

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 2:37PM

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi) in Chair

PRAYERS

QUORUM

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Sergeant -at- arms ring the quorum bell...what's your point of order Hon. Ngotie?

Hon. Ngotie: Mr. Speaker sir the quorum is okay I don't know how you noticed that we don't have a quorum. Kindly don't consider ringing the bell for the five minutes because we are okay.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Ngotie kindly turn to standing order page 29 on quorum. It says that the quorum is one third of its members. Paragraph two if there is no quorum when the Chair is taken at the time of meeting at the County Assembly immediately after saying the word of prayer the Speaker shall order the bell to be rung for five minutes and if no quorum is present at the expiration of five minutes the Speaker may direct that a bell be rung for further five minutes and if there is still no quorum the Speaker shall adjourn the House forthwith to the next sitting.

Hon. Ngotie at the beginning of the Assembly the Speaker is not blind but during the continuation of the sittings the Speaker will be blind.

Majority Leader do we have quorum?

Hon. Lokorio: Mr. Speaker we have the quorum.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Clerk!

STATEMENT

REMOVAL OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR KAPLEL DISPENSARY

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Tarus.

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson Health Services Committee on the following matters of concern. That during the annual development plan for 2019/2020 the people of Sacho Ward allocated Kshs 2.5 million during public participation for Kaplel dispensary but the said funds have not been utilized and subsequently removed from the budget

- i) Why were the funds not utilized?
- ii) Give reasons as to why the funds have been removed from the budget
- iii) What plans has the department put in place to ensure that the people of Sacho benefit from the said funds as intended

Thank Hon. Speaker

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The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): The Chairperson Health Services Committee you have 21 days to respond to the said statement. Clerk next order!

(Statement deferred)

MOTION

APPROVAL OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CECMS) NOMINEES

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Members as I had directed in the morning the debate on the motion for approval of nominees for appointment for position of County Executive Committee Members. Two members had contributed in the morning and the debate is still open and I call upon other members to debate on the issue. Debate is open, Hon. Ngotie.

Hon. Ngotie: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity to contribute on this very important motion. First, I would like to congratulate the Committee for giving us a detailed report and conducting the interviews in a manner that most people were contented. The report itself is something to commend.

Mr. Speaker what made me to be happy about the report that if you look at the marks that some of the CEC have been awarded are deserving. If you look at their education background the members of the Committee did not try in any way to hide their marks showing that they did not have favoritism and it is something to salute them.

Mr. Speaker, I want to speak about three CECs who scored the highest marks one is Engineer Lekonaya who was the highest. He is very much skilled and in his interview he hinted that he is not going to rely on the monies we have been allocated but he will find a way that he will source for more funds even from the National Government and we need people like him.

Mr. Speaker sir, another one is Architect Ruto, we have a problem in town planning and looking at what he can do to our County we are in the right trajectory because you can see he has masters in urban management and coming from Eldama Ravine where we have a problem in urban management, I believe he will contribute in bringing sanity to our urban areas.

Another candidate who scored highly is Dr. Sirma, having worked in Nakuru County and if you visited the referral hospital in Nakuru you will agree that the management is doing a good job. He has pledged that he will digitalize collection of revenue and this is what we require in this County.

He promised that when he takes up the job he is going to establish a cancer center and a radio therapy unit to take care of cancer patients. This is what we require Mr. Speaker, this is what we have been lacking in this County considering that he has wide knowledge in hospital management.

He has also told us that he is going to take care of the issue of abuse of ambulances and other hospital facilities. Mr. Speaker we have the right person. My prayer is that the Executive arm when giving us the names of the Chief Officers that doctor Sirma will get a good Chief Officer so that they can work together and bring this County to a higher level.

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Mr. Speaker sir the other thing which Dr, Sirma said in this report is that they will be a performance contract which will be subjected to all health workers and if that is done then there will be no laxity in hospitals.

I support this motion and I urge my colleagues to contribute on the same because these are very important people and we require them so that we can continue with with committee work. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon Kiprono for Lembus Perkerra.

Hon. Kiprono: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir I am also here to support the motion of the CECs. First, I want to applaud the Committee on Appointments for doing a thorough job, they have done us proud. These nominees came for the interviews and most of us followed the interviews online and for sure most of them qualified for this job. I want to support Dr. Sirma he comes from my village and I have known him for a while; he comes from Kabimoi and I don't know if you are aware that the second president of this country comes from Kabimoi. I don't know if you are aware that the member of Parliament for Eldama Ravine comes from Kabimoi, are you aware that the veteran rally driver in East and Central Africa comes from Kabimoi?...

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): What's the information...Hon. Kiprono kindly assume your seat. What is it Hon. Cynthia

Hon. Cynthia: Mr. Speaker he is telling us the president of Kenya is from Kabimoi yet we know that he is from Sacho.

