

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 7th April, 1999

The House met at 9.00 a.m.

*[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]*

## PRAYERS

## ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

The Oath of Allegiance was administered to the following Member:  
Mr. Peter Eliud Mutua Maundu

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Misreporting by the Standard Newspaper

**Mr. Speaker:** Order! Order, hon. Members! I just want to, in the very early beginning, make an appeal again, for factual reporting of what is in Parliament. I think hon. Members must have seen today a report in the *Standard Newspaper* which alleged that the Speaker, currently is appointed and sacked by the President. And the report of Martin Mutua, apparently says this is information from, sources within Parliament. I think any reporter or Kenyan who has been in this country since 1993 must have seen live the election of "Mr. Speaker"; not nomination. So, can we start on that foot.

*(Applause)*

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**The Vice-President and Minister for Planning and National Development (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. G. Saitoti, M.P., (Chairman)

The Hon. W.M. Mudavadi, M.P.

The Hon. Dr. F.Y.O. Masakhalia, M.P.

The Hon. K.N.K Biwott, M.P.

The Hon. K. Kones, M.P..

The Hon. S.K. Musyoka, M.P.

The Hon. J.J. Kamotho, M.P.

The Hon. Maj. M.H. Madoka, M.P.

The Hon. S.P. Leshore, M.P.

The Hon. M. Shidiye, M.P.

The Hon. S. Nyachae, M.P.

The Hon. M. Kibaki, M.P.

The Hon. D. Mwiraria, M.P.

The Hon. M. Karua, M.P.

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

The Hon. R. A. Odinga, M.P.

The Hon. O. Acholla, M.P.

The Hon. M.K. Wamalwa, M.P.  
 The Hon. L. Sifuna, M.P.  
 The Hon. Prof. P. Anyang' Nyong'o, M.P.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### EXEMPTION OF BUSINESS FROM PROVISIONS OF S.O. NO.33

**The Vice-President and Minister for Planning and National Development** (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 Member's Motions.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think this Motion is self-explanatory. It is indeed, a Wednesday Morning, a day normally allocated to Private Members' Motions. The House was only opened yesterday, and so this is already the intent of moving this Procedural Motion.

**The Minister for East African and Regional Co-operation** (Mr. Biwott): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to second the Motion.

*(Question Proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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The Hon. S.K. Musyoka, M.P.

The Hon. J.J. Kamotho, M.P.

The Hon. Maj. (Rtd) M.H. Madoka, M.P.

The Hon. S.P. Leshore, M.P.

The Hon. Mohammed Shidiye, M.P.

The Hon. Simeon Nyachae, M.P.

The Hon. Mwai Kibaki, M.P.

The Hon. David Mwiraria, M.P.

The Hon. Martha Karua, M.P.

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

The Hon. Raila A. Odinga, M.P.

The Hon. Owino Achola, M.P.

The Hon. M.K. Wamalwa, M.P.

The Hon. Lawrence Sifuna, M.P.

The Hon. Prof. P. Anyang' Nyong'o, M.P.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is only to draw the attention of the hon. Members that, indeed, at the very beginning, once Parliament has been opened, it is always customary that a Business Committee be appointed, whose duties we all know; it is the one that draws out the business of the House. So, this is the reason why these proposals are being presented to the House for adoption. I should also add here that a quick observation will tell

that there is a mixture of all the hon. Members of Parliament represented here. This has come about as a result of consultations by the Chief Whips of the two sides of the divide.

I beg to move.

**The Minister for Agriculture** (Mr. Mudavadi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Mr. Obwocha:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, my only complaint about this Committee is that, we have not had the Committee decide on the business of the House one week earlier, for hon. Members to know what is coming in advance, so that they can be prepared. Sometimes we get our Questions and other business on the Order Paper that morning when we arrive here; when we are not prepared and have left our papers at home. So, I would plead that when they consider the business that should be brought to the House, they should do it one week earlier, so that hon. Members get to know what is coming in advance.

Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, there being no other business, we will adjourn and allow the Committee to meet immediately after the rise of the House in Committee Room No.7. The House is therefore, adjourned until this afternoon, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.20 a.m.