



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Thursday 27th October 2022

The House met at 9.30 a.m.

[Hon. Speaker (Mr. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPER

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AMENDMENTS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, it is a good morning and we thank God for this day. Allow me to lay the Paper. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today, Thursday 27th October 2022:

The report of Select Committee on Procedure and Rules on amendments of Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Orders, pursuant to Standing Order No. 258.

Hon. Speaker I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AMENDMENTS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Select Committee on Procedure and Rules on amendment of the Standing Orders, laid on the Table of the Assembly, today, Thursday 27th October 2022.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AMENDMENTS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

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THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Select Committee on Procedure and Rules on amendment of the Standing Orders, laid on the Table of the Assembly, today, Thursday 27th October 2022.

Hon. Speaker, this Motion is pursuant to what I said a day before yesterday, that we are 123 Members of the County Assembly of Nairobi. Each Member, stipulated by the Standing Orders, is required to have not more than two sectoral committees and not more than one select committee. As it is, without amendments, it means a select committee will have about 17 Members and a sectoral committee 19 Members. Our proposal in this Committee is to lift up these numbers from 17 to 19 in select committee and 19 to 23 in sectoral committee. This will accommodate each Member of this County Assembly to have at least two sectoral committees and a select committee, which about five are active. That gives all of us a balanced representation in terms of oversight, legislation and representation.

Hon. Speaker, if we do not pass this report, it means about 19 Members across the aisle will miss out on being allocated equal share of the committees as stipulated by the Standing Orders. In the last Assembly, we did the same. It is a procedural issue to make sure the welfare of our Members is catered.

As I said before, the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) has done us an injustice. This plenary, as much as you wake up early as you can, it is not payable. In a nutshell, Mr. Speaker, we are also seeing a kind of stifling of the legislative agenda of the county assemblies. The National Parliament and the Senate are paid plenaries, but for the assemblies, it seems the SRC wants to kill us. But no problem, we will sort ourselves, and one day the SRC will rescind that decision.

Hon. Speaker, I urge this House to pass this report as quickly as possible because we are sitting here penniless so that by this afternoon, the Whips can be in a position to gauge if they can bring us committees or in the first meeting of next week so that we get to finalize and start holding committee sittings where donkey work is done in terms of parliamentary practices.

Hon. Speaker, I ask the Hon. Member to make a short maiden speech and then second the Motion.

Hon. Chris Mutumishi: Mr. Speaker, I am Hon. Chris Mutumishi from Komarock Ward, I beg to second. *Ahsante*.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, now that the Motion has not attracted any debate, I call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, without much ado because of time, I hereby reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I direct that at the rise of the Assembly, the Committee on Selection to have a sitting to adopt the said report and bring forth the amendments before this Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: The Assembly stands adjourned to today at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.05 a.m.