Hon. Kiprono: That is why I refused the information because the current president comes from Tarbo not Kabimoi. I said the second president.

(Laughter)

We have former Principal Secretary Solomon Boit from Kabimoi. I was just saying that so that the likes of Robert and Seuri can see me behind the tent so that I can take them around Kabimoi.

Dr. Sirma from the CV and the interview he is an able person. I have seen what he has done in Nakuru County as a Chief Officer this proves that he will be of much help to our County and he will not let us down and I am happy that somehow Hon. Ngotie has talked about him.

Secondly, as the Chair of Water and Irrigation, I am impressed with the CEC Richard Tamar, I heard him during and from his experience and 75% of Baringo being ASAL area we need the knowledge of Tamar he also comes from a hardship zone so I think it will be a plus for us to get him in this department.

I have also noticed that he worked with world vision and they are one of the partners who can do us major projects on water so to me I will support this because I see Tamar as an able leader and an able CECM.

The last one that I also saw as important is CECM Agriculture. I come from Eldama Ravine and Lembus Perkerra is partly an agricultural area and the biggest milk plant in Baringo County is in my Ward and having somebody of vast knowledge like Madam Risper Chepkong'a we can go far. I have Koibatek Agricultural Training Centre in my Ward which has been training farmers

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but nowadays we need to up it so that we can do breeding of cows and artificial insemination, fruition and training; these are Farmers Training Centres (FTC).

Mr. Speaker, FTC alone has 450 acres of land which is enough to do a lot in agriculture. I support and mostly say thank you for Members because in the morning, we all said that we needed time. This shows that we need quality debate and like the issue at hand today on CECs we need time to go through their CVs and I am happy that by the words of the 3rd President of America, Thomas Japherson who said in matters lifestyle, swim with the current but in matters of principle, stand like a rock. I applaud this House because of your principles. I support. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Kiprono, I am worried because you only invited Hon. Robert and Hon. Seuri to Kabimoi. What happens to the rest of us?

(Laughter)

Hon. Sam Lokales

Hon. Lokales: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the report. On my submission, I will be general and we have the cream of Baringo in this list. I don't want to pre-empt that those who were left are not the good but looking at this last docket starting from the Department of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, you will see Architect Reuben Ruto. In the previous Governments, we have experienced somebody who did Human Resource taking lead in Lands. Such a person doesn't understand physical planning and urban organization. But this time round, H.E Benjamin Cheboi was so wise to bring to us an Architect to lead the department. On the other departments, you will allow me to mention two nominees from Tiaty and that is Maureen Karelo Lemashep who hails from Kolowa. I have known the lady and have been her supervisor when we were working with World Vision. She was brought up by a single mother and she struggled when going to college. This is an example of those who have toiled to where they are.

I don't have any reservation for this lady and I wish she could be among those passed today to get this prestigious position of the CEC Youth, Gender, E-Government and ICT. On Rev. Kiuta, he served a lot in church but did not stop learning. He went ahead and he is a PHD holder, one of our first in Tiaty. We are proud of him because he is showing the entire Tiaty that the way to go by embracing education. Therefore, Cheboi saw good things from him and he will deliver. He has served in Kabarak in various capacities. He was a lecturer and interacted a lot with students and the management and that is where he dwell mostly.

This is a God fearing person and I know that he will deliver in Education department. As I conclude, I am a Vice-Chair of Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure and I have studied Engineer Lekonaya Kibwalel who comes from Lembus and it is good to have him as said earlier we have those who have studied in those disciplines.

I know there is a lot we can do in transport and infrastructure in Baringo. It is only in Eldama Ravine and maybe Mogotio where the low cost roads were completed by the previous Government. But if you go to Baringo South, there are graded roads. We need an expertise and a person who can lead this County and advise the Committee, the County and the Executive on how we can get low cost roads which can put some money and have all seasoned roads.

I was also interested by Nominee number 7, Dr. Solomon Sirma. He worked in Nakuru County as the Director of Health and a Chief Officer Health. We have seen Nakuru as the best in Health

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services delivery. I am happy that this brain is coming home to save us from the collapsing hospitals. He will assist the Chair Health Committee, Hon. Lokorio on issues of Health because the Sub-counties will have the best Level 4 hospitals. The villages like that of Hon. Sitoi which is equivalent to my own Ward we have the best dispensaries if not health centers and therefore I don't have any reservation of these men and ladies of Baringo. I support and urge all of us that we give them an opportunity to deliver to us.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Kipruto Kimosop.

