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[Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Let's proceed!

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable Whip you can give a notice of motion. No, the Majority Leader is here. Just give notice of that motion!

Hon. Hezron Ngetich (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity and before I give a notice...

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Just give the notice!

Hon. Hezron Ngetich (Majority Leader): Thank you Honorable Speaker for your direction. I want to give a notice of motion that this House approves the report of Appointment Committee vetting of nominee Mrs. Lily Chepngetich Ngok for the position of Deputy Governor County Government of Kericho.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Next order! Sergeants at Arms ring the bell for the members to come in. I see the members are coming so Leader of Majority proceed as the members are coming in.

**MOTION BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT
COMMITTEE HON. HEZRON NGETICH**

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you Leader of Majority!

Hon. Hezron Ngetich: (Vice Chairman Appointment Committee): Thank you Honorable Speaker for giving me this opportunity so that I can move a motion of the approval report on vetting of nominee for the post of Deputy Governor, Mrs. Lily Chepngetich Ngok.

VETTING OF MS. LILY CHEPNGETICH NGOK

Ms. Lilly Chepngetich Ngok of national Identification Number 11635711, nominee for the position of Deputy Governor, Kericho County Government appeared before the Committee on Appointments on Tuesday 13th April 2021 and was examined under oath and the approval hearing commenced as per the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing Orders.

Date and place of birth

She is a Kenyan citizen born in 1973. She hails from Kipkelion East Sub-County, Kericho County.

Academic Qualifications

She attended Kipsigis Girls' High School and completed in the year 1993 with a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education.

She is a graduate of Egerton University having graduated with Bachelor of Education (Arts). She also holds a Diploma in Human Resource Management from Kenya Institute of Management.

She holds a Masters Degree in Religion (Church Based) from North West University.

Employment record

The nominee previously worked as a secondary school teacher at Kabokyek and Kaminjeiwet Secondary Schools. She also worked at Kisii University as Senior Administrative Assistant. She is currently the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education, Youth Affairs, Sports, Culture and Social Services and while in that capacity she has served as Acting Deputy Governor for a period of one month in January 2021. Cumulatively, the nominee has over 16 years of work experience.

Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 22nd April 2021.

The nominee provided the committee with a Certificate of Clearance No.225369 from the Higher Education Loans Board valid until 12th April 2021.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a Police Clearance Certificate PCC-AAALOWX5 dated 8th April 2021.

The Nominee attached an Application for clearance from the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission dated 1st April 2021. The nominee also provided clearance certificate from *MetroPol* Credit Reference Bureau dated 28th February, 2021.

Vision and leadership

The Deputy Governor is the principal assistant to the Governor. The nominee told the committee that her vision is to assist the Governor complete the projects and programs that he has initiated and provide leadership to various sub-committees of the County Executive Committee.

The nominee also stated that her strategic objectives include ensuring that all accounting officers deliver in their respective departments to achieve the overall objective of improving the livelihoods of the county residents.

General questions to the nominee

The committee asked the nominee very critical questions regarding her work experience and specifically the 11 months that the nominee has served as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education, Youth Affairs, Sports, Culture and Social Services. She defended her track record in the department explaining that her docket not only covers ECDE but also youth affairs and gender. She told the committee that she has held meetings with the youth and has taken 10 youths for an empowerment course at the Kenya School of Government. She further told the committee that she has taken 50 women for a conflict resolution conference in Nyamira. The nominee further said that there were many other ongoing projects in the department including equipping of ECDE Centers and youth polytechnics.

The nominee further defended herself regarding the low absorption of development funds in the Department of Education noting that development funds had already been committed and contracts completed but the contractors had not handed in their documentation for the processing of their payments.

Regarding the low remuneration of ECDE teachers, the nominee told the committee that most teachers had not registered with the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) and hence they lacked bargaining power for better pay. She said that she had addressed the matter by ensuring that all the teachers with the required qualifications were registered with TSC so that they can gain recognition and hence better remuneration.

On revenue collection in the County, the nominee told the committee that if approved, she will ensure that all Chief Officers map all revenue streams and automate them, and also do away with receipt system to seal loop holes of revenue pilferage and come up with cash less system by ensuring parking is systematized.

The nominee was also asked on how she intends to help the Governor complete the stalled projects in the County. The nominee told the committee that she will work closely with the CECs and COs to ensure that all stalled projects are completed before new ones are started. She further said that she will be keen to ensure that all accounting officers become accountable in their dockets so as to spur development.

