NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 21st March, 2007

The House met at 9.00 a.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Awori): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this House orders that the business appearing---

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

NOTICE OF MOTION ON THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS NOT GIVEN

Mr. Speaker: Order, Your Excellency! We are not there yet. We will come there very shortly.

Hon. Members, I am being informed, which I did not notice yesterday, that the notice of the Motion on the Presidential Address was not given, and that His Excellency the Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs attempted to move the Motion. I do not have the HANSARD, but just for the avoidance of doubt, and because this matter is coming to the House today, I will ask His Excellency the Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs to give notice of that Motion now. That is where the technical problem is. He did not give notice of the Motion; he moved it, which he was not capable of doing without notice. So, I think I will now allow Mr. Omolo to take a little time to prepare that Notice of Motion, so that it can be given at this stage. In the meantime, I will allow my colleagues to come and take their seats.

Will you now call out Order No.5?

NOTICE OF MOTION

THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Awori): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, the thanks of this House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in His Excellency's Presidential Address from the Chair on Tuesday, 20th March, 2007.

Mr. Speaker: Next Order!

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXEMPTION OF BUSINESS FROM

PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER NO.33

The Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Awori): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following procedural Motion:-

THAT, this House orders that the Business appearing in today's Order Paper be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No.33, being a Wednesday Morning, a day allocated for Private Members' Motions.

The Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs (Ms. Karua) seconded.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Mr. Speaker: Next Order!

MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Awori): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT, the following be appointed as Members of the House Business Committee:-

The Hon. Moody A. Awori, MP

The Hon. Martha Karua, MP

The Hon. Amos Kimunya, MP

The Hon. John Michuki. MP

The Hon. Musikari Kombo, MP

The Hon. (Prof.) Kivutha Kibwana, MP

The Hon. Chirau Mwakwere, MP

The Hon. Kipruto Kirwa, MP

The Hon. Raphael Tuju, MP

The Hon. Simeon Nyachae, MP

The Hon. Henry O. Obwocha, MP

The Hon. Moses Akaranga, MP

The Hon. Norman M.G.K. Nyagah, MP

The Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, MP

The Hon. Justin B.N. Muturi, MP

The Hon. William S. Ruto, MP

The Hon. Henry Kosgey, MP

The Hon. Joseph Kamotho, MP

The Hon. Marsden Madoka, MP

The Hon. Chrisanthus Okemo, MP

Mr. Speaker: Before I propose the Question, maybe His Excellency the Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs does not want to take too much responsibility for himself. Ordinarily, the House does appoint the Chair of House Business Committee who should be the Leader of Government Business.

Maybe he does not want to give himself that title. Would you like to amend it by adding the

following: "The Hon. Moody Awori, MP - Chairman?"

(Laughter)

The Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Awori): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following amendment:-

THAT, the Hon. Moody A. Awori be the Chairman of the House Business Committee.

(Applause)

The Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs (Ms. Karua) seconded.

(Question of the amendment, that the word to be added be added, proposed)

(Question, that the word to be added be added, put and agreed to)

(Question of the Motion as amended put and agreed to)

Resolved accordingly:

THAT, the following be appointed as Members of the House Business Committee:-

The Hon. Moody A. Awori, MP - Chairman

The Hon. Martha Karua, MP

The Hon. Amos Kimunya, MP

The Hon. John Michuki, MP

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The Hon. William S. Ruto, MP

The Hon. Henry Kosgey, MP

The Hon. Joseph Kamotho, MP

The Hon, Marsden Madoka, MP

The Hon. Chrisanthus Okemo, MP

Mr. Speaker: That concludes our business, but the door is occupied. So, I will let my colleagues come in to facilitate our going out!

(The hon. Members who were standing at the Bar entered the Chamber)

ADJOURNMENT

Order, hon. Members! That concludes our business for this morning. The House is, therefore, adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 p.m., and the Members appointed to the House Business Committee should now proceed to their normal meeting room to prepare the agenda for this afternoon.

The House rose at 9.20 a.m.