Hon. Kimosop: Mr. Speaker, I support this report and it is important to capture clearly where we are as a County. The people of Baringo went to the poll on August 9th 2022 and majority of these members were elected. It is now clocking 3 months and it took long for us to be sworn in because of IEBC challenges in ensuring that there is a list but finally we are here.

The voters that went to the polls are getting impatient with us because they want services. They even no longer know if we have the CECMs or the COs in place. And according to them, we are in Kabarnet and we are supposed to be working. Even some of them don't know whether it took long before we were sworn in because immediately we were elected we were away from the Wards for close contact.

There is a huge push by the voters to ensure that services are available. Approving this report today will pave way for this County to get an Executive Committee and to have the County functions moving. Of course the outgoing Executive Committee is there but obviously as a human being, knowing that your days are numbered the motivation is not so much there. That is my first reason why I want to urge this House that we don't need any further delay. And I urge the Governor that even after this approval, he should immediately swear in the CECMs. We need to see them handing over and work begins.

That does not mean that we are a rubber stamp and we don't know our work. But as most Members have said, we have Committees as structures in this House to help us panel beat and deliver on the mandates of this House. The Appointments Committee has brought us this report. Members requested for more time and have taken time to go through the report. I am a Member of this Committee and generally if there were serious reservations for this report, we would be hearing them but I am convinced that we did to the best of our human ability.

The third issue is what exactly is our mandate in as far as the CEC and the COs are concerned? What do the Standing Orders envisage? Our job is, we are not the nominating and appointing authority but the Governor is. But our job is to exercise vetting to the CECs and look at whether there is a problem, offence, criminality, and outcry in as far as the CECs are concerned. When we began as a committee, we asked ourselves what exactly our job was and in doing that, it is important to report that in all the 10 CECs, no single memorandum was presented to our Committee raising any complain.

The qualifications that were presented to us, the Committee was able to authenticate and where they were not available immediately one of the CECNs Lekonya had lost his KCSE Certificate but this House wrote to Kenya National Examination Council to get confirmation if the copy of the certificates he had were true. It was supplied to us and in situation where names had problems, we were sure that the person we were vetting is the person whose documents were available.

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Those individuals supplied documents to us effect that they have a family name and a name that they had before they got married and supplied affidavits to us. There were concerns about some nominees like Arch. Ruto that he had a case in Bungoma regarding a wheelbarrow case but this was a general public issue that nobody was able to reduce them to memorandum. But because we are human beings, we needed to know if he has a case. He was able to supply to the Committee a judgment of the High Court acquitting him from the alleged corruption case.

When there is a high court rule setting aside a junior court case, it restores back your innocence back to its original settings so that if the magistrates court had said that you are guilty, and the high court quashes it, you get back your innocence as a person. That information was available to us as a Committee. There were demonstrations I think in Bartabwa Ward where there were concerns that the nominee was purported to be from Bartabwa and the last time she was there was many years ago. Nobody from Bartabwa wrote a Memorandum and we were able to task that nominee to find out whether there were community challenges.

She indeed confirmed in her net worth that she has a huge chunk of land in Bartabwa which because of banditry she has not been able to access it and nobody has complained that she has been away.

(Laughter)

There were concerns that there was a nominee who had low qualifications in form 4 and some people were telling us if somebody has a challenge with low academic qualification and we are bringing him to be in charge of the cabinet, will that person be able to perform?

That nominee was able to demonstrate that despite not performing very well, in form 4 she was able to grow through the trajectory to get a certificate, a diploma and eventually a degree and in both cases juggling between, family, insecurity incidences and this is a nominee from an extremely marginalized area.

So Mr. Speaker in exercising our vetting mandate, one of the other nominee from I think Baringo South where I come from and a few challenges had also been raised and it is important to report that that nominee had no case anywhere, it was a case of forgery, it has never been presented anywhere, any court of law or to DCI or any other place.

That nominee is a victim I think in my view if you ask me, a victim of administrative injustice; an administration action that resulted to injustice because he was just told to go home and wait to be contacted and that man is still waiting to be called back up to today.

Finally we have Counties today that are not able to have their CECMs sworn in, because there is a court case because the nominees are either from one tribe, one region or the gender rule was not observed.

I salute the Governor because it is not easy to balance a County of this diversity, the level of diversity that we have and in his own wisdom, he has been able to balance even the competing marginalized communities to an extend that even us ...

Mr. Speaker, I come from a Community called Endorois which is a minority community and it is not a Tugen, you know we are not Tugens...

(Loud consultations)

We are not Mr. Speaker because we took a case to African Union and it went through the stages and it was confirmed that the Endorois are independent, and in this list Mr. Speaker we have two nominees from the Endorois community.

We have a nominee from the Ilchamus community, we have two from the Pokot community which despite our challenges here and there are marginalized community so it is also important to note.

