

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**Part 11**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 4:00 p.m.**

*The Deputy Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa) in the Chair*

**PRAYER**

**MOTION**

**The Leader of Majority**, (hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give a notice of motion **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order number 47 (1), the County Assembly adopts the second report of the Committee on Appointment on the vetting of the Samburu County Secretary and Head of Public Service and County Chief Officers. I beg to call upon hon. Lempei to second the motion.

*(Hon. Lempei bows in seconding the motion)*

**The Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Hon. Members, I now propose **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order number 47 (1), the County Assembly debates and adopts the second report of the Committee on Appointment on the vetting of the Samburu County Secretary and Head of Public Service and County Chief Officers nominees. Hon. Majority Leader.

**The Leader of Majority**, (hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give a brief summary of the Committee on Appointment in regard to the vetting of the CS and COs. With your permission, I beg to read.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Hon. Majority Leader, you can go ahead and read.

**The Leader of Majority**, (hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This report contains the committee's proceedings of the approval hearings of Mr. Stephen Siringa Letinina for appointment as the County Secretary and Head of Public Service and the 14 chief officer nominees for appointment as chief officers in their respective departments. Mr. Stephen Letinina had been nominated by H.E the Governor pursuant to section 44(2)(b) of the County Governments Act, 2017 and the County Chief officers were nominated pursuant to section 45(1)(a) of the County Governments Act, 2017.

The governor is required to nominate a person for appointment as the County Chief Officer from among persons recommended by the County Public Service Board; and with approval of the County Assembly. Having been forwarded to the County Assembly, the House is obligated to conduct approval hearings and make a determination of the nominees' suitability or otherwise within 21 days as provided for in section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. By the leave of the House, the names of the nominees were referred to the Committee on Appointment for vetting.

From Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Committee vetted the nominees under the criteria set out in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. During vetting the Committee observed that the nominees had been cleared for appointment by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Directorate of Criminal Investigation, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Higher Education Loans Board. The Committee noted that due process was followed in the recruitment. On the suitability of the nominees, the Committee found all the nominees were suitable and qualified to serve as the County Secretary and the Chief Officers.

### **Committee membership**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Appointment was constituted by the House on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 comprising of the following members:

1. Hon. Lempere Solomon, the Speaker/Chairperson
2. Hon. Lentukunye Christopher, the Leader of Majority
3. Hon. Mpopoyio Nicholas, the Leader of Minority
4. Hon. Roseline Lesaibilie, Member
5. Hon. Antonela Lobura, Member
6. Hon. Benjamin Leitore, Member
7. Hon. Raisy Letura, Member
8. Hon. Paul Wonyang, Member
9. Hon. Stefania Lanyasunya, Member
10. Hon. Peter Lempei, Member
11. Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa, Member

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, by the leave of the House, the chairpersons of the relevant sectoral committees were co-opted to the Appointment Committee and, therefore, the following members were also in attendance:

1. Hon. Joseph Leshipayo – Chairperson, Culture, Gender and Social Services
2. Hon. Paul Leshimpiro – Chairperson, Medical services, Health and Sanitation
3. Hon. Lucas Lekwaale – Chairperson, Physical Planning, Lands and Housing
4. Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei – Chairperson, Delegated
5. Hon. Fred Kiragu – Chairperson, Implementation Committee
6. Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya- Chairperson, Agriculture, Livestock Development, Veterinary Services and Fisheries
7. Hon Jonathan Lemoosa- The Deputy Speaker

### **Committee Mandate**

The Committee on Appointment is one of the Select Committees established under Standing Order 183(4) which provides that, *the Committee on Appointment shall consider for approval by the Assembly, appointments under Articles 179(2) (County Executive Committees).*

### **Nomination of the County Chief Officer**

In accordance with section 45(1)(a) of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012, H.E the Governor forwarded to the Clerk Of the County Assembly the names of the following 14 County Chief Officer nominees vide a letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, for vetting and approval by the County Assembly as County Chief Officers.

