NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 13th March, 2002

The House met at 9.00 a.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

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

The Hon. (Prof.) George Saitoti, MP, (Chairman)

The Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, MP

The Hon, K.N.K. Biwott, MP

The Hon. Joseph K. Kamotho, MP

The Hon. (Prof.) S.K. Ongeri, MP

The Hon. Kipng'eno arap Ng'eny, MP

The Hon. Julius Sunkuli. MP

The Hon. S.K. Musyoka, MP

The Hon. Chrisanthus Okemo, MP

The Hon. Raila A. Odinga, MP

The Hon. S.M. Mkalla, MP

The Hon. Mohammed Shidiye, MP

The Hon. Mwai Kibaki, MP

The Hon, David Mwiraria, MP

The Hon. (Ms.) Martha Karua, MP

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

The Hon. Owino Achola, MP

The Hon. Michael K. Wamalwa, MP

The Hon. Lawrence Sifuna, MP

The Hon. Mrs. Charity Kaluki Ngilu, MP

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXEMPTION OF BUSINESS FROM PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 33

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

THAT, this House orders that the business appearing on 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.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I only want to alert hon. Members that we do not have any business at all because there are no Private Members' Motions.

The Minister for Public Health (Prof. Ongeri): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in accordance with our tradition, I second this Motion, that the business of Wednesday morning be exempted so that we can discuss other issues that are before this House. That would assist the House to dispose of expeditiously some of the issues that have been brought before it,

particularly, the public exposition contained in His Excellency the President's Speech. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, the intention of bringing this Motion before the House this morning is for the House to set up a House Business Committee that will be charged with the responsibility of working out the business of this House.

As I had stated earlier on while moving the Procedural Motion, so far, the House does not have any business before it and, therefore, it is imperative that this Committee be set up, so that can convene as quickly as possible to work out the business for the day.

I should add, however, that there have been consultations among the political parties in drawing up of the list of these hon. Members.

I beg to move.

The Minister for Mineral Resources (Mr. Kalweo): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Mr. N. Nyagah: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to support this Motion by saying that what the Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs has said is

quite true. We have had great consultations in the presentation of these names, so that they could be brought forward before the House this morning.

With those very few words, I beg to support.

Mr. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, Sir, while I support this Motion, I would like to urge this Committee to speed up the process of balloting most of the Bills, so that they are brought before the House without interruption of the business of the House before we go for elections, so that we can discuss as many of them as possible.

I support the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to make some minor correction on the list of hon. Members contained in the

Motion. The full name of Mr. Kamotho should read as "J.J. Kamotho" but not as "Joseph K. Kamotho" **An hon. Member**: That is okay.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I am sure the Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs would have made the announcement that, immediately after the adjournment of the House this morning, the House Business Committee will meet in their usual Room No.7, I believe, to chart out the business for this afternoon.

It is now time for the interruption of the business of the House. The House is, therefore, adjourned until this afternoon at $2.30 \, \text{p.m.}$

The House rose at 9.12 a.m.