Mr. Speaker, I sat through that interview and I thank the Chair of that committee because he is the advocate of the high court you were able to perform your duty and we were there, we followed publicly we listened word by word throughout the interview and I can ascertain to this House that Governor Cheboi went for the most qualified CECMs.

Mr. Speaker one of the CECMs, Engineer Lekonaya has an opportunity to work in East and Central Africa, in America, in fact one of the questions I asked was whether he was taking a demotion, and he kept repeating that before he retire he had worked up to more than 30 years then he chose to take leave from active duty but he said he is coming home to offer service to his County.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sirma is a man that has served Nakuru and for those who live or are near Nakuru know that the kind of challenges that we have in Baringo is dug shortage and this is actually not a serious issue in Nakuru County, he said I have taken this join to come and serve my home County.

Mr. Speaker I have a lot of confidence that the health sector under Dr. Sirma will actually change. Hon. Cheboi the Governor really tried to go for competence, regional balance and to get us the best. I plead with this House that we actually approve the nominees.

Mr. Speaker for the record, I have just mentioned that I come from the Endorois community, Zachariah Kopetpet and Penninah Bartuin are from the Endorois community and as this House approves they will be approving part of that team that are marginalized and a minority community to the Executive of Baringo. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Solomon Makal.

Hon. Makal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the good work of the Appointments Committee. I support this motion because I have seen that the nominee has the capability and for this County to progress we need them in the office.

Mr. Speaker as my colleagues have said, it is well distributed within the County, regional balancing was adhered to and we appreciate. As Hon. Members we only need services, we need these individuals to come and work for the people. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Solomon Kuria.

Hon. Kuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I also join my colleagues in supporting this motion and applaud my senior Hon. Deputy Speaker who was in form four when I was in form one, we were in Baringo High School and because he did not monopolize me I can also not fail him today.

But I somehow disagree with him on some statements that he has made here that all the communities were taken care of. My name is Solomon Kariuki ...

(Laughter)

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And when I go through the list I don't see the Kamaus and Kariukis but maybe in the future Government needs to take care of Kamaus and Kariukis and Wangares in this County. But I am hopeful that maybe in the list of the Chief Officers that is coming, maybe they will be there and also my community will be very happy.

I come from a place where it is a cosmopolitan ward, if you look at Eldama Ravine non-Kalenjin voters are more than 25 or 30 thousand. So we also need to be considering them so that they can feel that they are represented.

Mr. Speaker, I said that I support this document hoping that in the list of Chief Officers I will be represented. If I look at someone like Dr. Sirma, last Thursday after swearing in the Deputy Governor the following morning we made a visit to Eldama Ravine Hospital and Dr. Sirma was there.

I can assure this House that this man is knowledgeable, he is a professional and the kind of questions he was asking there I felt there is light at the end of the tunnel in our health sector. I am a friend of Nakuru County, I know a lot about Nakuru County but I can tell you for the five years that Dr. Sirma was there he did a good job.

The best cancer center now, you don't need to go to Nairobi for cancer treatment or therapy. In Naivasha there is a very good cancer center that Dr. Sirma was able to establish. I heard him say that he is looking forward to bring his friends who can be able to assist in various services in our County.

Him being a gynecologist, I am looking forward to whereby the problems of our mothers and our ladies will be sorted out, there are so many challenges that they are facing and maybe we don't have specialists in our County.

Despite him being a CEC he might do part time to offer extra services to our hospitals. I am happy to see a young man called Lekonaya, I don't know if he is a Maasai or what, I think we are age mates but I am older by few months so don't count my age but 39 years with a lot of experience I think he is the youngest among the CECs.

So I am very proud to see such young men serve this County, ready to serve our people. Mr. Speaker I am the Chair of Finance and Planning committee, I am also happy for the CEC nominee of Finance and Economic Planning, he is a seasonal banker with a wealthy OF experience.

If you look at the portfolio he was handling with the previous employer it is above Kshs. 7.2 billion so I am looking forward to work closely with him to see that we give the best to our people. Mr. Speaker, I support and it is my prayer to his Excellency the Governor of this County to consider my community in the next appointment of Chief Officers. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Kuria the liaison officer is following the debate live and I am sure he will pass the message to the Governor. Yes Hon. Jacob Cheboiwo Member for Kisanana and a high ranking Member of this House.

Hon. Cheboiwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I appreciate how you chaired the morning session by giving us time to go through this document, now I have knowledge of whom I will approve. I also applaud and congratulate the Appointments Committee for the work well done. Mr. Speaker

I also congratulate these nominees before we approve because I have learnt most of them have struggled to climb the ladders.

