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The Assembly met at the Main Assembly Chamber,

Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 9:00 a.m

[Hon. Speaker (Hon. Nelson Mutai) in the Chair]

PRAYER

RESUMPTION FROM RECESS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, you are welcome again to this Session after a tiresome nomination exercise. I take this opportunity to congratulate those who were nominated and to those who were not successful, keep the fire burning. We pray that we stay together as one Assembly and we will do whatever we can to ensure that we move together in one spirit. Otherwise, I know it has been tough for most of us. We will endeavour to organize training or other forums outside the Assembly for us to engage further. *‘Karibuni sana.’*

Hon. R. Serbai rose on a point of order

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Serbai.

Hon. R. Serbai: Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I believe you are in order to communicate to us what you have just communicated. I congratulate all the Members who participated in the nomination exercise that took place while we were on recess. I congratulate all those who were successful and those who failed to go through. I encourage them that this is not the end of the world. There are so many things that are awaiting us outside there.

Hon. Speaker, this is not the first time that quite a number of Members are being rejected by members of the public. The Members did not fail. They were only told by their bosses to go and take a rest. They will be here next time. The kind of spirit that was roaming during this time was not the usual spirit. I urge this House to pray for the Members who are here.

Secondly, I take the pleasure to thank the people of Embomos for almost four consecutive times. I am happy. I also want to take a rest after serving for all that period of time. I also wish those who are waiting for the election all the best. We are going to support you and we want you to be here in August. Hon. Speaker, Sir, I also want to wish you all the best. Come August, the new Members are going to elect their Speaker. It is therefore, my prayer that you come back as the Speaker of the next Assembly.

Finally, I remember when we were in Kisumu. I requested that we look for somebody so that they can actually take us through a certain process that I do not want to use the term. You all know what I requested in Kisumu. This is to enable Members to come to terms with the condition that is here with us.

Hon. Speaker, I congratulate this County Assembly for doing their best. I have gone round and seen those who were nominated and the independent candidates. Hon. Speaker, they will never match this Assembly. The Members here are much stronger than those who are coming. However, I wish them all the best. These Members were good. You can decide if we are going to have a caucus where we will be meeting and say hi to one another. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. R. Serbai, thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else who would like to make some comments on that?

Let's move to the next Order.

PAPERS

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF BOMET COUNTY BURSARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Chepkwony.

Hon. J. Chepkwony: Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I beg to lay the following Paper today, Tuesday, 26th April 2022 on the report of the Auditor General of Bomet County Bursary Fund for the year ended 30th June 2019. I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Proceed.

Hon. Member laid the Paper

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): The Committee on PAC/PIC to come up with that report.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON BOMET COUNTY EXECUTIVE CAR LOAN AND MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Chepkwony.

Hon. J. Chepkwony: Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the report of the Auditor General on Bomet County Executive Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June 2019.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Proceed.

Hon. Member laid the Paper

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): The Committee on PAC/PIC to come up with that report. Proceed, Hon. Chepkwony.

Hon. J. Chepkwony: Hon. Speaker, there are no more Papers. I wanted to mention that I am also happy to be here and we are not trying to scare anyone as per what Hon. Serbai said. I know that we still have time and the new Members who will join this Assembly still expect much more from you until we adjourn sine die as per the calendar that we passed. We will still be expected to handle the budget among other issues.

Hon. A. Langat seated in the Leader of Majority's Chair

Secondly, I wish those who will be vying on different parties or independent the best. I do not know if the new faces are already in the Assembly. I see a different Leader of Majority but allow him to test the seat before the holder relinquishes. ...We are the ones to form government. I wish everyone the best. Let us continue with the usual business because it is not yet over.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Wesley Bett.

Hon. W. Bett: Mr. Speaker I want to congratulate everyone who participated in the nominations. I call upon all the members to assist those who were nominated to be able to recapture their seats. I also want to recognize my daughter who is in the public gallery, Immaculate Chepkirui Bett.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Vincent, we have some few months to go, do you have something to say?

Hon. V. Mutai: Hon. Speaker I want to congratulate everyone on the nominations that was done last week. Thank you and God bless all of us.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Langat.

Hon. D. Kipkirui: Mr. Speaker I rise to conquer with my colleagues. I learnt a lot on the nominations that were just concluded. We are not regretting that some of us lost the nominations but we are happy we were privileged to have served as honourable members for 4 years. We remain to be honourable members until our last day on earth. We congratulate those who were nominated to go for the coming elections. Most of the County Assemblies did not retain their members while in the National Assembly and Senate most

members were retained. All in all, we are happy and enjoying our private life. Our phones are no longer busy. Our compounds are empty, no members of the public.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Langat.

