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County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[The Speaker (Hon. Cosmas Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

NOTICES OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY BUSINESS AND RULES COMMITTEE

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion;

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| 2. Hon. Leonard Rotich | - | Deputy Speaker |
| 3. Hon. Paul Kirui | - | Leader of Majority Party |
| 4. Hon. Kibet Ngetich | - | Leader of Minority Party |

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| 5. Hon. Richard Ruttoh | - | Majority Whip |
| 6. Hon. Dennis Kiplangat | - | Minority Whip |
| 7. Hon. Lily Cherotich | - | MCA |
| 8. Hon. Catherine Chepngetich | - | MCA |
| 9. Hon. Ann Chelangat | - | MCA |
| 10. Hon. Eveline Sang | - | MCA |
| 11. Hon. Charles Langat | - | MCA |

Hon. Member Tabled the notice of motion

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, as the Leader of Majority has said, pursuant to the Standing Order 164, the County Assembly Business and Rules Committee should be constituted within seven days upon the sitting of an assembly of a new county assembly.

Hon. Members, you are aware that the first sitting of the Assembly was on 21st September, 2022. Thus, seven days lapsed on 28th September, 2022 and therefore the County Assembly ought to expedite the approval of the County Assembly Business and Rules Committee to transact the business of the County Assembly.

I, therefore, direct that the Motion in the Order Paper is properly slotted for the debate this morning.

MOTION

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Leader of Majority (Hon. Paul Kirui): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move a Motion;

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Leader of Majority (Hon. Paul Kirui): Hon. Speaker, we are pressed with time and we have a number of businesses that we are yet to commence. I pray that we approve the Committee in order to operationalize the business in the Assembly. I request the Leader of Minority to Second.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Kibet Ngetich): Hon. Speaker, I Second the Motion. Thank you.

(Question of the Motion proposed)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, it is open for debate.

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I am lucky to make my maiden speech in this Third Assembly. I congratulate the people of Chepchas who saw the opportunity to elect me for the second time and represent them from now until 2027. I will remain indebted to them.

Secondly, I join the rest of Bomet County for congratulating His Excellency (Prof.) Hillary Barchok for being elected to office for the second term. We, the people of Chepchas Ward wish him well.

I congratulate every Member for being here and that may God grants each of us wisdom as we prosecute the businesses before the Assembly. I also congratulate the Speaker as well as the Deputy Speaker for being elected in this Assembly. Lastly, I congratulate the President of the Republic of Kenya, Dr. William Samoei Ruto and the hustler nation at large. I know we shall a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

In conclusion, it is prudent that the Assembly Business and Rules Committee is overtaken by events. The Motion is properly constituted to be executed by this Assembly. The Members nominated to serve in the Committee are all able and I congratulate all of them. This is a proper Motion. We cannot fit all of us in the same Committee but we shall serve in different Committees. I therefore urge the Members of the Committee to work expeditiously to present to us the business of the Assembly.

I support.

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I thank the Mover of the Motion. Secondly, I thank all the people of Longisa Ward for reelecting me. I served in the first Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, the MCAs who served the second assembly did a lot. I thank the people of Longisa for electing me back to this assembly. I congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker of this house.

Today's motion is important because it will help this House in House Business. Hon speaker I support the motion and I urge the members to come up with business. We should seek statements, Bills and motions for the members to get what to do on daily basis. Members should also keep time to enable us have enough quorum.

Hon Speaker you were my director during the first assembly and the achievements we made has enabled me back to this assembly. You are a hand working person and we know the committee will perform well. Hon Members let us support the motion and God bless this House.

Hon C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I thank the almighty God and the people of Boito for electing me for the second time to represent them. I also want to thank my wife, my children my campaigners, church warriors for ensuring that I was elected for the second time. I will work with them, give them the necessary legislation to improve their lives and I will do oversight.