Mr. Speaker, I will start with the nominee Maurine Karelo Lemashep, she started from a very remote secondary school, got low grades but eventually she has proved that she did not despair after failing in form four. She has also shown that even if a person fails at form four levels he/she can still grow through the ladders and reach PHD. She is also a replica of Hon. Aisha Jumwa in the National Government because the way she has tried, it proves that everybody can do the best when given a chance. We are also aware of the hardships that might have faced during her secondary schooling for example insecurity and other factors that might cause low family economy.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the Finance CEC, Mr. Wilson Cheserek I can see he has served in various capacities in Access bank, he has gone for studies abroad and he is also a member of several professional bodies and that gives me a reason to approve this list.

Mr. Speaker there is also Dr. Solomon Sirma who served in Moi Teaching and Referral hospital, Kapsabet District hospital and also Nakuru provisional hospital and he also served as a CO in the wide Nakuru County which is so much populated and had lots of issues especially when you face an Assembly like this one of ours, you know how Nakuru is but he served well.

There is also Zachary Kiprotich who comes from the Endorois community as alluded by the Deputy Speaker, from a very arid area, the Lake Bogoria region and he has proved to us that even in that hot area there is a person who can do commerce and he has also proved to be a very good business man.

Mr. Speaker there is also Kiuta Symon, he vied twice for the parliamentary seat without losing hope and now he has succeeded as the CEC for Education, he has a PHD and has served in Kabarak University.

Mr. Speaker this list is hybrid; it includes the young and old professionals. I applaud the Governor because he has done his best despite the fact that Mogotio was marginalized, the Bogor Keben community was also marginalized but I hope in the next list my people will be included. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Cheboiwo the liaison officer is following the proceedings live and I am sure he will pass the message. Yes Hon. Sitei Member for Bartabwa Ward.

Hon. Sitei: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this motion for the following reasons; first, I like the fact that we are appointing people from areas that have challenges in accessing water to be the CEC for water.

Mr. Speaker I come from a place where my mother still carries a 20 liters Jerrican for a distance of about five kilometers to fetch water, when I see the nominee for water and considering that this is fairly a young person because I was also looking at the age I think there is some secret in the 60s. I think we have got it right. Mr Speaker number two the key departments that are supposed to solve our problems as a County, the first one is health when I see the first person we are proposing as CEC health it is only my prayer that we will also get a a very good person for CO in health sector so that we are able to sort out the issues that are affecting our people.

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Mr Speaker, if you stand somewhere around Oinobmoi or somewhere around Koriema every day ambulance 030 must pass taking somebody to either Referral or to Nakuru, it is something that we need to sort once and for all and I am happy that we are getting somebody who has knowledge, experience to run and manage the health department. Mr Speaker the other important department is basic education. When you look at our sister who struggled through her education it is because some of the areas in Baringo are really marginalized to the extent that our children that if Hon Makal and Hon Lokales and myself can tell you the distance that young children are going to access ECD centres then you will be surprised. I am happy that we are getting Dr Kiuta an educationist somebody who has worked in academic institutions. My belief is that we are getting right, it is somebody who has experience in terms of even his age he qualifies to be a grandfather or a great grandfather to those children who are going to school. Mr Speaker I can tell you grandparents have more feelings for their children than their parents.

Mr Speaker the other very important department that I am proud of and I have a lot of interest in it is agriculture. When the Deputy Speaker was contributing he mentioned that there was some protests in my ward that Risper does not come from Bartabwa. I want to confirm Mr Speaker that she comes from Bartabwa and she is actually my village mate. I have known Risper to be a person who is passionate in issues of agriculture and Livestock and having her in that ministry will give us a great mileage in terms of agricultural development. I don't want to mention others. Some of them are good friends to me, some of them we have gone to school with, we have learned through our experiences. Eng Lekonaya is my good friend, I have worked with him and I know him he is a person who is result oriented. Mr Speaker when I see that the committee said that he would source for money the National Government I can confirm that is a true picture of Lekonaya. I beg to support this motion. Mr Speaker reading the mood of this House I want to request you that you put the question.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon Keter.

Hon. Sharon: Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity once again, I want to thank you for allowing us to retire and go through the report and I thank every member who has taken his or her time to read through this document. That is why we are able to give a very good review and comments on this report. I want to give my comments on generality of the entire process that has led to getting where we are right now in regards to the nominations of the CECs. Mr Speaker as a lawyer, I want to confirm that the legal process was followed which is a very good thing, I have looked at everything and every attachment on this report and I want to confirm that the law was followed,

Secondly Mr Speaker I want to thank our Governor for these appointments that are before us today. Mr Speaker I have looked at it as a woman and I am seeing appointments of great women here being Risper Chepkonga, nominee for Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries, Peninah Bartuin for Devolution, Public Service and Administration, Moreen Karelo, Youth Gender E-Government and ICT. I want to thank Hon Benjamin Cheboi for appointing these great women. In the appointment you can see that the one third gender rule was achieved which is a great thing. Michelle Obama stated that there is no limit on what women can do and I believe that these three nominees will do a great job, I am really happy and I want to congratulate them.