The names of the nominees and their respective departments are as follows;

No	Name of Nominee	Department
1.	Mr. Reuben Lemunyete	Agriculture, Livestock Development, Veterinary Services and Fisheries
2.	Dr. Andrew Lanyasunya	Culture, Social Services and Gender

3.	Mr. David Lesamana	Economic Planning and ICT
4.	Mr. Marios Lerugum	Education, Technical and Vocational Training
5.	Mr. Daniel Lenolkirna	Finance
6.	Mr. Benard Lesurmat	Lands, Housing Physical Planning and Urban Development
7.	Ms. Lydia Nkini Letinina	Public Service Management and Administration
8.	Mr. Samwel Nakope	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation
9.	Mr. Wilson Lekoomet	Roads, Transport and Public Works
10.	Mr. Daniel Lesaigor	Special Programs
11.	Ms. Alice Lenanyokie	Sports and Youth Affairs
12.	Ms. Joy Letoiya	Tourism and Marketing
13.	Ms. Susan Lelemoyog	Trade, Co-operatives and Enterprise Development
14.	Mr. England Loosenge	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Energy

### **Committee sittings**

The committee held eight (8) sittings during which the said nominees who appeared before the Committee on Appointment and were vetted in accordance with Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. On behalf of the Committee on Appointment, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report on the nominees for the County Secretary and the Chief Officers. May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee and the Co-opted Members who took their time to participate in the process and the secretariat for their input and contributions during the deliberation and vetting exercise. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Please assist the Leader of Majority with the fair copy that entails the Committee recommendations please. You can go on.

**The Leader of Majority**, (hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I proceed with the Committee's recommendations;

Pursuant to Sections 44(2)(b) and 45(1)(b) of the County Governments Act, 2017, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and County Assembly of Samburu Standing Orders No. 183(4), the Committee recommends that: -

1. This House approves the following 15 nominees for appointment by H.E the Governor as the County Secretary and Head of public Service and the County Chief Officers in their respective departments; -

- 1) Mr. Stephen Siringa Letinina
- 2) Mr. Reuben Lemunyete
- 3) Dr. Andrew Ropillo Lanyasunya
- 4) Mr. David Nkisalash Lesamana
- 5) Mr. Marios Lerugum
- 6) Mr. Daniel Lenolkirna
- 7) Mr. Benard Lesurmat
- 8) Ms. Lydia Nkini Letinina
- 9) Mr. Samwel Nakope
- 10) Eng. Wilson Lekoomet
- 11) Mr. Daniel Lesaigor
- 12) Ms. Alice Lenayokie
- 13) Ms. Joy Letoiya
- 14) Ms. Susan Lelemoyog
- 15) Mr. England Loosenge.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward**, (Hon. Jerias Leshomo): Thank you hon. Speaker. I stand to support and contribute on the Committee on Appointment about the vetting of the County Secretary, Head of Public Services and the Chief Officers.

Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader read the report and i support the vetting because they were chosen in line with the set criteria in the Public Appointment Acts 2017, Leadership and Integrity Act 2012 and the Constitution of Kenya. All the nominees were found qualified and suitable to serve in the departments they were nominated for Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank the Committee for actively participating to come up with this report in time to be tabled and enable the Governor to appoint them. We know that the County has stayed long without the Chief Officers and we think that after the approval the governor can appoint them so that they work and provide services to our people.

*(Applause)*

**MCA Nachola ward**, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): I stand to support the report. The nominees nominate for the second terms promised to come up with new ideas and leave a record behind. Mr. Speaker that was the toughest vetting I ever attended. Every nominee was qualified, experienced and some even expressed themselves more than the questions asked required until we asked them to summarize.

Mr. Speaker sir, the nominee were suitable for the departments they were nominated for, the new nominees were international workers as some were talking of Britain and Zimbabwe. This time Samburu County will have all the brains if not on paper then they will deliver and bring transformations.

I hope that our hon. Ladies are happy this time because the one third gender rule has been observed and we hope next time it will be 50-50. I urge the House to support this report because the County has stayed long without the Chief Officers and we need the work to kick off immediately. I support the report.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Osman Dube): Asante bwana Spika, napongeza Kamati. Leo nikona na furaha nyingi sana sijui kama nitazungumza vizuri. Mweheshimiwa spika, kamati imeangalia masilahi ya walemavu kwa sababu miongoni mwa ofisa 15 tumewakilishwa na mmoja, kina mama na vijana pia wamewakilishwa. Naombea kamati hii muda mrefu, ni vyema

watu waelewe kwambia pia walemavu wanaweza fanya kazi vyema pengine bora hata kuliko wengine kama ninavyo tarajia, Asante sana bwana spika.

