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#### Special Sitting

*(Convened via Kenya Gazette Notice No. 7344 of 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2019)*

*The Assembly met at the Chamber,  
Main Assembly Buildings at 2:30 p. m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. David Shadrack Rotich) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYER

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

#### THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION THROUGH PUNGUZA MZIGO (CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT) BILL

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Good after noon Hon. Members. I welcome you to our Special Sitting today Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019.

I direct that the Serjeant-at-Arms provides seats for the people at the gallery so that they can participate with us here.

#### MESSAGES

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Members, my office has received The Punguza Mzigo (Constitutional Amendment) Bill dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 from the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

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The Bill intends to amend the Constitution by popular initiative pursuant to Article 257 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 due to Punguza initiative.

Article 257 (5) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that if the IEBC is satisfied that the initiatives meets the requirements of this article, the commission shall submit the draft bill to each County Assembly for consideration within three months from the date it was submitted by the commission.

If a County Assembly approves the bill within three months after the date it was submitted by the commission, the Speaker of the County Assembly shall deliver a copy of the draft bill to the Speakers of the two Houses of Parliament with a certificate that the County Assembly has approved it. I therefore, direct that the bill stands committed to the Committee on Administration, Peace, Justice and Legal affairs and the committee shall conduct public participation and Table a Report to the assembly within 21 days.

#### MOTION

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to move the Motion;

THAT pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya and section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments Act, 2012 the County Assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of **Philip Kipngeno Sowek** as the County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Public Works and Transport.

I move this motion knowing well that we lost the second governor and we need these County Executive Committee Members so that the operations of the county governments can go on. I request hon. Chepkwony to Second.

*(Hon. J. Chepkwony seconded)*

*(Question proposed)*

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**The Leader of Minority** (Hon. A. Maritim): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to oppose the Motion because of performance. The said nominee has portrayed serious show of incompetence on his duties.

This is the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) whom we expected to supervise a lot of road works but we have lost substantive amount of funds due to his incompetence. A good number of roads including the Kapkesyego in Merigi, Pampanik in Kagawet were paid Kshs. 4 Million for their construction yet they were done halfway. They are in a terrible state. This is high level of incompetence and it shows that he failed to supervise his work. This is a man who is supposed to be enjoying his retirement at home.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a road in Kapois and Keteroroch in Ndanai are all in pathetic condition. There are others that are in public domain including Kirwa Bridge in Chemagel Ward and Chepkositonik in Merigi Ward that ashamed our county. I personally feel that we need fresh blood; someone who can do better.

I oppose the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. A. Koech:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, Sir, I support the Motion and I concur with HE the Governor in the re-appointment of Mr. Philip Kipngeno Sowek as the CECM in charge of roads, public works and transport.

The Leader of Minority has highlighted areas that he thinks disqualifies the nominee from discharging his duties. If you compare what has been done by the current government in two years and the first government, as much as they are not up to the standard, history speaks well. It is better to speak on what was not done well than what was not done at all.

The Leader of the Minority should know that the first government, which he was part of it, did not do even a single kilometer of road in our county yet several millions of money were spend.

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Over 700 kilometers were done in the past two years alone. In any case, we are not expecting an angel to handle the department of roads, public works and transport. We are going to get another who might not perform better than the one we know.

I support the Motion and it is better the devil you know than the angel you do not know.

**Hon. L. Kirui:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, Sir, I congratulate this House for the journey gone through from the time we lost our governor. I also want to appreciate the fact that the late governor gave us the opportunity to discuss the CECMs that we have at hand. What is important this time round is to weigh between achievements and failures of every CECM. Specifically, I want to come to Eng. Philip Kipngeno Sowek. What the Leader of Minority said is true. There are three roads in my ward which have not been completed.

Secondly, what Hon. A. Koech said is also true because by comparing the previous government with the current, there are a number of roads which have been done. As we also judge these individuals, we should also judge those who are working together so that we ensure fairness.

When I analyze the successes against the failures of Eng. Philip Kipngeno Sowek, I can see there are more successes but that does not mean that we have to agree. Lastly, I support this Motion.

Thank you.

**Hon. L. Ngeny:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you. Is it in order for the hon. Member who just sat to use the say, “we are issuing punishment”? We will be misquoted if we go with that.

**Hon. L. Kirui:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I respect this House and for sure, it should not amount to a punishment. If I have used that, I withdraw and apologise.

**Hon. A. Langat:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support the motion. The period that the CECM worked in the department, he had challenges in the performance but there have been challenges in every department.

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Secondly, when we are assessing the CECM, his department cuts across. The issue of public works cuts across. When I look at the department of Education and Vocational Training which seems to have achieved the best, it has shined in its infrastructure which is headed by the Eng. Soweke. Therefore, we need to weigh between the successes and failures from the time they were vetted. I appeal to hon. Members to give him a second chance.

I am Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Infrastructure and I wish to go on record that he has been responding to our Committee fast and giving us answers and possible solutions to the problems. I am aware that there are several challenges in the docket of Roads, Public Works and Infrastructure but I can say that much of it is historical. Many roads are in the current state because funds that were lost from 2013.

I support the Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, before I put the Question you all understand the Standing Orders but I am saying this because I will not repeat in the subsequent motions. If you are not satisfied with the decision of the Chair, following the acclamation, then you stand and shout Division.

*(Question put and negatived)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Next order.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to move a Motion:-

That pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the county assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the re-appointment of Juliana Yegon as the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of the Education and Vocational Training.

As I said earlier, this Assembly knows the performance of the individual dockets. I request Hon. A. Chesangi to Second.

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**Hon. A. Chesangi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir, I Second the Motion on the re-appointment of Mrs. Juliana Yegon as the CECM for Education and Vocational Training. She has had a tenure of two years in the same docket and Bomet electorate realised a lot of achievements. She supervised the construction of more than 170 ECDs to their completion.

*(Applause)*

The 80 per cent of the same ECD centres have been equipped with chairs and tables. Similarly, learning materials have been delivered to all.

Secondly, the vocational training institutes are operational in every ward. These have enabled the people of Bomet to gain the basic skills in masonry and carpentry. This has enabled self-employment and I believe in most households, daily bread is never a challenge.

Further, we have a wonderful bursary program. The implementation of the full, partial and affirmative bursary was implemented to its best. I am saying this because the beneficiaries were the target group and that is the needy group in the society.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, the list is endless. We have the Revolving Fund. Therefore, I urge this honourable House to approve the re-appointment of this workaholic lady.

*(Applause)*

Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Mheshimiwa Spika, asante sana kwa fursa huu. Kuna msanii aliyeimba wimbo kwamba kifo hakina huruma. Msanii huyo anatumkumbusha jinsi Gavana wetu alivyotuacha. Pia, tunajua kwamba chema cha jiuza, kibaya cha jitembeza.

*(Loud consultations)*

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Naomba kwa unyenyekevu waheshimiwa wenzangu waongee kwa sauti ya chini ili wataegee masikio.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Order Members! Please pay attention. Now, proceed Hon. Z. Kilel.

**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Mheshimiwa Spika, nimesema chema cha jiuza kibaya cha jitembeza. Kwa hivyo kulingana na maoni yangu, mambo ya vikalu vya watoto yametengenezwa karibu kwa kila wadi. Naunga mkono maoni ya Mheshimiwa A. Chaesangi ambaye amesema vitau karibu 170 yalijengwa. Kwa hivyo, waziri huyu amefanya kazi kwa hali na mali.

Kwa kazi ya ufundi, tumeona kwamba vyuo vya ufundi vimejengwa kwa wadi kadhaa. Kwa wadi yangu, kunacho moja kinachoitwa Bukacha.

Watoto wachanga hasa wale ambao wako na upungufu wa chakula wanapewa chakula kwa vitalu hivi. Kwa hivyo waziri huyu anafanya kazi kwa udhi na uvumba.

Katika mambo ya mikopo, vijana ambao bado wanasoma wanapata mikopo. Wale ambao wanadhani waziri huyu hafanyi kazi, nawaambia kwamba wasione uwempamba wa reli, gari la moshi lapita.