Committee observations

The Committee having considered the criteria as provided by vetting tool, her Curriculum Vitae and having heard her oral submission during the vetting interview, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as Deputy Governor, County Government of Kericho:

1. That she possesses academic qualifications, knowledge and vast experience in leadership and governance.
2. That she provided all documents as required in chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, about leadership and integrity.
3. That she exhibited knowledge touching on her docket and has requisite abilities and experience.

Therefore the committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as Deputy Governor, County Government of Kericho.

Mr. Speaker on subsequent pages there are annexure of nomination gazette notice provided as evidence that due process was followed. Before I welcome somebody to second the motion we did good work by following the due process which is laid down by the Constitution and County Government Act in ensuring that Mrs. Lily Ngok goes through the right process during her vetting. We found that her academic qualifications fit to be nominated or to be approved. On

top of her qualification, she has a Diploma in Human Resource and you know as Deputy Governor she will be in charge of administration and all other employees in the County so the experience she has on that will aid her in running and overseeing all the workers and County Government employees.

Before she was appointed as the CEC in charge of Education, she served as Dean of Student Kisii University and you know that Kisii University is a big institution that is chartered and we have never heard any rampage. That means that she has all the qualities of leadership and she handled the students in the university in an organized manner. It is therefore not going to be a big deal for the County Government because she has demonstrated that she works smart. If you compare her with other CECs that were appointed before her, I think she might be the only CEC or among the few CECs who has criss crossed the wards in the entire County. She has participated in the Community Social Responsibility social function to mean this lady loves her work and now given another opportunity because she is equipped I know she will deliver and assist the Governor be spear head the agenda and his manifesto. So without elaborating more you will allow me to welcome Honorable Philip Rono to second this motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Philip Rono!

Hon. Philip Rono: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I just rose to second the report on the approval of Ms. Lily Chepngetich Ngok to be the Deputy Governor of Kericho County. Am among the Committee members of the Appointment and from the observation Mrs. Lily Chepngetich Ngok was so composed and from the report we have here by all means she fits to be the Deputy Governor Kericho County Thank you very much and I urge the House to continue supporting her for the services to the people of Kericho County. Thank you very much.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Hezborn Tonui!

Hon. Hezborn Tonui: Thank you Mr. Speaker for allowing me this chance to support the motion of appointment of Ms. Lily Ngok to be the Deputy Governor of Kericho County. I want

to say that we lost our beloved Deputy Governor Susan Kikwai and at this juncture we are privileged to have Mrs. Lily Ngok who will take her position to be the Deputy Governor and we want to say thanks to H.E the Governor Kericho County Prof. Paul Kiprono Chepkwony for appointing this lady who was the CEC in charge of Education and I arise to support on behalf of the people of Cheplanget. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. The Honorable Sammy Rono!

Hon. Sammy Rono: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute, analyze, approve or disapprove the nomination of Deputy Governor. First of all we know this position of the Deputy Governor came up as a result of demise of former Deputy Governor Susan Kikwai and we say pole to the family. Again is that Lily Ngok has tried in some part but she has not performed all that very well but she is also human and she has performed as per the standards and because I was there during the vetting process she tried to explain a number of things that she is undergoing in her department of Education Culture and Social Services many things have not been enacted upon due to how she claimed that most of the things had been committed and we listened to her grievances. So because of time and for the respect of this county and for the respect of the Governor, we need to give her humble time to execute services. I therefore approve thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you Honorable Sammy Rono, Honorable Ann Tonui!

Hon. Ann Tonui: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to thank the Committee on Appointments. I support Mrs. Lily Ngok.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you the Honorable Ann Tonui, Honorable Haron Rotich!

Hon. Haron Rotich: Thank you Honorable Speaker I want to join my colleagues from the Appointment Committee for the approval of Madam Lily Ngok. However it happened that I was

around during vetting of Madam Lily Ngok and as Honorable Sammy Rono has pointed out, there are some issues that need to be ironed out. I am in agreement with other members and I want to say that she is a quick learner and I want to support her though there are some challenges but going forward she will acquire knowledge of expertise as required. Otherwise I support her.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you Honorable Albert Kipkoech. In the meantime as Honorable Albert prepares Hon. Humphrey Kirui!