Hon. Speaker I congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker and your deputy. I congratulate my colleagues as well. The journey was though, but we are here. We will improve and assist our people. I also thank the clerk and his administration for steering this assembly this far. We are in a good environment and we have a magnificent House and we can do a lot if we remain focused. I wish the best top the leadership. The list is well balanced and I know they will deliver.

Hon. Members I urge that we support the Motion and I support.
Thank you.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I rise to contribute to Motion at hand. I thank the people of Kipsonoi for bestowing their trust in me. I acknowledge the supremacy of the almighty God, I thank my family for supporting me. I also thank the Members for electing you as the Speaker of this third Assembly. Also I congratulate Members for making it to the third assembly. I also loud my predecessor for setting a pace.

I support the Motion, and I urge the House Business Committee to be fair in determining the business of this House. We have been delegated powers by our electorates and we in the House have delegated our powers to the House business Committee to help us determine the kind of business that will find its way to the County Assembly. Mr. Speaker, with those remarks I support the appointment of this Members. Thank you.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Mr. Speaker, I would like to give gratitude to God for the gift of life, providence, health and the shower of blessing. Secondly I give thanks to the ruling party that is UDA for seeing a thing in me. I give thanks to the Party leader, His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto for giving me this opportunity to serve in this noble house. I am here to advance the ideologies of the party, to uphold its manifesto and make it a realization.

We are here under article 1 of the constitution that stipulates that power belongs to the people can be expressed in three dimension, directly, indirectly and representation and that is why we are here in this house. We have been bestowed functions of economic trivial, poverty alleviation, good education and good representation. In the case we do not deliver to the people we shall taint the image of the house and reelection to this house would not be actualized.

Hon Speaker I still allow the name “*General*” as they refer to me in the streets. I will be of importance to this House, in chaos management since I still lead a large “army” but today I lead from behind. Do not hesitate if you need my services. I will offer my services in chaos management and advancing the interest of this Assembly.

(Hon. D. Kirui Rose on a point of order)

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, is it in order for Hon Victor to insinuate that there is going g to be chaos in this House? He should withdraw the Statement and apologize.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon V. Rop, kindly withdraw.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker I am not insinuating that there will be chaos but in any case there would be---

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): May I remind you Hon Member that you are an Honorable Member and an MCA not a general of chaos.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Mr. Speaker, I stand guided, I withdraw and apologise.

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerres Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the people of Kiprerres for voting me for the third time and I do not take it for granted. I will serve the people of Kiprerres Ward with distinction.

Hon Speaker I congratulate you for being elected as the fifth Speaker of this county assembly. I also congratulate all the Members for being elected to this House. I request the nominated youth and women to represent the County at large and not wards they are coming from. We have a lot of challenges in our wards. May you bring Motions to support our people. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, are you supporting the motion?

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerres Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I support the Motion.

Hon. E. Rotich: Hon. Speaker, I rise to thank the people of Mogogosiek ward for entrusting me this position to represent them in this house. I wish to recognise the effort of my supporters despite the challenges. I will ensure they receive services from the county government.

I really appreciate them for supporting me during challenging times of campaigns. Hon. Speaker, I would also wish to congratulate you and your deputy for your election. I further wish to congratulate all elected and nominated Members to this County Assembly. I extend my congratulations to United Democratic Alliance party for producing our governor, and the president of the Republic of Kenya.

Moreover, I now wish to congratulate Members who have been selected to the House Business and Rules Committee (HBRC). We will support you to deliver in your mandate in this House but we equally ask you to lead because the benchmark of this House will be measured by the kind of Business that you bring to the floor of this House.

To my colleagues, I wish you a good time as we begin business of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion.

Thank you.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. Firstly, I wish to thank Almighty God for in Him, I am here today. Secondly, I wish to thank myself for believing that I can be a member of this County Assembly of Bomet. Thirdly, I want to thank my family and the electorates of Ndaraweta Ward for believing in me. I also wish to thank the first my predecessor, who was the Leader of Majority the first and second Assembly, for setting a good base for this House, that today we have all these Standing Orders courtesy of the team that they had together and to my colleagues, I wish you congratulations. Lastly, I wish to support this Motion and wish the best to this team.

