. Speaker sir when Hon. Lotela was contributing he gave an historical incident which happened in this House but I want use to accept that we are a progressive society what was wrong yesterday may not be wrong today and if we shy away from making right decisions we will be on the wrong side of history. Mr. Speaker I support and we need to adopt like Narok every Friday everybody who works within the County not only the County Assembly has to wear traditional attire which is beautiful

and they enjoy it. Even our members of staff should come well dressed as our sister Hon. Cheburet described herself and in fact I saw her one day in that attire and she looked more beautiful than the way she is now

Our traditional attire is good I support but on the time we will be implementing it should come up with the correct description otherwise it will open some avenues for abuse thank you so much

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): thank you very much deputy majority leader member of Ilchamus ward being no other member who is willing to contribute the mover to reply

**Hon. Limo** (Minority Leader): Mr. Speaker I want to thank members who contributed to this motion they build the motion to be strong including the amendment brought by Hon. Francisca Cheburet. Mr. Speaker I appreciate all the members for their contribution.

Mr. Speaker I have realized that we have diverse culture and we want to embrace these good cultures. I want to point out some few things that were raised by members; the recent one was raised by Hon. Leparsalaach from the *Ilchamus* community about complete attire. There is a ruling during the time of Marende in the national Assembly where women brought their normal bags and the Speaker ruled that let them come with reasonable size bag Mr. Speaker members debated on the reasonable size that the Speaker meant and it was a big discussion and I don't want the issue of Hon. Leparsalaach to open up again another big discussion because we have our sergeant at arms who are always at the door and they know what is required and what they feel is harmful to members they will tell you to put aside until you finish the session you pick your property. If you came with a sphere all the way from Ilchamus community you will have to surrender to the sergeant at arms before you come here

Mr. Speaker we know that the members of the national Assembly own guns and the member of Nyali Muhammad Ali sneaked with his gun to the chambers and one of the members saw it somewhere and he raised a point of order and he was told to go and surrender to the sergeant at arms therefore we have the rules and we are guided in these House and I don't see where these Motion leaves a vacuum

Mr. Speaker members raised on How members may wear like one may want to put on jeans but those are casual clothes, if the Speaker rules say the traditional attire including the European attire which I hate, I don't know why I hate the kind of cloths we were embossed to wear and we became so attached to these kinds of clothing including segregating some of our own because they were the local clothing

Mr. Speaker I think there is guidance on Speaker's rules, if it does not allow jeans or side pocket like what Hon. Lotela wore sometimes back and members complained I don't know if he went and removed it I can't remember. Mr. Speaker therefore this motion is not opening a Pandora box for any member to put on any cloth the decorum of this Assembly should be upheld we want to be seen outside there as members who are neat and smart

Mr. Speaker I thank the members and I hope that after we pass this motion I want to see diverse cultures starting this Thursday. I want to see Hon. Cheburet putting on what was seen by Hon. Leparsalaach I did not have an opportunity to see. I don't know if she is a Samor or...

*(Loud consultations)*

My friend here said he should be referred as Endorois and I don't know for Hon. Cheburet but we will have another session that we will have a discussion maybe when we are taking our tea. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I thank all the members.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you. Since we have passed this motion and it affects us directly I now propose that the rules and procedures committee to work on the implementation of the motion as soon as possible so that it can go in conjunction with the Speakers rules and procedures the standing order and other laws that govern this Assembly so that this motion should not be misused by those who are not willing.

Order members! This House stands adjourned till tomorrow Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 9:30 am

The House rose at 4:04 P.M