Asante.

**Hon. C. Mutai:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support the Motion on her re-appointment as the CECM for Education and Vocational Training. She has shown good performance in her work. She is able to deliver according to the central programs among others. We have witnessed that across the wards, the ECD centres have been completed. The same have had connection to access to clean water. These centres are equipped with all the facilities including the learning materials.

She is no-nonsense lady on matters delivery of the manifesto of the late Governor Laboso. We are proud that her performance has been felt across the county. If given the second chance, this county, by the end of five years, we shall account the funds allocated to her docket.



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Hon. Speaker, Sir, we witnessed the vulnerable children, orphaned and the less-fortunate going to school because of the bursaries awarded to them. At the end of the five years, we shall see the products the less-fortunate children. The Revolving Fund is available for the students. Therefore, Mrs. Juliana Yegon is a performer.

I Second her re-appointment.

**Hon. W. Bore:** Bw. Spika, nashukuru kwa nafasi nimepewa ili pia nichangie kwa mada wa kumruhusu ama kukatazwa kwa mwanadadas Julina Yegon. Sifa mingi “zimening’inwa” kwa mama huyu kwa kazi nzuri amefanya.

*(Loud consultations)*

Naomba waheshimiwa wenzangu wanyamaze ili nichangie.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Order Members! Let us give respect to the Member on the Floor. Kindly continue Hon. W. Bore.

**Hon. W. Bore:** Bw. Spika, huyu waziri---

*(Mheshimiwa Z. Kilel atoa hoja ya nidhamu)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): What is your point of order Hon. Z. Kilel?

**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Bw. Spika, langu ni hoja la dharura. Nataka kujua maana ya “kumiminwa” na “kuning’ninwa”. Mheshimiwa ambaye anaongea amesemwa kwamba “kuning’ninwa” badala ya “kumiminwa”.

Asante.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Z. Kilel, I think we will not go on that now.

**Hon. C. Clara:** Bw. Spika, ni kama Mheshimiwa Z. Kilel amekosea kwa kusema lake lilikuwa hoja la dharura ilihali ni hoja la nidhamu.

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*(Applause)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): I do not want us to go on that direction. So, I overrule all the sideshows and we proceed.

**Hon. W. Bore:** Asante sana Bw. Spika. Huyu Juliana Yegon katika historia yake tunajua kwamba alikuwa mwalimu mkuu katika shule na pia kazi yake huonekana. Tumeshuhudia yale ambayo amefanya. Pia, ana roho ya kusaidia.

Kwa hivyo nampongeza kwa kazi amefanya katika sekta ya elimu. Basi, naomba tumuunge mkono ili aendelee na kazi nzuri afanyalo.

Bw. Spika naunga mkono.

**Hon. K. Kelong:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I confirm to Members that---

*(Loud consultations)*

Hon. Speaker, Sir, protect me from the loud consultations by Members.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Members, I put it clear that any conversation to another Member who is not on the Floor is not permitted.

**Hon. K. Kelong:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I confirm to Members that the nominee one Juliana Yegon did a good work and she is a performer. The ECDs that were constructed in the last two years are 179 and 33 Vocational Training institutes. All these have the chairs, tables and the necessities that facilitate learning.

I urge the Members to support. Thank you.

**Hon. J. Chepkwony:** I rise in support of the Motion. I am in agreement on what has been said and being a Member of the Committee on Education Vocational Training Institutes, Youth and Sports we realised that during her tenure, she did a good work. I urge the House to approve her nomination so as to allow her work to progress.

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Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to move a Motion:-

That pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the county assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the re-appointment of Julius Tuwei as the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, agriculture is the backbone of the economy of this county and this is a docket that touches on almost every aspect of the county. Since there is wide unemployment, youth have engaged in agri-business. Agriculture used to be practised by the old but nowadays, it is the practice of the youth as a source of income.

His Excellency the Governor forwarded the re-appointment of Mr. Julius K. Tuwei as the CECM for Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives. I request Hon. W. Kiprotich to Second.

**Hon. W. Kiprotich:** I rise to Second the re-appointment of one Mr. Tuwei K. Julius for the position of the CECM for Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives. I confirm and concur with the appointing authority in re-appointing Mr. Julius K. Tuwei. He has done his best according to the parameters that I have. So many Members will ask the nature of the parameters that I am using.

May I quote a hon. Member of the National Assembly who said that there is no “*measuremeter*” to these events. In agriculture, we are sure that we can see what was done. The issue of the tissue-cultured bananas, AI services provided and the cooperatives are in support that one Julius K. Tuwei was able to undertake his duty during the time that he has been a CECM.

I support.

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*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. A. Koech:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support the Motion. Much have been said but the Members will have their way. As a Chair of the Committee on Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries much has been done. Our county has been branded as a dairy county. The milk coolers are distributed all across the county and the AI service providers who have been facilitated with motorcycles so that they take semen to the various regions of this county. In the lower zone, dips have been constructed and others repaired. Further, tea buying centres in the tea growing zone are being constructed. The tissue-cultured bananas and the mangos are just but a few of the achievements.

As much as we might not have realised a lot, agriculture is an activity whose results may not be achieved instantly. It is not like the construction of a road which can be seen at the start and at its end. It will take some time because they are living things and must undergo some cycle in order to realise the production.

Therefore, I urge the Members to support the nomination of Julius Tuwei to continue heading this docket. I support.

**Hon. R. Rono:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support the Motion. I am a Member of the Committee on Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries has done a lot. When he appeared before the Committee, he responded to questions.

I urge that we give a second chance to the CECM so that we realise other developments. I support.

**Hon. W. Bett:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I draw my support to the nominee. First, I support him because of the AI services. This morning, someone sent me a photograph on WhatsApp of a newly born heifer conceived through the AI services that were provided by the county government.

Secondly, since I was I have never seen a dip in my ward. It was my first time to see the use of a dip that was constructed by the department held by Julius Tuwei. In as much as he is slow, he is sure.

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I support.

**The Leader of Minority** (Hon. A. Maritim): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to reject the Motion. I do not concur with His Excellency the Governor because I have some reservations. First, by the Members' contribution, some areas were marginalized by the CECM. In my ward, there is no AI service that was ever provided. I have never seen him come to my ward to conduct a *baraza* or awareness on the AI services. So, this is one of the laziest CECMs that I have known.

*(Laughter)*

By summing up and giving what belong to him, he lacks the passion to do job. You hardly find him in the field. The bulls are roaming in my ward because there are no AI services. I have never seen an AI container being carried around in the said motorbikes. My ward residents are using indigenous bulls. Therefore, this guy should go back to where he came from for further instructions.

I do not support the re-appointment of Mr. Julius K. Tuwei.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Leader of Minority, it is inappropriate to refer to the nominee as "this guy". Kindly withdraw.

**The Leader of Minority** (Hon. A. Maritim): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I withdraw and replace it with "this Hon. Julius K. Tuwei".

*(Laughter)*

*(Question put and negatived)*

*(Loud consultations)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Silence!

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to move a Motion:-

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That pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the county assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the re-appointment of Sigei Andrew Kimutai as the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of the Finance and Economic Planning.

This is the docket that deals with the county finances. This is a crucial department that needs a lot of balancing to ensure that all the departments access money and to ensure that the projects run smoothly. It also ensures that the contractors are not paid before they deliver on their work. I urge Hon. A. Kirui to Second.

**Hon. A. Kirui:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I Second the appointment of Sigei Andrew Kimutai as the CECM for the Finance and Economic Planning. This is a docket that deals with the county finances. The nominee handled over Kshs. 7billion in the Financial Year 2017/2018 and the same amount in the FY 2018/2019.