**MCA Elbarta Ward**, (Hon. Peter Lempei): Thank you hon. Speaker, for the opportunity to contribute to this motion as presented by our able Leader of Majority which I had the pleasure to second.

Mr. Speaker, appointment of public servants is an important constitutional and legal role in our nation building and service to the people. On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 The Governor presented the names of 15 nominees for appointments as the Chief Officers and the head of public service. A procedural motion was moved by the Leader of Majority to commit it to the Appointment Committee, eight sittings were conducted to assess the suitability of the 15 and as pointed out by the Member for Nachola it was a rigorous exercise guided by the law.

It was our honour to do it in accordance with the Appointments Act, backed by the Constitution of Kenya which reinforces the enabling statutes while discharging that mandate that is customized by our Standing Orders which outlines how we conduct business as the County Assembly of Samburu.

The transactions before you are properly within the law. Therefore Mr. Speaker, everything was done with self-consciousness and the law grounded on facts and aspects of the law. The facts are; these are 15 people with diverse qualifications, backgrounds which matches with what they are expected to do as their mandate.

The vetting Committee sat down to discharge its mandate and table the report this afternoon. A lot had been looked at before the report was brought to this distinguished House. As pointed out by hon. Dube, a consideration was done by including the persons living with disabilities, the gender rule, community representation that is why we have the CO Sam Nakope whom I have a lot of respect for, regional balance that is why our COs are from different regions in this County. These are some of the things outlined in the laws hence it is met.

Doubt doesn't arise in my mind that the Committee which I am a Member of discharged its mandate and gave out recommendations on what was overlooked and that is why the Member

for Lodokejek ward said there was a slight mismatch in terms of qualifications and capabilities, that be corrected forthwith.

Mr. Speaker, I will dwell a little bit on about five nominees. The nominee for Agriculture, Mr. Reuben Lemunyate, a fantastic gentleman we had an opportunity to know his background, a Warrior who had to cut off the braided hair and rose to the pinnacle of the civil service in this County far North of our county, that was a serious consideration and the size of the community he is from.

The nominee for Education and vocational training, Mr. Marios Lerugum, a gentleman I have had an opportunity to know since my young age, a boy grown up as a herd's boy in the jungle I was also brought up in to the pinnacle of the civil service the highest office that is none political and that can attain in Samburu County Government service. A teacher by profession and a gentleman who has crawled all through to attain a master's degree in the relevant field who is qualified to be the CO for Education and Vocational training. Mr. David England Loosenge who is qualified and had served in the same capacity in another County Government that had a bigger budget. He had more roles in his previous position. He is now coming home despite the jungle background like the one I have. He is now brought to our civil service to add value.

We had Alice Lenanyekie who schooled in one of the most prestigious Universities in the world, she has the temerity to leave the world class and come serve us in the dusts of Maralal. We had Nkini Letinina who is our best, they are polished young ladies who never left us, they stayed back to serve and be the role models of our girls. They prove that whatever men can achieve they too can achieve. This is what the County Government presented to this Assembly as people for considerations.

Engineer Lekoomet has diverse qualifications and has served to the best think tanks of the world. Despite his disability he strives to be one of our best. He left places where he ought to have had more money and came to serve and be role models to both our young men and women. He is a role model to our children and all those who know that qualifications are not only exotic or brain drain but must be brought back home to our service. They are the cream that the Governor presented to this House. As the Speaker, you committed the vetting Committee that did its

homework and now presents the verdict as Law Denning Mast of role that striking a blow to the rule of law.

