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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

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon Members welcome to the morning session. I know there are expectations that we are supposed to deal with some issues. The committee on Procedures and Rules should meet after this sitting to see amendments on the Standing Orders so that the Third Assembly will utilize those Standing Orders. We have exhausted our budget on conference facility. We are working on how we can accommodate that. Also those who were nominated in United Democratic Alliance party are supposed to pick their certificates on 28th April 2022 from Hustler's centre. In the afternoon we will deal with the statement sought by Hon Haron Kirui on the officers who resigned from the County Executive and County Assembly. I wish you a fruitful session. Hon. Serbai.

Hon. R. Serbai: Hon. Speaker, yesterday we were congratulating ourselves, today I want to wish Hon. W. Ruto the best and we are going to campaign for him. We would like to have a Kamukunji to know what transpired after we approved the Supplementary Budget.

STATEMENTS

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

Hon. H. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, there was a statement I sought in this House concerning the staff of the County government who resigned to vie for the political seats and it has not been answered. I wish to be informed by the chair committee on Labour and Public Service.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): What is your point of order Hon. Leonard Kirui.

Hon. L. Kirui: Hon. Speaker is it in order for the hon. member who has just come late to raise his concern before asking what has been said about the statement he sought? Hon. Speaker, you had responded on what hon. Haron is asking.

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

Hon. R. Serbai: Hon. Speaker, it is good to understand each other. We have just gone through the process of looking for votes. Most of us did not manage to clinch those coveted party tickets. Hon Haron was successful to get a nomination ticket. He might have been busy trying to make ends meet and he came late. There was an ad hoc committee that was approved by this House and then came with a report concerning the staff of this county. The County Public Service Board has handed out their report but up to date, there is no response. I would like to know from the chair Labour and Public service Mr. Speaker. What really happened? Has the report been implemented or not? If yes, then to what percentage has it been done? Before we went for a recess this was a statement that was actually there. Are we going to get out of this House without actually getting the answers? We are being asked by the concerned how far the report has been implemented in terms of promotion, confirmation and all that was actually there.

Finally, I do not know whether the County Public Service Board is aware that a committee of a County Assembly enjoys powers similar to that of the High Court. If the staff concerned goes to court, this county will pay heavily. So, it is better for them to respond immediately. Mr. Speaker, I think you are aware of the report and the County Public Service Board seems not to be understanding what is really contained in that report. So can we have a detailed response from the chair on Labour and Public Service Committee Mr. speaker? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): On that matter, can the chair of the committee on Labour and Public Service come up with a comprehensive response to the recommendations by the ad hoc committee and the status of implementation of those recommendations? I am not seeing the chair of that committee. The vice-chair? Hon. Cecilia? You can come up with that report so that we are able to move forward.

Hon. C. Mutai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, we will expedite. Give us time.

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

Hon. L. Kirui: Thank you hon. speaker. I believe this House has orders which should not be interfered with by any other event that has taken place. I heard hon. Serbai saying that may be because you got or did get nominated to affect the operations of the House and the same member is asking the Chair of Labour and Public Service who also got an opportunity to be nominated in his Ward; on those hard questions that he believes should be done. This is a double standard because the chair of Labour and Public Service may also be busy looking for votes. However, let us believe that this House has orders and the procedures of this House should be respected regardless of whatever happened so that we can deliver. If possible, let us avoid the issues of

nominations. That was just a procedure. Let us resume our duties and work diligently to ensure that we leave a legacy in this House. Thank you.

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

Hon. R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker, I respect hon. Kirui because we have been here together for the last 10 years and happy to hear him talk about the Standing Orders of this House which he is very much conversant with. The Standing Orders are very clear that in the absence of the Chair, the vice-chair is there and if both are absent, the members of that committee have powers to respond to the questions. I am not targeting an individual on that committee but the entire committee. Thank you.

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

Hon. C. Mutai: Hon. Speaker, I am just questioning if it is in order for the hon. member to respond after you have given direction that we give back the response to this House as soon as possible and I responded that we shall expedite as a committee. So, I think the issue is over as you have ruled.

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

Hon. Majority Whip (Hon. D. Kipkirui): Thank hon. speaker, I am rising on a different point of order. I do not know whether I am in order. This country is...

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Davis, you are out of order. Hon. Maritim.

Hon. A. Maritim: Hon. Speaker, hon. Davis is not properly dressed, I seek your guidance.

(Hon. Davis leaves the chambers)

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

Hon. A. Langat: Thank you hon. Speaker for giving us directions. I am seeking your indulgence in issues that have been raised by the members. It is possible for you to approve a *Kamukunji* so that some issues can be interrogated outside the camera.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Quite in order, quite in order.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned to today 27th April, 2022 at 2. 30 p.m.

The House rose at 9. 40 a.m.