The nominee demonstrated high level of professionalism in finance. He made sure that the cash flow in our county is managed. He also ensured that the finances are facilitated to various departments. In the previous regime the CECM was vetted based on the curriculum vitae. However, this time round, we are vetting the nominee on the proved record for the two years when he was in the office.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, being the Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation I worked with him directly and he defended the budget every time he appeared before the Committee. He also demonstrated high level of professionalism and integrity. Everyone is aware that handling finances is crucial and while in office, the nominee furnished the Committee with the relevant information to allow smooth processing of the budget. Further, he defended the supplementary budgets that he caused before the House. Therefore, I have no reservations and I Second his re-appointment.

Thank you.

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*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. R. Serbai:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support the Motion. As the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Accounts and Investments (PAIC), since 2013 we have never received a qualified opinion from the Auditor General. We received for the first time during the tenure of the nominee.

*(Applause)*

Since 2013 to 2017, we have been receiving disclaimer opinions. During his time, there are measures that were taken to curb corruption in his office. Though, he did well but no the high level as said by the Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation. The nominee has worked over many challenges to an extent that a number of counties have no paid salaries to their staff but Bomet managed to pay theirs.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bomet County is among the top ten counties that remitted their taxes. It means, Mr. Sigei Andrew Mutai is doing an average work. Therefore, I support his second re-appointment.

Thank you.

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support the Motion. As a Member of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation, I register my pleasure that we have had a lot of achievements in the department. The financial management in Bomet County has improved greatly. Just like what the Hon. R. Serbai said, county governments are rated in three categories. There are those with a qualified opinion, a disclaimer and those disqualified.

It is for the first time that Bomet County was rated as the qualified ones. Without further ado, I support.

**Hon. L. Kirui:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, what the other Members have said is exactly the description of Mr. Andrew Sigei. However, recently we were ranked as one of the counties that reduced the

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pending bills. The current government inherited a lot of pending bills. By the leadership of Mr. Andre Sigei, we reduced the bills with a higher rate. That is an achievement.

Secondly, the nominee worked in the Sotik National Government-Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) office. While working with the late Governor Joyce Laboso, Sotik was ranked as the best constituency in the management of the NG-CDF. I can see the same thing occurring in our county because we have been ranked among the best in the management of the county finance. This nominee is fit for the position.

I support.

**Hon. C. Langat:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I must echo His Excellency the Governor for having faith in seeking the concurrence of the Assembly. The CECM nominee has discharged his mandate well. In the revenue sector where the county has been collecting below Kshs. 130Million each year, today we can collect Kshs. 210Million per year. So, Mr. Andrew Sigei deserve the re-appointment because of is prudent ways of managing resources. He is the same CECM who normally frequent the Committee on Budget and Appropriation.

He is a humble but lethal officer. I urge the Members to support his re-appointment.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to move a Motion:-

That pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments Act 2012, this county assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the re-appointment of Daisy Chelangat Rono as the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of the Finance and Economic Planning.

This a crucial docket because it deals with the acquisition of lands for the ECD centres, dispensaries and the issue of housing. The national government has in its Agenda Four listed



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affordable housing. Among the counties that will benefit from this is Bomet. The department also deals with urban planning and recently the county government benefited from the funds from the World Bank. The World Bank program envisages a good sewerage system and tarmacking of all the roads within the town. As such, His Excellency the Governor has sought the Assembly's concurrence in the re-appointment of Daisy Chelangat Rono as a CECM for Lands, Housing and Urban Planning.

I request Hon. S. Keter to Second.

**Hon. S. Keter:** I Second this re-appointment. She is a lady that delivers well. A look across town, there are many activities being carried out which include, parking spaces, pavements, roads and the public toilets. The town cleaning is improved because there are cleaners that collect the garbage.

I Second the nomination of Daisy Chelangat Rono.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. J. Turgut:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support the re-appointment of the nominee. She was appointment in the last government and she actually learnt. In the matters of environment, the Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) were well represented.

**The Leader of Minority** (Hon. A. Maritim): Hon. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. The Member on the Floor is alleging that the nominee, Daisy Chelangat Rono, came here to learn. This is not a learning institution.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Leader of Minority, I confirm to you that learning is a continuous process. Kindly proceed Hon. J. Turgut.

**Hon. J. Turgut:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, the nominee was not a PWD and she was ready to learn the needs of the PWDs. This is a nominee who worked hard and considered the PWDs in the urban

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planning. I do not have reservation except to support her re-appointment. I also congratulate the Governor for giving her a second chance.

**Hon. C. Chemutai:** Bw. Spika, naunga hoja hili kwa sababu ya mpangilio wa mji wa Bomet. Waziri huyu anaweza kufanya mengi hasa kuhusiana na usalama ambayo umewekwa mjini. Alipowaelekeza wanabiashara watoke barabarani hadi sokoni, alifanya makuu. Usalama wa wakinamama ambao wanafanya biashara ulihimarishwa sana. Hivyo basi, naunga mkono hoja hili ili aendelee na kazi yake wa mpangilio wa mji. Asante.

**Hon. D. Maritim:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support this Motion. The nominee has shown that she can do what was not done in the previous government. The only reason why Mrs. Daisy Rono performed well is because she delegated his roles to the Chief Officer (CO) and the Directors. As a CECM she was a policy maker.

I urge the Members to support her re-appointment.

**Hon. C. Mutai:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, Sir, I support and concur with His Excellency the Governor for the re-appointment of Daisy Rono as the CECM for Lands, Housing and Urban Planning. This is a member who has showed a capacity in the town planning. I also support the Member who stated that the security of the women who were trading their wares along the road has been ensured.

**Hon. A. Koech:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. Is it in order for Hon. C. Mutai, to say the re-allocation of women yet it was the re-location of the business people in Bomet town?

**Hon. C. Mutai:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, majority of the traders along the road area women. Otherwise, they security of all the traders has improved. This was because of her prudent management.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is a lot of good work being done. I know it is through the management of the World Bank money that this lady has shown that she is capable. Otherwise, Hon. Speaker,

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Sir, I support the reappointment of Daisy Chelangat Rono as the CECM for Land, Housing and Urban Planning.

**Hon. A. Langat:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am clear in my mind that the nominee has performed below average. I have the facts. As a representative of the people, I do research to ensure that whatever I articulate in this House is precise and factual. There is established municipal board whose members we passed in this House. However, she has micro-managed it contrary to the policy as provided. It was supposed to be independent and do its own activities and report to the House. Looking at the board clearly, the municipal board was supposed to develop their budget and submit the same for approval by the County Assembly every financial year but nothing has happened.

Further, there are a lot of wrangles and groupings of the board members. The nominee is good, decent and presentable but she lacks the authority to serve in the department. In order to set the pace in the international community on matters World Bank Funding, the nominee is unfit for that position. On the specific items that were given out by the World Bank based on my research, the Kshs. 160 Million was supposed to take us to the next level so that as much as you pump in resources to the other infrastructure, we should have achieved the best within the first quota.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are some specific items that if you look at them critically, I may not table it now because I am not a Member of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning. The nominee has failed terribly to stamp the authority. She is well placed in other departments. When we held the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB), a sum of Kshs. 20 Million, tax payers' money, was swindled and lost to the people who are not known to date. It remains to be statements to the eyes of the great men and women who suffered in their villages. There not even a single land that was purchased for purposes of constructing public utilities. Therefore I oppose the Motion.

Thank you.

*(Question Put and negatived)*

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**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, Sir, I am left amused that on the day of judgment we shall be seated on the throne of grace and the Lord will be seated calling out names.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to move the Motion;

That pursuant to article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the County Assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Justus K. Maina as the CECM in charge of the Administration, ICT and Public Service.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, this department is a crucial because ICT is the way to go. Communication nowadays is through ICT and nowadays the communication used is ICT enabled. We can reach out and harness it if we have a strong person in this department. Administration is equally crucial because it includes the security of the Governor and the 'boda boda' riders. It also encompasses the security liaison with the national government on matters security. This is the officer that will ensure that the right procedure is followed when it comes to the issues of recruitment. The Governor has given the Assembly the opportunity to concur with him on the reappointment of Justus K. Maina as the CECM for Administration, ICT and Public Service.

I request Hon. D. Langat, our Chief Whip to Second.