Unlike before where we reject names, this time we are satisfied. As a Committee we have brought envisaged and that which to our best a satisfactory verdict which states that we are satisfied with the appointment. I urge the Members to support the report and let the nominees go and serve the people. It is their mandate that is already delayed by other factors in service delivery, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward**, (Hon. Paul Leshimiro): Thank you hon. Speaker. I support the report on the nominees into the various departments. Just to correct hon. Leshoomo, the Committees recommendation number five on the nominee for roads states that; the nominee was suitable for appointment as the County Chief Officer for Roads, Transport and Public Works. The Committee found him suitable for that role unless it is a request. These nominees qualified on the basis of paper work, fulfilled all the requirements they need and that they satisfied the Committee that they are capable. Their qualifications are one of their best traits but having humility to serve the people is another thing. Commonly, having qualifications in terms of paper work does not mean that you also have the heart to serve the people of Samburu County.

Whether the vetting Committee agrees or not then it means that it is like a supportive supervision; if you do not tell them where they are wrong they may never know where they went wrong. Chief Officers are the accounting officers in the County. If that is the case, then the report that we were given by hon. Kiragu on the implementation of the projects contradicts the suitability of these nominees. According to hon. Kiragu, only 20% of the projects were completed and 80% were not done in the last financial year. Secondly, if the 80% were not done every department was talking of reallocation of funds to something else. If the money was reallocated, then where then are these projects?

If we do not have the projects and only 20% was completed, then it means that we have another animal in the County which are the pending bills which are always on the increase. One of the questions that we gave to those nominees is how much we do to the outside world where the figure was close to six hundred to seven hundred million shillings. I do not have an issue with

the new Cos but the previous ones; they need to know that these three things do not go together. The previous Cos need to check on why they performed the way they performed.

While we deliberate on whether to approve or disapprove this list, there is an invitation circulating in the social media that invites people for the swearing in tomorrow, this makes me wonder what we are doing yet the list has already been approved in the social media. I wonder if the usual procedure is through social media...

*(Point of order by Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya)*

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): The Member is out of order since this House does not rely on the social media. The formal proceedings are done through the Clerk of the County Assembly, thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Maybe you should conclude, thank you.

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward**, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): The letter in the social media is signed and stamped by the Samburu County Government. There is a lot to be done and I urge the Sectoral Committee to take it up in the respective departments, thank you.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I support the report as tabled by the Majority Leader. I participated in the vetting process and therefore congratulate the Governor for presenting people with requisite education and training in their respective nominated areas. Leshimpiro has said that papers are necessary of which I concur; this is because it is the only way to measure their suitability in terms of qualifications and attainments. Apart from qualifications they also had requisite training in the respective fields.

We as the vetting Committee never recommended the Chief Officer for roads to be taken to Water, we qualified him as the Chief Officer for roads; this could have been a friendly advice. During the vetting, we realized that he had experience in water and also he can dismantle and reorganize a Computer. He also has experience and training on roads. He can differentiate the various soils that need tarmac or cement. We qualified them in the hope that they are going to deliver to our people. It is the Sectoral Committee's and House's duty to ensure that they deliver.

We are here as selected representatives of our people, they never knew that we would perform or not, all they did was hoped and elected us. This means that if we do not perform then we will be disciplined come 2022 through over-sighting and analyzing our performance. We have a duty of overseeing their performance and impeach those who do not deliver. I have also seen the invitation that is signed and stamped in the social media and our page; this is in order. This is so because we are on a deadline, if we pass it or not they still have to be sworn in tomorrow. The law says that they will be recognized as the Chief Officers by tomorrow.

*(Point of order by Hon. Lempei)*

**MCA Elbarta Ward**, (Hon. Peter Lempei): The member is misguiding the House since the law says that if we do not pass them today then they stand as disappointed but if we do not act on it today then they stand appointed tomorrow.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): No matter the facts, the Chief Officers ought to be working already; our people have missed services already. I urge my colleagues to pass the report as it is so that the services to our people will not be delayed any further, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Speaker. I will restrict myself to what I have found in the Standing Order and not the other issues appearing on social media. I would like to contribute very briefly to support this debate on the nomination of chief officers and County Secretary and foremost I would like to congratulate our governor for presenting a list of nominees to this house. Secondly, I would also like to thank and appreciate and congratulate and commend the committee on appointments. When you see a lot of volumes, it's like so many people defending doctoral theses, it shows the amount of work they have done.