Thank you.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you for seeing me. Before I make a comment on the Motion before us, I wish to thank the people of Kembu for believing in me and giving me an opportunity to represent them in this third Assembly.

I also wish to thank my predecessor for the work he has done before, while assuring him that I will continue well in representing the people of Kembu in the best way I can. Further, I wish to thank our Almighty Father for this opportunity. Same thanks go to my family for guaranteed support during my campaign.

I wish to congratulate all my colleagues irrespective of that brought you to this House. Moreover, I wish to thank my party UDA for giving Persons with Disability (PWDs), through honourable L. Cherotich, an opportunity to be heard.

Finally, I wish to assure my colleagues of my support in making the business of this House honourable. I support the Motion before us.

Thank you.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): I do not know what is wrong with these gadgets? They are not working.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Point noted though that is not a point of order.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank God for this chance. I also wish to thank the people of Rongena Manaret Ward for electing me and believing in me. I am so humbled and grateful to be in this honourable House. I know we are only two ladies elected as MCAs. So, I wish to congratulate my dear sister honourable A. Mutai for her election. Consequently, I wish to congratulate all the elected and nominated Members to this House.

Finally, I wish to tell honourable Members given the opportunity to serve in the HBRC that they have a lot of roles to do and I believe that they will deliver. We will support them fully. Thank you.

I support the Motion.

Hon. R. Ruto (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I sincerely thank our Almighty Father the care that He has had upon me and this honourable House. Also, I wish to thank the people of Chemaner for giving me an opportunity to represent them in this Third Assembly. I wish to assure them that I will not let them down. I also wish to thank the people of Kenya for electing the His Excellency Dr. William Ruto as the president of the Republic of Kenya. We have a great hope in him in line with our manifesto. I also wish to congratulate my colleagues and urge them to debate in this House as per what they promised their people.

Further, I thank all the honourable Members for electing you as a Speaker and your deputy. I want to say that we have a lot to do and no option but to do. So, being one of the members in the HBRC, I wish to support the Motion before this House.

Hon. D. Kiplangat (Kongasis Ward, CCM): Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the said Motion. Before I proceed, I wish to give my maiden speech. Firstly, I wish to thank the people of Kongasis for giving me this opportunity to serve them as their third Member of this County Assembly. I wish to assure them that they will not regret voting me in. I support the Motion and really feel that HBRC will be well executed. Thank you.

Hon. F. Chepkirui (Nominated MCA, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me this chance to contribute to the Motion. Before that, I wish to thank God for giving me an opportunity to be among those who have joined the third County Assembly. Secondly, I wish to thank my family and my church for their prayers and support.

Thirdly, I wish thank my party UDA for giving me a chance to represent the youths. I will do my best to ensure that all the affairs of the youths are well represented. I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate each one of us for making to this honourable House as well as electing the Speaker and his Deputy to lead us in this House.

Concerning today's Motion, I understand that this open for debate. As I look at the list, it is well balanced, considering the gender but I wish to seek a point of clarification from the Motion mover on how the list was arrived at.

Thank you.

Hon. P. Mutai (Sigor Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you. I wish to give my maiden speech before I contribute to this Motion. Firstly, I thank our heavenly Father for blessing and guiding us up to this moment. Secondly is to congratulate all the leadership starting from the national to the county government.

To this County, I wish to congratulate the governor, Prof. H. Barchok. I wish to congratulate you on your election as our Speaker.