Thirdly I have gone through the report and I want to say that each and every nominee here is well trained, they have good qualifications and good career backgrounds all of them have been appointed to the ministries that they have requisite expertise and they are going to do a great job.

Lastly, I want to particularly comment on one person the nominee of Finance Mr Cheserek. I watched through the entire interview and what really caught my eye is the fact that he is leaving a lucrative job to come and do a job that he is earning less salary. He said that what motivated him to take up this job is the fact that he has the zeal and the urge to serve Baringo County. I hope he is going to perform well. I believe he has a good track record. He has been a manager of a very big bank; Access Bank in Baringo County. Lastly, I will not forget to congratulate Rev Kiuta who is my former lecturer at Kabarak University, I am really proud of him and I wish him well. I also wish every nominee well. I don't know them in person but the two are the ones that I know and I wish them well. Thank you Mr Speaker I support the motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Keter I was worried that you did not congratulate the Governor for nominating men but you only applauded him for nominating women.

(Laughter)

Hon Symon Kiplagat

Hon. Symon: Mr Speaker I want to take this opportunity to support this motion and I want to appreciate you for giving us time to go through this report, at least I have read it in detail and I have seen from the word go from the first nominee to the last. I want to appreciate the Appointments Committee you did a great job, you analyzed them well and I have seen that these people are qualified to do the job. I want to congratulate the Governor for giving us professionals who are knowledgeable in the department they are going to lead.

Mr Speaker, I know three or four people here but my interest was the CEC for Health Dr Sirma. During the interview I saw that he is somebody who is ready to do the job. He is speaking from experience, he has the knowledge and I know from his talk if he means well. He puts the talk to action Baringo County health system will improve once and for all. Secondly my great friend Wilson Cheserek I have known him for several years, he is a nice guy and I appreciate the Governor for noticing him because this is someone who is a professional in finance and I know he will deliver.

Thirdly, I want to appreciate my Governor for remembering my friend Symon Kiuta, he is my namesake and he is my neighbor somewhere. I think he preaches the gospel at the cabinet, he will pray for this County and he will be doing great work for us. He is somebody who loves kids, he is a parent representative where my children are studying and he is really interested in kids. And I think he is in the right place. Generally these CECs I know they will deliver if they have the willingness to help Baringo.

Lastly, I want to request the Governor to instruct these CECs to come and live in the County not to waste resources going to Nakuru and Nairobi. We don't want to see County vehicles being driven in the evening and in the morning coming back to Baringo and we have all the residential places here, these CECs can live here and not their homes because the most important thing is to deliver not to waste the resources. So I want to request His Excellency the Governor to put a policy where the County Government vehicles if they are going they go for official duties and not transporting people to their homes so that we can have good management of resources and

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the CECs will be available when needed. Thank you, Mr Speaker sir I beg to support the motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon Symon you ran short of declaring conflict of interest, Hon Robert Cheruiyot. Hon Kimosop what is the issue?

Hon. Kimosop (Deputy Speaker): Mr Speaker I was hoping to get your eye on the dress code of Robert. The rule of this House you cant be on a shirt only there has to be a coat. Mr Speaker our induction you know the Speaker's rules on the dress code. Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Robert Cheruiyot kindly do the necessary so that you can be able to contribute I will reserve your time.

Hon. Cheruiyot: Thank you Hon Speaker but it was very hot and I ate brown ugali and

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): These are rules of this House unfortunately we cannot bend them for you now.

Hon. Cheruiyot: I will do that.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): We will reserve your time. Proceed and get a coat

(Laughter)

Hon. Cheruiyot: Kindly allow me to speak and I go out.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon Cherombor.

Hon. Cherombor: Thank you Mr Speaker for seeing me because I have been raising my hand for a very long time and I was wondering maybe I am not being seen. Let me take this opportunity to support this motion and to congratulate the Committee on Appointments for giving us elaborate report about each and every member of the CEC Committee and also to thank the Governor for balancing all the CEC members though he never considered my Ward but I believe that all the people that have been given the opportunity to serve will serve Baringo equally.