Thirdly, on the nominees, as I read at least shortly the recommendations of the report and I also participated in the vetting process, the chapter six that deals on appointments by the government has been met in regards to regional balance, gender equality and all sorts of criteria. I have also seen that academic qualifications are very high for all the nominees and all of them also have experience. It's actually overdue.

It is eight months down the line after the general elections that we have been lagging behind so I actually urge the house to pass this report so that we embark on the priorities as we also approach the 2018-2019 budget for the county so that we have the officers that will be able to engage the identification of community priorities in terms of development projects and our expectation will be actually, because even last term we know that it was actually the first term of the devolved government and we also trust and hope that those who served as chief officers and the CS would have a lot of lessons and experience to make them more competent in the second term. So, I fully support the report. Instead of laboring a lot, all of this is contained in the report and most of us are also in the vetting process. So, I beg to support.

**The Deputy Speaker,** (Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you. Very well. Honorable Engineer Wonyang’.

**MCA Waso Ward,** (Hon Paul Wonyang’): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise, Mr. Speaker, to support this motion and I’m just to give you a few reasons as to why I’m doing that. First of all, as you are aware Mr. Speaker, currently as a government we are in a very difficult situation where we lack funds, cash flow is not as forthcoming as it used to be. We are also seeing a scenario where the communities have very high expectations on us as a government. Also, we are seeing scenarios where people are re-aligning for 2022 politics. So if you put all those things together, it means as the government of the day we need to make sure that we have people who are able to deliver our priorities or what people expect.

Currently we are doing CIDP. If you have seen that document and how we are interacting with the communities, they are expecting a lot of things from us. Therefore, if you look at the list that we have in front of us, these people are very qualified because we need people who are innovative, creative, people who can think outside the box. It is high time you realize the other day people said why are we shying away from donkey farming in terms of meat production or even selling.

You know in our culture we do not embrace such kind of things but if you look at the market of donkey meat vis-à-vis that of a cow, camel and goat, the donkeys are better. They are also

drought-resistant. These are things coming out of CIDP and we need people who can drive change. Change can only come from experience and good education.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we also realize that in this list we have old people who were previously in the system and there is an old English saying that says “New brooms sweep clean, old brooms know all the corners.” That is a good mix. As an administrator, on this one, I think the governor has scored it.

The nitty-gritties on how he is going to re-align his so that they can perform better is up to him because as an assembly we only check on suitability. So, with those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I urge the whole house to pass these nominees as presented to us by the vetting committee.

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon Zamzam Ismael):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the report and I really want to congratulate the committee for the great work they have done in writing the report and the vetting process. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we know the nominees are sons and daughters of this land. They are learned people with wealth of experience. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to personally congratulate his Excellency the governor. There was gender balance, special interest groups were covered and regional balance was done. This is a great representation, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Lastly, I urge the house. We work as a team; we walk with the nominees to see that service delivery goes to our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**The Deputy Speaker, (Jonathan Lemoosa):** Very well, hon Zam Zam. hon Letura.

**MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon Raisy Letura):** Thank you, honorable Speaker. Mr. Speaker, you will forgive me because I have a sore throat.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the other honorable members who have spoken ahead of me and honorable speaker I’m not trying to guide you but from the look of things, I think the mood of the house is like almost 100%. This time round we want to give the governor a clean bill of health for a job well-done. Honorable Speaker, I think this house as my good friend member for Ang’ata Nanyokie has not shied from rejecting names. I remember the other year we rejected names of chief officers, not because we had a grudge with anybody but we rejected the whole list

because the rules were not followed. Honorable Speaker, Sir, this time round, we as a committee unanimously agreed with the names as presented by His Excellency the Governor.

We are sure that there are several underlying issues as Honorable Kiragu has put it. Again, Honorable Speaker, we understand the situation in Kenya. Yes, we know projects were not done the right way and we know the national government has not done its part. We know the monies were never released on time even up to date, nine months after elections we are only receiving salaries and even in a very erratic manner.