I wish also to thank my predecessor hon. Robert Rono for paving way to a person with integrity, hard worker, transparent and a teacher. I wish also to thank him and wish him well and promise electorate from my ward that they have elected a person of their choice and I will serve them. I will do all whatever I promise them. I wish also to congratulate the leadership of Bomet lead by Professor Hillary Barchok. for nominating Hon. Lily who is enabled differently. It makes this third assembly as a unique one, since we have different people here. I urge hon. members that without wasting much of our time, let us support this motion so as to allow the business of this house to proceed. Thank you.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you, Hon. Mutai is trying to mislead the House by saying that his predecessor paved way for him. In as much as I am concern, he is an elected leader and it was through a fair nomination. So I want him to clarify if he was elected, nominated or appointed. Thank you.

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Hon. speaker, while hon. Member was contributing on the maiden speech, she asked questions. We seek for a clarification Hon. Speaker.

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): I think the hon. member who have just seated, majority leader has a right reply and I know he is taking notes for reply later.

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): May I remind you members that after this, the mover of the motion has a right of reply. So I was giving members their chance so they can make their speech. Hon. Felody will be answered by hon. majority after. Concerning what hon. member from Ndaraweta has mentioned, hon. member from Sigor, kindly reply.

Hon. P. Mutai (SigorWard, UDA): Thank you hon. speaker, I wish to clarify that my predecessor Hon. R. Rono paved way to hon. P. Mutai and he never complained, he accepted.

I was elected as the MCA Sigor ward.

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): That means you were elected; he did not pave way for you.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I think interruption by hon. D. Kirui should be cautioned and he should be stopped from doing so. When I was making my speech, he also distracted me and I forgot to say that I support the motion. Secondly, I also thank the members for giving me an opportunity as their Deputy Leader of Majority.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, when hon. V. Rop says I am interrupting, I cannot allow members to mislead the House. So, I have to raise a point of order.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Cosmas. K. Korir): Hon Members, I want to remind you to address the Chair. I have noticed that all of you just rise and make statements.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, allow me to make my maiden speech, I want to thank God for this opportunity, I also want to thank my spiritual leaders who prayed for me during campaigns lead by my bishop Ken Yegon and also my campaign team. I also want to thank people of Kapletundo for giving me an opportunity to serve them.

I want to assure them that I will do my best to ensure they get the services they need. I also want to thank, my predecessor, hon. Richard Chirchir and the first MCA, Benard Ngeno for supporting me.

I also want to thank hon. Helen Chepkorir who gave me lump sum money, and giving me a challenge which gave me the strength and I think I will deliver to my best. I also want to thank

my family and congratulate my colleagues for getting the opportunity to serve in this house. I have looked at my colleagues for the short time we have been together and I have realised that this assembly will be unique. So let's work together to ensure we bring change to Bomet. On today's motion, I want to support the motion and I want to encourage the members to work hard to ensure the business of this house runs smoothly.

Thank you.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank almighty God and the people of Kimulot for electing me. I also want to thank my supporters, family and everyone who stood with me during my campaigns. I want to tell them that their support will not go in vain.

I also want to thank God because standing here today gave me an opportunity to complete a circuit that I started in executive and remind me of a great story which says that the danger of the single story. I knew a single story of executive and today I am completing a circuit of being in assembly. I also want to congratulate the hon. member of this house for electing new speaker and the house leadership we have in place today. I want to thank the motion mover and looking at the list presented before us, it looks credible and balanced and I want to urge the house that we approve this list and urge members elected that we want them to set the standards for the rest of the committees.

I support. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): Thank you Hon. members, time is against us and we will have to be there in the afternoon. I understand that all of you want to make their maiden speeches but I will only allow one more Member then in the afternoon we will continue.

Hon. L. Rotich (Chesoen Ward, UDA): Thank Mr. Speaker, First I want to thank God for allowing all of us to be here this morning, I also want to thank the members and the residents of Chesoen Ward for giving me this opportunity and having faith in me. I am grateful and I want to tell them that they never wasted their votes, I will stand firm and ensure that we see development in the ward. Mr. Speaker I am also grateful for the members of third assembly, for electing me to be their deputy speaker, who will actually be there to assist you.