Hon. A. Langat: Hon. Speaker I want to focus my attention on the achievements we made as the Second Assembly. We have left a legacy; prudent management of resources as compared to the First Assembly. We are now seated in a beautiful building. The members here will be more productive in their next life. I strongly believe that the few who managed to go through will show the next Assembly the way to transact businesses. I'm also grateful that the Speaker we have was nominated the best in terms of performance in our last term. I want to appreciate my people from Singorwet Ward. They gave me a chance. We used to leave under pressure but now we are a bit relieved because members of the public are no longer in our compounds.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Keter.

Hon. S. Keter: Hon. Speaker first, I want to congratulate all the members who were nominated. I want to thank the people of Rongena/Manaret for giving me an opportunity to serve them in the last 5 years. I pray that I will be back in the next election 2027.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Robert.

Hon. R. Rono: Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me this chance. I want to congratulate hon. Members who have gone through the nomination and the members who tried their best but failed. Hon. Speaker during the nomination process, I realized many things. You realize those who were your friends are running away from you. You find in some places we have done a lot on development but when it comes to voting you get surprised with the number of votes you get but all the same Mr. Speaker pray for us who have gone through the nomination. We also pray that during the August election we also go through so that we have a number of members remaining so that we can continue serving our people. Mr. Speaker, I want to comment hon. Members although they haven't succeeded in the nomination exercise, they left a legacy and life must go on. We have done whatever we can. We also know we still have around 3 months to campaign for August election and we also pray that we emerge successful. Otherwise, thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Cecilia.

Hon. C. Mutai: Hon. Speaker I want to appreciate the fact that you have given me this opportunity to also respond. First I want to thank God for the energy he gave us throughout the nomination process. It was really a vigorous exercise myself I had to run around the county, 25 wards. I want to say that the UDA party tried it's best. The system was organized and I want to

appreciate the people of Bomet for considering to give me some votes even though I didn't gunner enough to make the winner, but whoever won, that young lady (LINET CHEPKORIR), we respect her and we respect the will of the people of Bomet and we want to say as women, we also have some work to do. There are milestones we have achieved as women and we want to uphold them and as going forward we also need to think of the inclusion of youth in representation in parliament so that we may not see them as fighting women, they are not fighting us they are also fighting for the spaces and we want to say inclusivity in leadership is very key because we need to address the issues touching on youths.

I was able to learn some lessons that the youths of this county have a lot of challenges and they feel that they have been excluded in the system and there's so much unemployment and that there is so much they need. For example, they don't own anything and they feel like they have been rejected. In the families they don't even own shambas, don't have tittle deeds even at the age of between 25 and 35 and even 40s. So there's so much to be address as a county and as a nation and also we want to say that it's high time that we have a dialogue. Hon. Speaker I want to appreciate the fact that I was able to participate and wish all those who were able to be nominated to participate in the next general election the best and I want to give my well wishes to and say that we will work together and we will support the party. I know in this county we have divergent of views but because I took part in the nomination exercise in UDA party, I am ready to support the party and willing to work with the party. I also want to applaud those members of this House who were able to be nominated and wish them all the best. We are together and it's not yet over until it's over. I also want to wish my hon. member representing Silibwet/Township the ward where I come from all the best and assure him of my personal support and to the governor nominated on UDA party. I want to give him assurance that this county requires his services and we are ready to support him as women of this county and that there's so much to be done before we end the session of this 2nd Assembly and we want to give our best before end of August.

I wish to also air my concerns that this House and the leadership to support us as we transit because physiologically, emotionally; we need support and I want to appreciate the fact that you have organized for such trainings to allow us fit into the system. Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving us this chance once again, thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Kirui.

Hon. H. Kirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am also rising on the issue at hand and to start by appreciating the people of Silibwet Township for finding it wise to nominate me again to be the flag bearer of UDA in the coming general election and I hope they will give me an opportunity to serve them again for the second time. It's a great honour hon. Speaker that they have given me this opportunity. I want to congratulate my colleagues also who were able to go through the nomination and also congratulate the colleagues who have spoken and tell them that we are all winners. Hon. Speaker the standards that we set in the 2nd Assembly are the highest in terms of professionalism, legislation, oversight and the roles of MCA and hon. Speaker, I want to request the members to pray for the few of us who are still facing out with the other contestants who are aspiring through independent tickets or from other parties so that we may maintain the standards that were set in the Second Assembly so that we may show the way to the new who are coming. We need the prayers at this time and I want to appreciate the UDA party for conducting such a high standard of nomination. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Maritim.