**Hon. D. Langat:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I Second the Motion as moved by the Leader of Majority. The nominee has served in this government for the last two years and has portrayed a lot of experience in the department. As a member of the Committee on Public Appointments, I have served for the last two years as well. When the nominee was here for vetting we realised that he has experience. He is somebody who is a workaholic, devoted to in his work and serves with diligence.

The nominee has assisted in establishing and constructing the new ward offices. He facilitated the completion of those that were never completed. A case in point is a ward office at Kapsagot

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in Longisa, Bomet East sub-county. He has also established ICT centres which are on-going in most youth empowerment centres.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the last two years the nominee has been traversing the county, selling the policies of our county government. I humbly request this Honourable House to support the nominee for the position. Mr. Speaker, I second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. R. Serbai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to oppose the Motion. The nominee has let this county down. First, there is a weak administration in this county. Secondly, in Konoin, the sub-county administrator does not have a vehicle and he is expected to perform his mandate. Just imagine the entire Konoin sub-county with no vehicle! When the Governor visited my area, the administrator used a motorbike. It is a shame on this county especially being the responsibility of Mr. Maina.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, when we talk about ICT, the nominee brought a lot of changes. He brought the best to worse. We do not have an ICT centre anywhere in Konoin. Further, we do not have ward offices in Konoin. All along, we have been allocating funds to this department but it has exhausted before the end of the financial year yet they are doing nothing. I am left wondering what happens to this money. An administrator, is supposed to coordinate the county government right to the grassroots. He has failed but he only knows little English which does not have passion.

The nominee is good and comes out smart but he does not have the passion. He does his things authoritatively but lacks the context. This man ought to have been shown the door long before the swearing in of the new Governor, I am a member of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation and I believe the money that was allocated to this department was misappropriated to the extent that the late Governor did not have the funds to fuel the Governor's vehicle because of his poor performance.

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I urge this House that without wasting a second, this motion should be disallowed.

**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Mheshimiwa Spika, asante sana kwa kunipatia fursa hii ili niweze kuunga mkono mwendo wa waziri wa utawala. Naona maji yamezidi unga maanake wale ambao bado wameonyeshwa njia tayari watu wameshavuta nambari zao. Mambo ya usalama umeimarishwa katika sekta yake maanake watu wengi hawajui vita ni nini. Aadhikiaye kofu hajapata kuona jeraha.

Mheshimiwa Spika, naunga mkono utawala wa waziri Maina. Ofisi wa utawala, kama vile wa Merigi tayari ameimarisha. Huyu ni mtu ambaye anafanya kazi katika sekta ya kuajiri vijana. Vijana wameajiriwa kama wale wanaofanya kazi ya usalama katika ofisi tofauti tofauti katika kaunti letu la Bomet. Huyu ni mtu ambaye anafanya kazi. Naomba waheshimiwa wenzangu watilie maanane huyu mtu ambaye anafanya kazi bila mapendeleo na bila ubaguzi. Kazi yake anyafanya kwa njia ya utaratibu na kwa njia ya uhaki.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mafunzo katika sekta ya vijana, unakumbuka ule wakati ambao vijana walienda upande wa Sigor wakati wa kufunzwa. Ni kwa sababu ya mheshimiwa Maina ambaye alikuwa anafanya kazi ili hawa vijana waweze kufunzwa mambo ya usalama. Mheshimiwa Spika, sioni haja ya kusema kwamba Mheshimiwa Maina hafanyi kazi. Sisi kama watu wa Bomet Mashariki tumefurahishwa sana na kazi yake.

*(Hon. A. Koech rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. A. Koech:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, it is surprising and very annoying to hear the member from Merigi talking of them from Bomet East having help from Justus Maina. Was he a CEC for Bomet East or Bomet County? If that is the case then.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. A. Koech, I am still waiting to know what your point of order is.

**Hon. A. Koech:** My point of order, Hon. Speaker, Sir, is, is it in order for Hon. Z. Kilel to talk of the nominee as having been the CEC for Bomet East yet---

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**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): It could be true for him

**Hon. A. Koech:** If it is true for him, then we have to look for members for Bomet County.

*(Hon. D. Kipkirui rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am just in concurrence with what you have just said. The Hon. Member who was on the floor comes from Bomet East and maybe he is only aware of the much that Hon. Justus Maina has done in Bomet East. He is not from other sub-counties so he is in order.

**Hon. R. Chirchir:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I just want to kindly ask you to read the mood of the House and put the question.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba kumaliza. Kulingana na mimi na sheria ya Jumba hili ni kwamba mheshimiwa yeyote anayeamka kuchangia ama kuleta hoja lake ni lazima atumie lugha ambayo mimi nimetumia. Mheshimiwa Spika namaliza kwa kusema ya kwamba zimwi likujualo halikukuli likakumaliza.

**Hon. Speaker (Hon. D. S. Rotich):** Thank you, Hon. Members, based on the mood of the House as correctly advised, I now put the question that pursuant to article 179 (2b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 30 (2d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the County Assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Justus K. Maina as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Administration, ICT and Public Service.

*(Question Put and Negated to)*

**Hon. J. Kirui:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to move the motion;

That pursuant to article 179 (2b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 30 (2d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the County Assembly concurs with

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His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Benard Kiplangat Sang as the CECM in charge of Water, Sanitation and Environment.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, this is a docket that touches on the livelihood of this county. It also touches on the seven point plan of the late Governor, Dr. Joyce Laboso where she was so passionate about access to clean water by the residence of the county. This is also a docket that ensures that diseases like cholera are actually put at the bay because it is dealing with sanitation ensuring that there are no 'bodabodas' being cleaned or vehicles being cleaned by the river banks, ensuring that the environment is clean and that we take care of our environment. This is a docket that requires a lot of dedication and a lot of collaboration even with the donor community and the Governor in his wisdom has given this Assembly the leeway to reconsider the reappointment known as Benson Kiplangat Sang as the CECM for Water, Sanitation and Environment. I to request Hon. R. Langat to second.

**Hon. R. Langat:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to second the motion of the reappointment of Benard Kiplangat Sang as the County Executive Committee Member for Water, Sanitation and Environment. Mr. Speaker Sir, Benson Kiplangat Sang has managed to drive the department of water to a better state. For the last two years that he has been in office, we have realized a lot of development in the water sector in Bomet County. For example, Benson Kiplangat Sang has already managed to protect around sixty one springs across the county. He has also managed to construct thirty five water thanks.. Benson has managed to drill boreholes within Bomet County. I am one of those people whose ward has benefited from the boreholes. Everyone knows and can attest within Bomet that before Benson Kiplangat Sang there were a lot of shortage of water supply just because there were a lot of interruptions due to power disconnection because of unpaid power bills but from the onset of this man we hardly experienced the disconnection of power to our water supplies, Mr. Speaker. With those few remarks I second the reappointment of Benson Kiplangat Sang.

*(Hon. R. Serbai rose on a point of order)*



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**Hon. R. Serbai:** Mr. Speaker, in as much as we are discussing these issues I want to request through your chair that our security is paramount. I wanted to go for a short call but I have been abused by the people ferried in by none other than Justus Maina. I am representing my people and I have to say what I want to say and I do enjoy immunity in this compound. Can the same Maina be brought and be taken because I did not even finish my objective of going out. What is happening with the security?

*(Hon. R. Rono rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. R. Rono:** On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, we have been denied access to the toilets due to the same problem outside in the name of ‘we have dropped the name of Hon. Maina’. It is definitely the same person who has brought in goons to abuse us, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): I will direct the Clerk and the security team to make sure that the environment within the assembly is secured and that if necessary any other security agencies can be called to ensure that the compound is secure. Let us proceed.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Bett:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion and in concurrence with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Benson Kiplangat Sang as the CEC Member in charge of Water, Sanitation and Environment. Being the chair of the department, I wish to concur with His Excellency the Governor because Engineer Sang has always been responding to several questions from members through statements. He has also been able to protect several springs in our county. That is why I am standing to support Engineer Sang for reappointment.

Thank you.