I will serve diligently and make sure that I uphold the rule of law, I will sit in the office with passion and I will dedicate my time to serving the county assembly of Bomet. I know this

a vibrant team and I can see we are ready to work so that we accomplish what we promise I the manifesto. So I want to urge the members to work together as a team and have one goal of bringing development of our county.

By the end of the mandate we have been given, we will be able to see changes in our ward. Yesterday we had official opening of the assembly and we know that there's a lot of business ahead of us, we are behind schedule. So with the motion before us, I want to support that we approve these members so that they begin immediately.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I ask the Members who have been given this chance to be diligent in their work and come up with businesses of this House. We are yet to approve Committees and it will be work for these Members to prioritize so that we have the Committees in place and then work can begin immediately. I am in support of the Motion and urge the House to approve.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (C. Korir): In respect of age, I give Hon. Member representing Chemagel Ward to contribute as the last person.

Hon. D. Busienei: Hon. Speaker, thank you. I thank the Almighty God for giving me the opportunity to represent the electorate from Chemagel ward. I would like to thank them for entrusting me in this position.

Before I make my contribution, I see that, in this list, out of the eleven members each sub-county is represented by either two or three but Sotik sub-county is represented by one. I do not know the formula used even though I do not have doubt that these members can deliver. I only have a problem with the representation. That is just a note.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, what do you mean when you say it is just a note?

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I wanted to register my observation. Out of the eleven, some sub-counties like Konoin are represented by three, Bomet Central also represented by three, Chepalungu represented by two, Bomet East represented by two and Sotik represented by one who is the Leader of Majority. I expected the Leader of Majority to have said this during the selection but that having been said, I would like to make my maiden speech.

I thank the people of Chemagel ward. I am one of the oldest Member here save for the Leader of Majority. I was first elected as a councillor 25 years ago. I represented my ward for 10 years. I went out of active politics for 15 years and my people saw that I did good and trusted me again. When H.E the Governor spoke, I expected him to recognize me but all in all, I have to clap for myself.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I thank our party, UDA and congratulate them for forming this government. I thank our president, H.E William Ruto, our governor and all other leaders and the opposition. If we do not have an opposition, I do not know who would be sitting in the Public Accounts Committee. I have trust in these Hon. Members. For the few days we have interacted, I have seen that they can deliver. I trust this team and know that we shall deliver.

Hon. Speaker, I hereby support the House Business and Rules Committee. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you, Hon. Member from Chemagel.

(Hon. L. Rotich rose on a point of order)

Hon. L. Rotich (Chesoan Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I see that some of the Members who already made their maiden speeches have already left the House. Is it in order that upon making your speech you leave yet there is a Motion to be dispensed with?

(Hon. K. Ngetich rose on a point of order)

Hon. K. Ngetich (Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Hon. Speaker, I would like to say to Hon. D. Busienei that we are all in Kenya Kwanza so the notion of us being in the opposition should not be arrived at. Even in the Committee that you say is meant for the minority, we have given a chance to Hon. C. Langat, Member representing Boito. So we are all in the government. It is only that we are Members of a Minority party not opposition. According to us, we will fully exercise our role as oversight just the way you will also be doing the same, as part of service delivery to the people.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would have expected the Hon. Member from minority to appreciate and to be proud of that seat. I said I was first elected in 1997 in an opposition party during that time. I was the only one in Rift Valley who was elected in NDP. I was proud during that time. I would wish to be seated on the seat that the Leader of Minority is seated but you have that privilege because you are not in the ruling party UDA. I will keep reminding you because I know what it means to be in that seat.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Kindly address the Chair, Hon. Member. You have just risen. You beg to respond and then address the Chair.