Hon. A. Maritim: Thank you hon. Speaker for this opportunity. First let me thank the people of Nyongores Ward for giving me an opportunity again to proceed on a CCM ticket and participate in the August general election.

I also want to applaud the party for giving us free and fair nomination that we all participated and at the end of it all we came up as a united family of Chama Cha Mashinani party. Mr. Speaker, allow me also to congratulate my colleagues who have secured their tickets from UDA party. For those members who never made to secure the tickets in UDA, I want also to encourage them that there's life after politics. I wish you all the best in whatever you want to undertake after the end of this parliament. Mr. Speaker, you know we have come from a rigorous exercise and it's my humble request that we get an opportunity for counselling, encouragement and motivation. It will be a very important exercise for Members of this County Assembly. For those who are proceeding to the general election and hope God willing that we are going to secure our seats. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing much we can talk about today but only to continue to thank the people of Nyongores Ward for having faith in me and entrusting me with the same ticket that I used in 2017 to be in this House and I hope they are going to give me another opportunity on 9th August 2022 to continue serving them because they have seen that I have what it takes to lead that Ward in the next 5 years. Thank you and may God bless this County Assembly. I also pray

for my Party Leader, His Excellency Isaac Ruto to be elected governor in the coming general election. Thank hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Thank you so much hon. Maritim, also pray for me.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Leonard Kirui.

Hon. L. Kirui: Thank you so much hon. speaker. I wish to appreciate the fact that I have got this opportunity to make some comments, especially after the nomination. I want to appreciate the process that has taken place and believe that everything happens with a reason and. I know that God is the one who chooses leaders in whatever parameters. I want to thank the people of Siongiroi Ward for giving me an opportunity to serve them for 10 years. I would also wish to thank this County Assembly for what we have achieved from 2013 up to now.

I believe we are not only leaders when elected but also remain leaders and we have a responsibility to exercise our leadership in whatever circumstance hon. speaker. I know the devolution is not going easy for all of us. I know we have some quotas against the devolution. I believe it also requires our unity, even when no longer serving MCA. It will remain that being the agents of devolution; we must protect it up to the latter. I am saying this because some of the members might not have gotten an opportunity to come back; not because they have not done anything but because there is still a loophole where the members of the public are not understanding the role of a Member of County Assembly and the role of the Senator. I think we have the two institutions which require a thorough civic education so that the members of the public can appreciate what Senators and MCAs are doing.

We still have a lot to do as leaders and especially those who have got an opportunity to serve in this County Assembly. I wish to join hands with those who have mentioned the Third Assembly. I am one of those who will do all that it takes to safeguard the Third Assembly to make sure that it is able to start on a high note so that it can maintain our legacy. For those members who are still going on the race, we wish them all the best and believe it will be good if we retain some who have institutional memory and that is my prayer. For the newcomers, we will work and see the way possible so that they can be trained to be able to start immediately and take our Assembly to a higher level. As I conclude, all of us need to focus on presidential candidature. The success of our County Assembly and the leadership lies mainly on who the president will be. So, at this time when we are relieved. We need to see how we can support to make sure that the President of the

Republic of Kenya will be somebody who will safeguard devolution. We have a big task on that and I believe that is where our hands are.

I challenge my members here, even if they have not been nominated, to go on a thorough campaign to make sure that we get the right president, whom I believe is His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto. As I finish, I want to condemn utterances which may bring disunity in our country and more specifically as a Kalenjin community. I am not happy with the utterance going round on the social media platforms allegedly made by Hon. Caleb Kositany. Regardless of when were that utterance made; whether 2018, 2019 or even yesterday; such utterance should not be entertained because it may bring disunity. Also as members of this house, once we have been defeated, we also need to take care of our mouths. I, therefore, believe hon. Kositany will apologize to the nation regarding those utterances. I believe it was an utterance of one individual and not the entire tribe. That is the spirit that I condemn because we need to have unity especially as we approach general election which will determine how our country will be in future.

Hon. Speaker, I wish everyone the best in the coming August election regardless of the party somebody is coming from. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Marcela.

Hon. C. Marcella: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to appreciate our youths in the entire county. When you look at aspirants who came up for this political process, 90% of the youths participated. I wish to thank them for showing their aspirations. The law is also very clear that it is not a must for you to be above 35 years of age for you to join politics. I would like to applaud the people of Bomet for giving a young lady a chance to vie for the women representative position. This shows that we as youth can make it. Mr. Speaker, I also want to wish success those who are still in the race. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned to today 26th April, 2022 at 2. 30 p.m.

The House rose at 10. 20 a.m.