**Hon. L. Ngeny:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity to also weigh in on this motion of the day. I wish to second the motion that we concur with His Excellency the Governor of Bomet County, Hon. Barchok in reappointing one Benson Kiplangat Sang as the CECM for Water, Sanitation and Environment. Mr. Speaker, I wish to state that the role of a CEC is one

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that is managerial. Their major role is to manage the resources that they have been given, that is, from human resource to financial resource and also the technical resources. This man whose name has come to us today has done to his level best to ensure that the resource that we have budgeted or approved for that department have been used prudently. Mr. Speaker, this being the year that the late Hon. Governor had planned that Bomet County will focus on water services and the provision of water, I wish that this Honourable House may allow this member to at least see the completion of the plan being the year that we have allocated a huge amount of money to that department, Mr. Speaker. I wish to support to motion.

**Hon. W. Bore:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion in concurrence with His Excellency Governor on the reappointment of Benson Kiplangat Sang as the County Executive Committee Member for Water, Sanitation and Environment.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Sang has really demonstrated leadership. Basing on Bomet Water Company which was not under any legal framework, he recently prepared a policy and forwarded it to the Committee on Water and Sanitation for approval in this County Assembly. I also witnessed the water project that has been expanded and the bore holes that have been drilled. This was through the support of Benson Kiplangat Sang.

I therefore support that this nominee be given this position. Thank you.

**Hon. C. Langat:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to also support the reappointment of Hon. Benson Kiplangat Sang not because he has done a lot, Mr. Speaker, but because of his predicament. I think that we are between the hard rock and the hard surface. I am going to urge the Hon. Members that basing on that let us consider and let us allow him and give him another chance. I support.

**Hon. A. Maritim:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to concur with His Excellency the Governor, Hon. Barchok in the reappointment of Hon. Benson Sang. Benson Sang is one of the most experienced engineers around and I am sure that if you can see in the department of Health where he was under before, he tried as much as possible to bring up this department to the better

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side. Personally and by the look of the majority, they have spoken positively about Sang. I also concur with His Excellency the Governor that Benson Sang be given a second chance so that he can complete all projects that are ongoing in our wards. I support, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. P. Korir:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I stand to support Benson Kiplangat Sang for reappointment of CEC Member for Water, Sanitation and Environment because Hon. Benson has done a lot in my ward where I represent – Kipreres Ward. He has done a lot of dams in my ward. Hon. Speaker, Sir, let us support Hon. Sang for reappointment of CEC Member for Water, Sanitation and Environment. Hon. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Sang found a lot of donors to my ward. As I speak now, Mr. Speaker, around one hundred and twenty dams were done in my ward. I stand to support.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Members, I now put the question that that pursuant to article 179 (2b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 30 (2d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the County Assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Benson Kiplangat Sang as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Water, Sanitation and Environment.

*(Question Put and Negatived)*

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I rise to move the motion;

That pursuant to article 179 (2b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 30 (2d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the County Assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Joseph Kipruto Ngeno Sitonik as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Medical Services and Public Health.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, this is a crucial docket led by Dr. Sitonik and this department also deals with public health that actually takes care of our children. Dr. Sitonik also will be able to treat if there

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are some casualties after this. This is the man, Hon. Speaker, Sir, that has been treating the members. I would like to urge the members that you cannot throw away the doctor. Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would like to urge the members to support the reappointment of Joseph Kipruto Ngeno Sitonik. I request Hon. Z. Kilel to support.

**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningependa kuwa wa pili kuunga mkono yale ambayo yamenenwa na Mheshimiwa wa walio wengi Bwana J. Kirui. Hii ni kwa sababu nimeona kazi yake ni nzuri. Ukipanda pan tosha utavuna pan kwisha. Huyu ni mtu ambaye amefanya kazi akaunda zahanati kwa sehemu mbali mbali. Mheshimiwa Spika huyu waziri wa afya ameunda hata hospitali ya rufa katika upande wa Longisa. Kwa hivyo ni mtu ambaye anafanya kazi. Anajaribu, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kuna mashine mapya ambayo yameletwa katika hii hospitali ya rufa ya Longisa. Maanake hii ni kulingana na kazi ambayo huyu waziri wa afya anafanya. Sioni huyu waziri wa afya akiwa na dosari yoyote. Ingawa kuna mambo hapa na pale, huyu ni mtu ambaye anafanya kazi yake kwa bidii na kwa hali na mali. Yuko tayari kutetea wale ambao ni wagonjwa katika sehemu mbalimbali. Nakumbuka kwenye Bibilia katika Yohana kumi na nane mstari wa thelathini na nane inasemwa ya kwamba kuna wayahudi ambao walijaribu kusulubisha Yesu lakini Pilato alisimama akasema, “Mimi sijaona shida yeyote ambayo huyu mtu yuko nayo”. Kwa hivyo naunga mkono ya kwamba huyu Waziri wa Afya aendelee kufanya kazi. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Thank you Hon. Z. Kilel. Hon. Members, I now propose the question that pursuant to article 179 (2b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 30 (2d) of the County Governments Act 2012, the County Assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Joseph Kipruto Ngeno Sitonik as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Medical Services and Public Health.

**Hon. A. Langat:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to be able to debate on the nominee Dr. Joseph Kipruto Ngeno Sitonik. I rise to be able to support the motion with facts. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sitonik as the name suggests if you go to the corridors of our town and mention

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the name to any ‘mama’ she will ask you, ‘Daktari?’ Dr. Sitonik is one among the diligent leaders who has demonstrated credibility and administrative skills to be able to stir the aspects of health to a better height. Health is one of co-pillars that His Excellency the President has actually placed forward for us as leaders to be able to implement. I am happy that just recently, I was able to visit Longisa Referral Hospital. It is very conducive. I was visiting a patient from my ward and I realized that the place is very conducive. Before you are attended the reception itself can give the patient a process of healing. Equipment in every health facility is adamant. Sufficient supply of drugs and other substances are required. This position is awarded based on performance of that individual. It is actually worth for these Hon. Members to be able to give him a second chance so that he can set the next pace. Dr. Sitonik at this primary stage has now taken a stage to be able to negotiate with some Universities in the U.S.A and Universities in Kenya to be able to assist us to identify the triggering point of cancer. He is taking measures. He is man with enough skills to be able to take this department forward. I therefore, support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. D. Kipkirui:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to support the reappointment of Joseph Kiprono Sitonik as the County Executive Committee Member for Medical Services and Public Health. Mr. Speaker, I come from a ward where Longisa Referral Hospital is and just like what Hon. A. Langat had said, there is a tremendous improvement in health services in Bomet County, including in Longisa Referral Hospital. There are also new health facilities in the name of dispensaries to be built. Seven of them have been built including one in my ward called Kiptulwa Dispensary. Since the coming of Dr. Sitonik, very many medics have been employed on permanent and pensionable terms. Mr. Speaker, without wasting much time, Dr. Joseph Kipruto Sitonik is more than fit to be given a second chance to deliver. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. L. Kirui:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to join hands with my colleagues in the support of this particular motion. I am speaking as the Chair for the Committee on Health Services and

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Sanitation in the County Assembly. I want to bring to the attention of these members that Joseph Kipruto Sitonik has been cooperative especially when it comes to consultation.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, this is the kind of CECM who cannot wait to be invited to the Committee. He at times requests us for a cup of tea for a briefing of what is happening in the health sector. That is where I give him credit. Secondly, if you compare the departments in terms of the policies and the laws that have been brought to this House, the department of Medical Services and Health is leading. We have quite a number of policies including the policies that were for health management committees. We also have the policy dealing with universal health care. I will not name all of them. I just want to say that his department is in the lime light in terms of policies and laws that have been brought to this House.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, thirdly, is because of the performance that counts to the people of Bomet. One is the issue of ambulance. Recently we launched new ambulances meant for Bomet. We have already bought two and there are other two which are under requisition. This will face out the Red Cross Ambulances which we are costly. This is through his effort.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I want to concur with one Member who has talked of sufficient drugs. One of the achievements of this Hon. Member is the election of various committees of various dispensaries and other health facilities. We carried out an election and I think you know the atmosphere and the temperature of an election whereby by the end of it all, there is division but the kind of election that was done brought more unity in Bomet than division. That is why we have sufficient drugs because we have people who have been elected in their various health facilities and are trusted to take care of our resources.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, in the issues of dispensaries, we have new dispensaries but the most beautiful one is a situation whereby when he was told that the sub-location where our first Governor is coming from does not have a dispensary, he was in a position to say that we cannot discriminate. He said that we will build a dispensary and already there is a dispensary in Tumoi which is

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almost complete. This is the kind of person that you can read his heart and know that he is someone who is nice.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, as I conclude, there are two things that he has done which are exemplary. One is the issues of surgeries.