Hon. K. Ngetich: Hon. Speaker, Sir, let me inform Hon. D. Busienei that I am a proud CCM member and as much as I am in the minority party, I am proud to oversight the current county government of Bomet. You too will do the same. It does not mean that you will keep quite when injustices will be done to our own people. I hope you know that.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, the debate is over. The Hon. Deputy Speaker has asked if we still have quorum. I think we still do. However, I caution Members that after debate kindly remain in the Chamber until the completion of the Motion. I call upon the Mover, who is the Leader of Majority, first to reply to Hon. P. Korir.

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. First, I register my gratitude to the people of Ndanai because I had not made my speech for electing me and giving me the mandate to represent them in this August House. I also thank the Members for nominating me to be their Leader of Majority and I thank them for the deliberations they have made in the Motion which in my view is positive.

In the question posed by Hon. F. Chepkirui, I want to respond to the question on how. I will not respond to the question on why, when and where. I refer the Hon. Member to the Standing Order 164 (1). It states that;

“There shall be a select Committee, to be designated the County Assembly Business and Rules Committee, consisting of-

- a. the Speaker who shall be the chairperson;*
- b. the Deputy Speaker;*
- c. the Leader of the Majority Party;*
- d. the Leader of the Minority Party; and*
- e. not more than seven Members, who shall be nominated by County Assembly parties and approved by the County Assembly at the commencement of every Session, reflecting the relative majorities of the seats held by each of the County Assembly parties in the County Assembly and taking into consideration the interests of youth, persons with disabilities and the Independents.*

That is where you will find your answer. I hope it is clear. Thank you.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I would have expected the Leader of Majority to respond to my question on representation of sub-counties.

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, on the question of Hon. D. Busienei as to why some sub-counties are not represented well in the House Business and Rules Committee, I am there as the Leader of Majority. Having considered various factors with the panel that was doing the listing we settled that having given Sotik the seat of the Leader of Majority and at the same time the Deputy Leader of Minority and not forgetting other lucrative positions within the various Committees, we decided to balance it that way.

(Hon. R. Ruttoh rose on a point of information)

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. When it comes to regional balance, whenever we consider nominated Members in a particular Committee, it does not affect regional balancing. A nominated Member represents the entire county not a ward or a sub-county.

(Hon. P. Mutai rose on a point of information)

Hon. P. Mutai (Sigor Ward, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to clarify what the Leader of Majority has said. As he has said, this list is derived from the Standing Orders 164 (1) which states that we should have the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Majority and Minority and the Whips. We also have a Person with Disability, one nominated Member and a Member from Independent Party. That is how the list was arrived at.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Is it satisfactory, Hon. Member?

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I heard the Leader of Majority mentioning that the Deputy Leader of Minority yet I do not see the name of the Deputy Leader of Minority in the list. If she was here, I would be satisfied but anyway let us rest this case. Hon. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. K. Ngetich (Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Hon. Busienei, I do not think the Deputy Leader of Minority in this list...

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Address the Chair.

Hon. K. Ngetich (Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Hon. Speaker, I would wish to seek clarification from something from Hon. D. Busienei but he has just told me that it could have been an error by the Leader of Majority.

(Hon. D. Busienei rose on a point of order)

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, let me clarify what I said. The Leader of Majority mentioned that the list has the Deputy Leader of Minority, Hon. E. Cheruiyot, yet I do not see that name here on this list. I have also said that we have to rest this case.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): The Hon. Member has concluded that we rest this case here. However, take note that this Committee can be changed after a year. So you have some time.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you, Hon. Members. I have a communication to make. It has come to my attention that one of our Members, Hon. Josphat Kipkirui, MCA representing Singorwet ward is not feeling well. He is currently admitted in hospital. I wish him quick recovery. For those of you, who will have time, kindly reach out to him and wish him a quick recovery.

Further, I request the Members of the House Business and Rules Committee to meet immediately after this Sitting at the Speaker's Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): This County Assembly stands adjourned to today, Wednesday, 12th October 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 10. 30 a.m.