Mine is to congratulate some of them whom I know. My family is in Nakuru and I heard about Dr Sirma. Nakuru is where it is now because of him. He is a very good man and I believe will transform Baringo especially in terms of the health management and make sure that all the facilities work and improve the morale of the staff . So I am sure he will deliver. Another one I want to appreciate is the CEC for Education. As the Chairman Education I look forward to working with him. I don't know how the Governor chose him because he comes from the marginalized community and from the area where insecurity is so rampant. So I am sure we are going to work with him to make sure that this insecurity ceases through education because he will make sure that all the children who are there are taken to school. We will have to sit down with him to ensure to come up with measures on ensuring children go to school maybe boarding schools and the ECDEs be opened. I am sure this is somebody who can deliver. I happened to meet him last week when we were swearing in the Governor and I saw he has passion for education. Another person that I just appreciate through his CV that I have seen there is the roads minister Mr Lekonaya. I don't know how he retired when he was 36 years and you get the retirement age is 60. I think this is a fellow who has a lot of international experience

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The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Ernest Kibet.

Hon. Ernest: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I think I heard a Member say put the question. I think Members are ready to pass this Motion. Mr. Speaker first and foremost I want to really want to congratulate you for your solomonic decisions in this House. You have known where to touch when it is necessary so thank you so much. I also want to appreciate the Governor. Though we still fill because my colleague here who comes from Baringo Central, Mr. Speaker can you imagine he only picked one person and that is the top scorer here who has 82%.

Mr. Speaker that shows Baringo Central can be so amazing given more opportunities and I hope the Governor is watching somewhere so that he really consider us for a bigger share in the Cos position. Mr. Speaker having looked at all these Members I happened to have the opportunity to interview this people up-close.

Mr. Speaker these are sons and daughters of Baringo who are so passionate about service. One lady who really amazed me is Maureen. Maureen is running a rescue centre. Mr. Speaker and she was so passionate of what she was doing and at the tail end of the interview Mr. Speaker, the lady said, my case is a bottom up situation meaning she started from down and she is going up. That even being the CEC is not the finish line, I was so amazed.

Mr. Speaker one person who also really captured the moment and I tried to inquire more why he talked about retiring at the age of 30 something Mr. Speaker but when I went and thought about it, Mr. Speaker this is a person who has worked in the private sector meaning that Mr. Speaker, it is possible to achieve a lot in the private sector as a discipline person and you don't need to stay till 60 what Cherombor was saying that why are you retiring at 39 or 30 and the normal age is 60. No, the normal age is not 60 it is just about, have you achieved your goals in life.

So I think I want to encourage the youth of this country that you don't have to stay until you retire at 70 or 60 to make in life. Lekonaya has shown that as a young person you can work hard and achieve most of the things at your youthful state and appreciate his knowledge about what he is coming to do. He even talked about we will not only rely on these monies that we are being given from the equitable share. That he is going to look for ways and means partnering with many other people so that Baringo can get more resources.

Mr. Speaker the CEC Finance one Wilson Cheserek is very amazing person. Very experienced and Mr. Speaker I think a times when we are in social platforms like some us are Members of Baringo Liberal Minds (BLM), We never realize the potential of these people. When they make comments, we should be listening to them and if given chance I applaud the Governor for giving them an opportunity to come now and express what they have been writing because he really showed that he can be a good manager.

In fact, he talked about...he has a concept already about the hustler fund that we don't really need to wait for the national Fund that we can even now start operationalizing the Hustler Funds because we have had so many funds and loans around. He could work on something and so I think he really fit the Bill.

Mr. Speaker Reverend was very charismatic. He looked somebody who really if given an opportunity he will serve this Nation. Mr. Speaker there was one Risper who really made a very touching comment because she told us how long ago the Tugens would go to the Keiyo Highlands to look for food and in the process there were so many things. The girls were being

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married off on the other side as they fetch for food and send to this other side but the lady said now we will change that trajectory. Now we will be doing irrigation in Kerio Valley and taking the same food across Keiyo to the Airport for export. I think that to me was a very serious comment from Chepkonga and she showed a lot of experience; she has been a Manager in Seeding Companies.

So Mr. Speaker I really want to say that we have a blend. The Architect one Reuben is somebody who is very knowledgeable and as my colleague here was talking about how he pro bono work doing architecture work for the church and Mr. Speaker we could see also that these are people whom we need. What I am just urging the people of Baringo and everybody is that we need to support this people so that they deliver.

Dr. Sirma is a good person and he has shown and we have heard from Nakuru that he has really delivered. So Mr. Speaker mine will just be that, reading the mood and I have seen the Members Mr. Speaker they are in support. Mr. Speaker the only thing that I think we will have to explain is that Members were of the opinion that we don't like this last minute activity but just to inform maybe this situation and we want to ask the Governor that we should never find ourselves in the same situation because between appointing the DG and the CECs, I think that is where we got some mix up so that we needed this Members to have enough time to read this documents so that Mr. Speaker, It is always good when Members are given enough time.