Recently, we were on record that we had new cesarean section which was done in Ndanai. Cheptalal is also coming up. The other issue is the oncology. This is the first time that this County Government of Bomet has operationalized oncology. We already have around six patients who have been started with, with the chemotherapy in Bomet through his leadership. Lastly is in respect with our late Governor. We had agreed that we are going to build the mother and child wellness centre where we will call it 'Dr. Joyce Laboso Memorial Mother and Child Wellness'. Already negotiations have started with the President. We are almost at eight hundred million. They are still negotiating.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, we are almost getting eight hundred million that will support the wellness. If we throw him and he already knows the process, then we will be losing. Hon. Speaker, Sir, I do not want to go far. I just want to say that I support him and it is through his performance that I am supporting Dr. Sitonik.

Thank you.

**Hon. L. Ngeny:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity. I wish to support the motion that Hon. Joseph Kipruto Ngeno be reappointed to the position of CECM for Medical Services and Public Health. I have only a few points to support my opinion. The dispensaries have been explained by the chairperson of the Committee on Health. The dispensary that is next to my home, the one that I used to go while I was young is so different today that as a Member of County Assembly like any other Member of the County Assembly and the public, I go to such dispensaries even before we go to the big hospitals. We start with the dispensary at home. I have been there almost six times this year and I have seen the services given by those people working in those dispensaries are exemplary. Mr. Speaker, the other thing is about the Community Health

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Volunteers (CHVs). That was the best idea that could happen in Bomet County. Mr. Speaker, those a people coming from our own communities, our villages who have volunteered to teach and give information on health issues within our county. This is focusing on trying to enhance prevention of diseases so that the county might reduce the amount of money being used in purchases of drugs and for medical services. Mr. Speaker, I think that is a move that deserves applauding. However, there is a section that I think the Hon. Member whom I support for reappointment has to look into. That is the human resources in these hospitals and these health facilities. Yes we have enough doctors, we have enough nurses, we have enough people working in these facilities but I think the spirit of work needs to be uplifted. Mr. Speaker, we always benchmark with Tenwek Hospital that is a mission hospital within Bomet County and I think that is the direction that our top most referral hospital needs to go. Mr. Speaker, I understand that during the last recruitment of doctors and nurses and other medical workers, most of those were drawn from Tenwek Hospital. That means we have the perfect people in the Hospital but I think there need to be some improvement on the workmanship of these people. I think that is just a little thing that is needed to be done by the CECM whom I think is watching us right now, so that these services become efficient and quality to our people. I support the motion, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Hon. J. Kelong:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Health services department is a critical one and needs a person of the nominee's caliber. A person who is experienced and has worked in many places. In every sub-county he has established sub-county hospitals and is going to improve the health services in this county. In my ward, there is a sub-county hospital that is coming up, X-ray facility is being built and I project that in every sub-county we shall have X-ray facilities and even scanning machines that will assist our people. The nominee is fit to continue in this department. Thank you.

**Hon. D. Maritim:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support this motion. The nominee is somebody who is diligent in his work. In the last two years that he worked as a CECM, he has increased the allocation to sub-county hospitals and has managed the medical fraternity. I think the medical



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staff are now happy. The drugs are also available. There was a petition brought to this House on the investigation of some immunization. The nominee articulated the issues in a medical perspective. He is someone who is good in his work. He is competent as well. There was an incident in my ward in Kapchemibei Dispensary. One funny thing is that the drugs were being ferried to the dispensary but could not reach the destination because of the roads.

I think all these things are being discussed in a cabinet meeting. So, in that situation, I could see Dr. Sitonik is someone who is competent

Hon. Speaker, I wish to register my support on the reappointment of Dr. Sitonik.

Thank you.

**Hon. W. Kirui:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to add my voice and weight in support to concur with the Governor in the reappointment of Dr. Sitonik. I would actually concentrate in my ward, that is Kipsonoi Ward, and the achievements that have been made by Dr. Sitonik. One of them is the upgrading of Kiricha Dispensary to be a Health Centre. Secondly is increasing of Kiptulwo Dispensary to a Health Centre. When it comes to the ongoing works, one being Chebole Dispensary which if the Members agree to his reappointment then this Dispensary will be a reality in the next few days because there is an allocation of Ksh. 300,000 for building of the toilet so that it can be opened. Mr. Speaker Sir, while serving at the tenure of the late Madam Governor, he accompanied her to Kapkures Dispensary to officiate and check on the works that were going on there and promised the people of Kapkures that the Maternity wing will be a reality. Approving this nominee will see Kipsonoi Ward in particular to prosper to greater heights. I have no reservation at all. I would like to support this nominee and urge all the Hon. Members to support his reappointment. Thank You.

**Hon. C. Chemutai:** Asante sana, Mweshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu kwa maana ya huduma za afya ambazo zimeweza kuwekwa katika kauti yetu ya Bomet. Katika kitengo cha kuajiri wauguzi, huyu Sitonik aliweza kuonyesha kazi yake kwa kuweza kugawa kazi zote kwa wafanyi kazi wa Bomet na haswa mahali ambapo imeweza kunifurahisha zaidi ni

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kuajiri hawa wauguzi kwa kiwango cha maisha yao. Sio eti unafanya kazi miaka kadhaa alafu unarudi nyumbani. Yeye mwenyewe ameweza kusimamia ili wauguzi waweze kuajiriwa katika maisha yao yote. Naunga mkono mswada huu.

**Hon. A. Maritim:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would be very brief because I just want to concur with His Excellency the Governor in the reappointment of Dr. Sitonik and also to concur with most views that my colleagues have stated here. Hon. Speaker, this is one of the most performing CECM. If we can rate, he is second to Juliana. In the health sector for example, when it comes to issues on primary health care you find that there is a lot that has been done in terms of primary health care. Primary health is a very important component in medical health because it actually helps in the prevention of so many diseases. Otherwise this is one of the best CECM's and he deserves a reappointment.

There have been serious issues of cancer, this CECM has tried as much as possible in terms of palliative care. You find that there are people monitoring some of those people suffering from that medical illness. This is a hardworking CECM that requires to be reappointed so that he can continue. When it comes to health facilities, there are a lot of improvement. We even have a CT-Scan in Longisa Hospital. That is an important equipment that is working in our referral hospital. These are just some of the few things that I can mention that can give Dr. Sitonik to be reappointed back as the CECM for Health. Despite a few challenges including the one that he has not got a good support from one of the CO's but he has tried as much as possible to manipulate through such a turbulence. I want to say that I support Dr. Sitonik for reappointment.

Thank you.

**Hon. R. Rono:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I also stand to support the motion, Mr. Speaker for the appointment of Hon. Joseph Kipruto Ngeno Sitonik. I want to mention a very important thing that the Hon. CECM has been able to implement in our county. You realize that we are almost have sub-county referral hospital Mr. Speaker in our county. When it comes to Chepalungu, Sigor sub-county hospital, has an X-ray facility and the theatre is on-going. Once

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we have it, we will have a sub-county referral hospital. It is also the same when you go to the other sub-counties. This is one of the CECM's that has a lot of 'bonga points'. He is second to CECM for Education. I support Dr. Sitonik so that he can implement the manifesto for the late Madam Governor that we are going to have a dispensary in every sub-location. The process should therefore continue by reappointing the same CECM. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. C. Cherotich:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to concur with His Excellency the Governor for reappointing Joseph Ngeno Sitonik as the CECM for Medical Services and Public Health simply because Dr. Sitonik is professional in his work and is a doctor by himself. Hon. Members, if any one of you is not feeling well right now you can call him and he will attend to you. Thank you.