Hon. Humphrey Kirui: Thank you Honorable Speaker for giving me this chance. I support the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you the Honorable Humphrey Kirui, we shall have the Honorable Beatrice Tonui but first let's have Hon. Albert Kipkoech.

Hon. Albert Kipkoech: Thank you Mr. Speaker I want to support the Committee and to say since Lily Ngok worked for only eleven months in the department of ECDE he tried very much and I want to applaud her. Let us test this lady for the next one and a half years. Otherwise thank you so much and I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you Honorable Albert Kipkoech, the Honorable Beatrice Tonui!

Hon. Beatrice Tonui: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity so that I may contribute towards the approval of Lily Ngok. First of all let me take this opportunity to say Rest In peace Madam Susan Kikwai I want to say thank you to our Excellency Governor for giving us another chance as women. I stand to support her. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): The Honorable William Soi!

Hon. William Soi: Thank you Honorable Speaker for giving chance to the people of Chemosot. I stand to support the nominee Lily Ngok to be the Deputy Governor of Kericho because on the

department she was, she worked tirelessly and it shows that she will be able to lead in that big position that she will be given. I stand to support her thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. The Honorable Caroline Soi!

Hon. Caroline Soi: Thank you very much Honorable Speaker for giving me this time so that I may contribute towards the support of the nominee Ms. Lily Ngok. First, I want to thank the committee on appointment under your leadership. I was there during the vetting and you did an exemplary work, so I must congratulate you. Secondly, I want to thank our Governor Professor Paul Chepkwony because he gave us another lady to represent our fallen heroine Madam Susan. Madam Lily is an all round lady, she is smart and has the knowledge and also has a strong Christian background. As the women of Kericho we are very lucky because we love a woman who has a strong Christian foundation and is humble, I know she will take the ladies of this county far. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. The Honorable Emily Kerich.

Hon. Emily Kerich: Thank you very much Honorable Speaker for giving me this opportunity this morning to support the motion before us. I want to say first and foremost we are really sorry and continue saying may the soul of our former Deputy Governor Susan Kikwai rest in peace. Secondly, I want to thank His Excellency the Governor Professor Paul Kiprono Chepkwony for giving us another chance as women of this county just to show our leadership and to represent the people of Kericho County. For Mrs. Lily Ngok I want to say she is a capable woman who will perform in this county. We trust and believe in her that she will give us the service that this county needs. I want to wish her well as we approve her and I urge the Honorable house to approve her so that as women of this county she will show us the lead that really when given opportunities as a woman we will perform. Honorable Speaker I want to say thank you as the Chair for the appointing committee that you saw it fit to approve the Deputy Governor nominee Ms Lily Ngok. I know you went through all the procedures and you saw that this woman is really capable and able to lead us as the Deputy Governor. Though the docket is high I wish her well

and I trust that she will be able to take this county to the next level. Otherwise I want to say I support. I approve her and I say congratulations Lily Ngok. Thank you so much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. We shall have the Honorable Eric Bii!

Hon. Eric Bii: Thank you very much Honorable Speaker for this opportunity given to me to stand in support of the report from the Appointments Committee. I want to say that Lily Ngok fits the docket. She was in the department of education, sports and culture and I want to attest that she was able to empower a number of students from the region I come from. She attended a function in my area which she was able to fund around fifty youths. Regarding the same, she was able to support other women groups from that region that is Soin-Sigowet. Secondly, I support in the essence that this docket of the Deputy Governor it is vast and I think it is a docket which has a lot of responsibilities. Based on what she said during vetting, she said that she is going to map the revenue streams by ensuring that all Chief Officers map the department of revenue so that they can collect a lot of revenue from this county. I want to support because I know that she is going to do that based on her previous record. Being a dean of students she has done a lot in Kisii University and that one will relate to experience. I want to say that lets give this chance to Ms Lily Ngok for a period of one year. I support and I want to urge Honorable members to support the same. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. The Honorable Eric Bett!