So I will ask going forward, Mr. Speaker let this Members get enough time because Mr. Speaker Members are not rubber stamps. Members are here to debate and make informed decisions. Mr. Speaker I support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): I will give Hon. Aengwo a minute then the mover to reply thereafter.

Hon. Aengwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker for catching my eye. Mr. Speaker sir because as I was trying to catch your eye, most Members were signaling me that really they have had enough debate over the same. One thing I don't want to maybe to forget to say is that, during the first devolution, that time Governor Cheboi who is the present Governor was the Governor at that time and all the time when we were actually in this County, most people were saying, the people who let down Governor Cheboi that time so that he was voted out was the CECs.

I believe this time the crop of leaders he has brought in actually he must have revised well to see to it that delivery of services is very important and Mr. Speaker sir without maybe saying a lot because this Members have exhausted, I think I belief he has actually got the best leaders and therefore Mr. Speaker sir the case of roll overs and the rest, I think he is going to do well.

Mr. Speaker sir, I really didn't want to maybe this debate to end without saying because when we were in the restaurant, the MCA for Tenges actually mentioned something to do with the Primary Certificate for Cheserek and Mr. Cheserek Mr. Speaker sir happens to come from my ward. So Mr. Speaker sir he has corrected it and so therefore I didn't want him to look like there is a question mark somewhere. Mr. Speaker sir thank you and I want also to applaud the committee for doing a wonderful job. Without taking much I beg that I support the Motion Mr. Speaker sir, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): I now invite the mover to reply.

Hon. Lokorio: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir I want to humbly thank your office and the leadership for allowing this Members time because in the morning session there was some concerns that Members had gone through the report. I want to appreciate your decision and wisdom on that, thank you so much Mr. Speaker sir.

At the same time, I appreciate your enormous contribution and lead all through beginning from the start of this process to today we are almost somewhere. Mr. Speaker allow me to thank the office of the Clerk and technical team for guiding us all through the process.

Hon. Members, Mr. Speaker allow me again to thank most sincerely the Hon. Members for considering to approve this Motion having looked at all the circumstances that we have been and for the last time the Health Sector today is an ailing department and now that we have a very able CEC Dr. Sirma who I want to say I am proud of him as my colleague, a very intelligent servant.

Mr. Speaker we are moving forward and today as we have our Health Committee meeting and some of the things that are actually disturbing us; issues to do with how we should move forward with the issues that affect the people of Baringo? And I am happy that Hon. Members are one in unity and all these nominees to be now allowed to serve the people of Baringo County.

I thank you most sincerely again Hon. Members. You have talked a lot and at some point you associated yourselves with the CECs that come from your place. I want to go to record that, although the largest Ward in Baringo is Barwessa but has not gotten any *Waziri* and we don't regret because we trust His Excellency our Governor. We are hopeful that the upcoming nominations for the position of Chief Officers and I would wish that he listens to us, the Hon people of Barwessa who has sent me here to represent them.

I hope he will appoint two Chief Officers, very able and that is my prayer and to all of us that may not have gotten a *Waziri* or CEC from their Wards, we will pray together with you that His Hon. Governor will consider appointing someone from your place. Hon. Speaker I was also impressed that so many good things we have mentioned and talked about our able CECs. I want to also take this opportunity to congratulate in advance hoping all shall go well and the Governor will move very fast to swear them in as soon as possible so that work may start.

I want to congratulate the two nominees from North Baringo my Sub County and allow me to say thin because I have heard everybody supporting and saying something good about their people. So I want to sincerely congratulate Hon. Risper Chepkonga and Hon. *Waziri* CEC for Finance. They are able people and will take us far. Overall I want to take the opportunity to congratulate all the 10 Members that have been appointed that is; Architect Reuben Ruto, Risper Chepkonga, Peninah Bartuin, Maureen Karelo Lemashep, Rev. Symon Kiuta, Wilson Cheserek Ruto, Dr. Solomon Sirma, Zachary Kiprotich, Eng. Lekonaya Kibwalel and Richard Naaman Tamar.

On my behalf and on behalf of the technical committee, the Speaker, the Majority Leader and the leadership we want to congratulate them and wish them well. I am surprised and very happy Hon. Speaker for the first time His Excellency the Governor is appointing a spiritual leader and brings Baringo into some normalcy. We were lost at some point and for like almost some few years Baringo was going the wrong direction. We almost all the things that we were supposed to be going right but this time now that we have a serious Bishop, I think Baringo will be prayed for and I am sure by the end of 5 years' term that this Hon. Members will be serving, those of us and

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those of you that may not have been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ will have an opportunity to save them if there will be Heaven, I hope so. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Thank you Hon. Speaker and I now congratulate everyone and wish everyone the very best of luck and thank you for supporting the Motion, I support.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Order Members, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday next week for normal sitting.

The House rose at 4:35PM