**Hon. R. Serbai:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. All that glitters is not gold. Mr. Speaker, much has been said about Dr. Sitonik. Where I come from, that is Cheptalal sub-county hospital, I had eleven infants dying in that particular hospital. It is just one week ago, I find a mum who wanted to deliver and because of negligence of the doctor in that particular hospital she passed away. When you talk about Dr. Sitonik performing well, I am shocked. And I have reporting to him that to date we have lost eleven infants in Cheptalal and one adult just because of negligence Mr. Speaker. Personally I do not support.

Thank you.

*(Question put)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Leader of Majority (Hon. J. Kirui):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, lastly, I rise to move a Motion;

That pursuant to article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Section 30 (2) (d) of the County GovernmentS Act 2012, the County Assembly concurs with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Ngeno Benard Kipkorir as the CECM for Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture.

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Hon. Speaker, Sir, this is a docket that the youth play a critical role in the development. The issues pertaining the youth should therefore be handled with a lot of care. The department also deals with sports being enjoyed worldwide and there have been cases whereby football tournaments are organized and the teams are supposed to be given uniforms and the teams are supposed to be given funding by this department and I know several teams in the entire county have benefited from funding due to this department. This is also a department that also deals with the beauty contest and I know that a lot of activities that deals with beauty contest have been conducted in a very transparent manner. Hon. Speaker, I forgot to say that several sports in the county which are in the county and in the work plan is undertaken by this department. This is also a department that deals gender. The issues of gender are very sensitive and we know there is also 'Inua Mama na Kuku' initiative that was actually in the heart of the late Governor and almost all the entire wards have benefited from this initiative. This is the department which had a budget for the 'kukus' and pool tables. We also have the issue of culture. Culture plays a very critical role in that it portrays the face of the county and in cultural activities I also know that people were taken for instance to Kisumu to participate in cultural activities and I know that they went to an international trip based on how they performed in Kisumu. Hon. Speaker, this is a docket that requires someone who is very vibrant and somebody who has the youth at heart, energetic and also has the mind of the youth. Hon. Speaker, with those remarks the Governor in his wisdom saw it fit that the Assembly assesses the performance of this CECM in terms of delivering the said issues. So, Hon. Ngeno Benard Kipkorir has been forwarded by the Governor for reappointment as CECM in charge of Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture.

Hon. Speaker, having said all that, I would like to request the Hon. R. Chirchir from Kapletundo Ward to second. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. R. Chirchir:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir. To concur with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Ngeno Benard Kipkorir as the CECM for youth, gender, sports and culture. The mover had said it all. However, mine is just to stand and Second.

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Thank you.

VISITING DELEGATION FROM BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Thank you Hon. Members. Before I propose the question I would like to recognize the presence of Members of the County Assembly of Baringo who have just come in.

*(Applause)*

They are:

1. Hon. Makar Solomon and
2. Hon. Unity Talam.

We also have a member of the County Assembly Service Board for Baringo, Maka Hamisi and the members of staff;

1. Joseph Angol
2. Hussein Kipsie
3. Lee Torotich and
4. Mrs. Mary Keitany.

The visiting delegation can now take your seats.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. M. Chepkirui:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to oppose the motion on the reappointment of Ngeno Benard Kipkorir as the CECM for Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture. Mr. Speaker, the reason why I want to be on record of standing to oppose the motion is that the nominee, Mr. Benard is that he never met the expectation of the youth as stipulated in the law. Be aware that a majority of the citizen of Bomet County are the youth and he never played his role. Secondly, we are among the counties who do not have the youth policy. Mr. Ngeno is an underperformer. During implementation, he does some things without following the procedures of the

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procurement plan. There's also the issue of internships for the youth where an incorrect method was used. I urge this House let us try to consider the youth parity. Let us try to give hope to our able youth. I stand to oppose the motion, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. V. Mutai:** I have been sitting here eagerly waiting for this nominee to be mentioned. This nominee has let Bomet youth down. As a representative of the youth, he has done nothing. He has let the government of the late Hon. Governor down. The list is so long. I cannot exhaust. Let me touch on one thing that touches us. There was a program that was started by the late Governor dubbed 'Inua Mama na Kuku'. The statistics reaching us is that all the chicken that were supplied to all the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) are dead. It is because the members that were concerned with the CBOs were not trained. How can you give someone something without training? A Member has mentioned that the ministry of roads was poor or lazy. This was the most lazy and pathetic department. As the vice-chairperson of the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports, all the procurement plans that we had planned for, none was implemented. This "guy" was waking up early in the morning and just think on what to do and not as per the procurement plan.

Mr. Speaker, I wish and it has been my prayer since the youth have been suffering for the last two years. This nominee should have been shown the door earliest last year. I oppose and I request Hon. Members, that this CECM be shown the door.

Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. V. Mutai, I would encourage you not to use a language that is not required. We do not know what 'guy' means. So kindly correct that.

**Hon. V. Mutai:** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I apologise. It was because 'the sugar was high'.

**Hon. J. Turgut:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to totally oppose this motion simply because this is a department of Youth, Gender, Sports, Culture and Social Services. As you are aware that this department is like a hospital, everybody who has a challenge in this County

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Government must come through this department. Hon. Ngeno does not have a heart of serving in this department, I really oppose this nominee in this department because I represent Persons with Disabilities in this County. I am here on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I respect PWDs because I also have a disability and having a disability does not mean that I am not supposed to get the resources that are supposed to be given to persons with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, having a disability cannot hinder me or any other person with disability from being served in that department. I have a lot of sympathy to this nominee because he never gave us an opportunity to explain what we are supposed to be given in this department. Our late Governor had persons with disabilities at heart. She supported us with tools of trade and assistive devices. Assistive devices are not only the wheelchairs and the crutches. I am personally using artificial legs. One day I met with the CECM, Mr. Ngeno, but he was not ready to hear me. I was supposed to be assessed in Nairobi but I never got attention from him.

Hon. Speaker, I was really disappointed and I oppose this nominee because he is not fit to be in this department. I was privileged to be given two posts in the department of Social Services. I want to acknowledge the late Governor because she respected persons with disabilities but this nominee was not ready to hear that. He did not even respect persons with disabilities working under him. I disagree and really urge this House to send this nominee home so that he can learn how to work in public offices.

Thank you.

**Hon. H. Kirui:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity. I also rise to oppose the motion on the reappointment of Benard Ngeno Kipkorir as the CECM for Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture.

Mr. Speaker, Benard Ngeno was moved from the department of Trade to the department of Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture with the hopes that he was going to transform the department

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but after being moved, the department of Trade performed exemplary well and in his new department there is nothing to smile about.

Hon. Speaker, Benard Ngeno is a total let down to the youth of this county. He is a total let down to the department of Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture. I have the facts as a member of an ad hoc committee that was formed to investigate and inquire about the leveling of the fields in this county. I want to report to this House that Chepngaina in my ward and Ngerian fields are in a pathetic situations. They have not been done to the standard. The drainage was also not done. A crater just came and leveled the field at a cost of Kshs. 2 Million. That is so alarming and the children in that school are complaining. The board of management is suffering. There was no public participation done before the fields were leveled and there was no information. It was just a one man show whereby the crater was instructed to go to the field before the necessary documentation was even done.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the payment was done to the contractor but the fields are not yet complete. Someone has gone with taxpayers' money and the fields are still in a pathetic situation. When it comes to Njerian field, Hon. Ngeno disowned when he realised that things were sour. He told the Committee that he was not aware about the leveling of Njerian field. It is so unfortunate for the CECM to say that he was not aware yet the leveling was going on and it was done by the county government through him being a representative of the county government.