Honorable Speaker, as my good friend, member for Waso has put it right and this house must at some time buy this idea of donkey business. Honorable Wonyang' is so much obsessed about this business, I think, honorable Speaker, it is a booming business. Maybe in our CIDP we should be serious and consider it because your mind is as good as mine. You know honorable Wonyang' comes from a community that values donkey and the same reason why he is saying that we need to do value addition to donkey business in Samburu, honorable Speaker, and seeing to it that this sees the light of day.

So the innovation, to me, is there, honorable Speaker. The energy is there we have proved because of the papers we have seen and we have also not received any petition. I think this house has always done the right thing, even in the public petition. We have executed our mandate, we have always listened but this time around none of the COs or the secretary had a petition from anybody.

Honorable Speaker, the issue of alignment is the mandate of the governor. Yes, we can advise as friends, we can recommend but, Honorable Speaker, the onus lies with the governor. The governor has the right, he as his mind he can decide on what to do with his chief officers. For us, we have executed our mandate. Mr. Speaker, I join the honorable members and beg that the other issues that are remaining we know, such as the issue of regional balance was not 100% but to err is human. We know hon Lanyasunya will go away smiling, he got four chief officers. Almost every small village in his ward has a chief officer. Yes, they are qualified. That is a small thing that we can always correct as time goes. Mr. Speaker, I beg the honorable members we don't

labor so much because it is clear that we had no basis to reject the names or the report of the appointing committee. Thank you, honorable Speaker.

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Mr. Speaker I also stand to support the report. Mr. Speaker I'm happy. Mr. Speaker I am a second-timer here and the rest of the members also are second-timers and I've got a record. I want to congratulate the most senior member of this house, Hon. Lorunyei for supporting the appointment report for the first time. Mr. Speaker I respect the honorable a lot because of the seniority and I know that the interests of the members have also been considered and that is why we say that the report is okay because it has it taken into consideration regional balance, ethnicity, diversity, gender issues and all those other issues that should be considered for the report to be balanced.

Mr. Speaker I support the report and want to urge the honorable members as well to support it. Mr. Speaker, we had deliberations on this when we were in Samburu Lodge while preparing the report and that is why the Honorable member for Ndoto is having problems in his speech because of a sore throat. So I wish him well, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you, hon Leitore. Reading from the mood of the house we will give the hon Majority Leader to sum up.

**Leader of Majority**, (hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I wish to take this opportunity to thank the committee on appointment members and also members who spoke here before. Mr. Speaker I stand to support the report because Mr. Speaker, just as what honorable members who spoke before me said we have had a lot of deliberations in regards to the individual nominees who actually appeared before the committee. I also believe most members had time to join the committee on appointments in vetting of the nominees who were before this house.

Mr. Speaker, a lot has been said and proved because these young guys, both young and old, have proved themselves qualified, they are capable, and they have all the capacity, all it takes to execute their mandate and Mr. Speaker, because of all other factors. Mr. Speaker, the mandate of this committee is to ascertain the suitability of the nominees. Mr. Speaker, the suitability in terms of academic, experience and all other things, Mr. Speaker.

I think, Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the governor has observed all other factors and constitutional requirements in regards to appointment of chief officers or other government officers because Mr. Speaker, regional balance was observed ethnic issues were also considered, age, gender and all other factors that contribute to suitability of the candidates.

Mr. Speaker, without much ado, I wish to thank all members for their effort and also urge them to approve the list as it is so that these individuals can be sworn in and start their duties as required so that our people will immediately start enjoying the services from our officers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge this house to approve the list as it is. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker,** (Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you, the Majority Leader. Actually reading from the mood of the house, honorable members I now put a question.

*(The question was put and the motion passed)*

*The Samburu County Health Services Bill 2018. Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 2 Samburu County Bills No. 2 Be Now Read for The First Time. Samburu County Health Services Bill 2018, A Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Samburu to Provide for Implementation of Section 2 Of Part 2 Of The Fourth Schedule to The Constitution of Kenya on County Health Services and for Connected Purposes.*

**The Deputy Speaker,** (Jonathan Lemoosa): Hon. Members, I now commit the Samburu county health services bill 2018 to the relevant committee. Honorable members, the time being twenty-four minutes past four o'clock and there being no other business this assembly now adjourns until Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 at 9.00 am. Thank you.