As for the uniforms meant for the interns, the procurement process was not followed. Now that the Governor has brought this CECM for reappointment, it is high time for this House to reject with the greatest terms possible.

Thank you.

**Hon. K. Barchok:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for this important time. Before I continue, let me first request your direction on the process that is taking place here. we are here to protect the Constitution and the democracy in this county. As per the Constitution, Chapter 11, Article 179, (7) (2) (b) provides;



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“If a vacancy arises in the office of the County Governor, the members of the County Executive Committee cease to hold office.”

Whatever we are doing, is not about CECs who are present. We are talking about former CECs. This was only the wisdom of the Governor to give us this list for reappointment. Otherwise, it would have been best if it was advertised. It is just the wisdom of the Governor so that we can evaluate the every CECM that was there in the last regime. Allow me to say that because we now have a third Governor.

Mr. Speaker, as per the mover of the Motion, the Leader of Majority, he lied to this House that Benard Ngeno performed well. I do not concur with His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Benard Ngeno Kipkorir as the County Executive Committee---

*(The Leader of Majority (Hon. J. Kirui) rose on a point of order)*

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. J. Kirui): Hon. Speaker, is it in order for Hon. Barchok to allude that I lied to the House when I clearly stated what was expected of Hon. Benard Ngeno and what was in procurement plan, work plan and in the budget that he was supposed to undertake. Is it in order when he says that I lied to the House? What I actually expected is for him is to confess if he has not receive the chicken that was delivered.

**The Speaker** (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Barchok, you have been adequately informed. You can now proceed.

**Hon. K. Barchok:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Barack Obama once said,

*“I always believe ultimately that if people pay attention, we get good government and good leadership.”*

If we are lazy as a democracy and start taking shortcuts we will never go anywhere. As for this CECM I do not concur and I do not support him to be the CEC in charge of Youth, Sports and Culture. First of all, let us look at how he leveled the fields in all sub-counties. It was pathetic. In

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my ward, there is no field that was leveled and that means it was unfair because we were supposed to have fields leveled in all the wards in every sub-county. The Silibwet Township and the main stadium are in a pathetic conditions. He is the kind that is not supposed to take any office because it may not be corrupt in terms of the funds but he is corrupt in terms of service delivery.

Mr. Speaker, I do not support this nominee to be reappointed. Let us again look at how he failed to follow procurement processes when acquiring the interns' track suits. As per the documents that we are given, we are supposed to follow the procurement plan, ADP and the CIDP. He should not be reappointed to that position. We were supposed to have 250, ten per ward, but he interfered with the process. Is he supposed to be in that office? I do oppose the concurrence of the Governor for the reappointment of Ngeno Benard Kipkorir as the CECM for Youth, Gender and Sports. I do not support. Thank you.

**Hon. L. Ngeny:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to oppose this motion that would reappoint one Hon. Ngeno Benard Kipkorir as the CECM for Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture. Before I contribute to this, I wish to state to every listener that Hon. Ngeno Benard Kipkorir is a personal friend but I would not wish support him to this position because of obvious reasons that have been mentioned by my colleagues who have spoken before me. In my point of view, the issue of purchasing tracksuits for two hundred and fifty interns was something that was totally unnecessary. Mr. Speaker, this amounts to misappropriation of funds. Already we have allocated funds for the stipends for these interns. Give me a reason why these interns would be given tracksuits that they would not put on in the five working days of the week. Remember these interns are working in public offices. They are not in the field. They are not playing football. Five days of the week, that is from Monday to Friday they are supposed to be in the office. How do you dress when in the office? It is just like you Mr. Speaker buying me tracksuits. Will I put them on when coming to this County Assembly or while doing my own things?

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Mr. Speaker, the tracksuits were not necessary for those youth who were given the opportunity for an internship at the County. Who do they require mostly? They need an opportunity to be employed. They need to be empowered so that when their time of internship at the county elapses, they will be able to secure a job within the County Government or outside. That is the priority for this people, Mr. Speaker. So that was misappropriation of funds. Secondly is about the purchase of assistive devices for persons living with disabilities.

I wish to give an example of the issue of wheelchairs. I have learnt in these few days that for someone to be given a wheelchair, they need to go through a medical assessment so that the medical physicians could be able to give the appropriate wheelchair. The CECM according to the papers given to this House when we were vetting them did not have any background in medical field. Who was he to start dishing out wheelchairs? I understand that that could harm these persons living with disabilities more. Mr. Speaker, tools for trade and persons living with disabilities. When you buy someone a welding machine, what do you expect? Could they just go straight and sit somewhere and start welding?

Mr. Speaker, these people were given tools of trade which some of them have never used it because they do not have the capacity to put in place structures where they are able to operate from. Mr. Speaker, this would again amount to misappropriation of funds. If we were serious that we need to help these people I think we need to put them in cooperatives first, do plans for them so that they may be able to benefit from whatever we are giving them. It is the same thing that implies to the initiative of 'Inua Mama na Kuku'. It is a brilliant initiative. I was doing my mathematics, Mr. Speaker, and saw that five chicken or three chicken can help someone to pay for their NHIF, Mr. Speaker but when you give them to people who do not have structures, how do you choose these CBOs? How do you come up roadside CBOs, Mr. Speaker, or people who came up the other week and just give them chicken? Mr. Speaker, it needed a lot of planning for it to be successful. It needs a lot of monitoring and evaluation, Mr. Speaker. They are not just supposed to be given out for the sake of being given out. They are supposed to benefit the people who are receiving this. We also have other issues, Mr. Speaker. Our cultural dances, Mr.

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Speaker, who danced in Kisumu and won in Kisumu Cultural Festival were shortchanged on the way. Why are we blaming the CECM? We are blaming him because when he assumed that position, the back stopped at him. He was supposed to control all the people. He was supposed to ensure that every activity and everything that happens in that department is going on right.

We cannot enumerate all the issues today. There are others that I would want this County Assembly to look into, Mr. Speaker. The purchases that were done. The random, spontaneous purchases of goods in the Month of May and June in the previous financial year. We cannot tell it all, Mr. Speaker, but I think the committee will find out what happened during those months.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to also request this County Assembly that this department is a huge department taking the whole grouping or persons with special interests. When we talk about the youth, those are special interests. When we talk about gender, they are one of the key issues. Likewise to sports and culture. Those are key issues that cannot be lumped together in one department, Mr. Speaker. I wish that one day we change this and maybe break this department and make four other departments so that we avoid such risks. Mr. Speaker, I would wish to say that I do not support this for the record. Mr. Speaker, I do not know the kind of intimidation that we may go through after making decisions as Members of County Assembly but we are doing our role. When you are given a leadership position, it is either you do your mandate or you resign. I have said that before. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Z. Kilel:** Bwana Spika, vile nimesoma uwepo wa Jumba hili... *(inaudible)*

Hapa sioni haja ya kutetea. Msafiri ni aliye pwani. Tayari huyo *'ishirini na tano'* yuko pwani.

**Hon. E. Chepkemoi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion of His Excellency the Governor on the reappointment of Ngeno Benard as the CECM for youth, gender, sports and culture.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker (D. S. Rotich):** Silence Hon. Members.

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**Hon. E. Chepkemoi:** Mr. Speaker, I really support this motion Mr. Speaker because no one is perfect. When we apply the biblical point of view, Hon. Speaker, we have to forgive.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker (D. S. Rotich):** Hon. Members, Silence!

**Hon. E. Chepkemoi:** Mr. Speaker, even though we are stating the negative side of someone, we also need to state the positive side. Mr. Speaker, the tools of trade and the assistive devices were distributed, even though the procedure was not correct. He has really done what it takes. He has implemented the internship program in Bomet County which has exposed our youth to get more experience in the workplace. He has also empowered our youth in terms of sports especially the football games by organizing the tournament in Bomet County and also facilitating the players in the entire Bomet County. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. D. S. Rotich):** Hon. Members, silence!

*(Question put and negatived to)*

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker (D. S. Rotich):** Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House now stands adjourned according to our calendar.

*(The House rose at 5:40 p.m.)*