Hon. Eric Bett: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to support the motion for the Committee on Appointment. I want to join my colleagues to also pay tribute to our late Deputy Governor Madam Susan Kikwai and I wish to also congratulate the committee on appointments for the well written report that is self-explanatory. I want to give my two reasons why I support this report; first and foremost is that if you look at the employment record of Madam Lily Ngok, she has over sixteen years of experience of which she has worked some in the public sector that is in the County Government as the CEC and I noted in the report that in the month of January, she acted as the Deputy Governor for one year and that is a big plus because once we approved

her she will be able to move faster because she has served in that docket before. My second reason why I support Madam Lily Ngok. Mr. Speaker is that while she was serving as the CEC of Education, she visited a school in Chepkolon to assess an ECDE classroom constructed and the contractor did poor work. The floor was in bad shape and I called her as an MCA just to enquire if she could intervene and she picked my call. She promised that she will look in to the matter and in just three days later, I was informed by the school management that the contractor had been recalled and there was some repairs done to their satisfaction. Mr. Speaker, that for me is a proactive leader who can be relied upon to do things for this county. So I think Mr. Speaker if given a chance to serve as the Deputy Governor with that tenacity that way of doing things she will deliver to people of Kericho . So on behalf of the people of Kipchebor ward, I do support the appointment and wish her well to the new role. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Honorable Edith Kaptich!

Hon. Edith Kaptich: Thank you the Honorable Speaker and the Leadership of this House for giving me this opportunity so that I can speak on behalf of the women of this County that I represent. Mr. Speaker first of all I would like to thank the Appointment Committee headed by the Honorable Speaker for finding it fit to approve the report. I want to say that if there is anything that the Governor of this county did was to replace her with a woman because we lost a woman. I want to say thank you to His Excellency the Governor for having seen good that he appoint Lily to replace the fallen heroine that we had. May she continue resting in peace. I know Mrs. Lily Ngok will come and work and take this county further because from where she was working before she was appointed as the CEC and has been working in different institutions and if she will be given this position, she will use that experience and she will take this county forward. I know that what a man can do, a woman can do better and I believe that women are leaders and they are capable of doing things that are impossible. Nothing is impossible when there is faith because I know that Madam Lily is a woman of faith and I have seen what the able Majority Leader moved today, when Lily Ngok was vetted, whatever she presented to the committee was what entails her and what will take her as the Deputy Governor. She passed well,

her academic qualification was good and I believe she is going to take this county forward.
Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, the Honorable Gilbert Ngetich;

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Majority whip): Thank you Honorable Speaker for this opportunity you have given unto me. First to applaud the committee for the exemplary work they did during vetting of the Deputy Governor Honorable Lily Ngok. I have come to support the work you have done as the Chairman alongside your committee for vetting and giving us a positive report although I have heard that the performance was not all that smart. It reminds me when we were vying for the MCA seat, we were fighting to be MCAs yet our performance was not all that 100%. We were just given a ticket because of being given a room to perform and at the moment we can be valued and given marks because of our performance. I have risen to support Lily Ngok and I expect more changes in this particular county of ours from her inputs. I have also realized that she has a degree in religion which is church based. At the moment we require prayers and she will be leading the delegation for prayers towards the upcoming general election. We shall also benefit from her in enlightening our children more so the girl child. So I support this lady of course because we really expect many things from her and I know she is very ready to work.
Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. The Honorable Anthony Rutto!

Hon. Anthony Rutto: Thank you Honorable Speaker for giving me this opportunity so that I can also support the approval of Ms. Lily Chepngetich Ngok as the Deputy Governor of this great county.

Secondly I want to appreciate and applaud the good work that was done by the committee on appointment as far as this report is concerned.

Number three, as we have already seen in this particular document that Lily Ngok has got all what it takes to be the Deputy Governor of this County. We have been taken through her

academic qualification, professional qualification and also her experience, sixteen years of experience. So all those when they are combined qualifies her to be the Deputy Governor of this county. This lady also...

Hon. Paul Chirchir: Point of order!

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Yes, what is the point of order!

Hon. Paul Chirchir: Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise on a point of order where County Government Act 2020 that the office of the Deputy Governor shall become vacant if the holder of the office (a) were if dies, so there is a vacancy in the Deputy Governor's office because of (a) Mr. Speaker Sir, 32(d) where vacancy arises in the office of the Deputy Governor as provided for under section 32(c) above the Governor shall within 14 days nominate the Deputy Governor (b) with the approval of the County Assembly appoints a Deputy Governor. Shall be a person eligible 32(b) (d) ...

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Order Honorable Paul Chirchir! Honorable Anthony Rutto was on his feet to support the report unless what he was saying was not right then you can proceed. What was he saying that wasn't right?

Hon. Paul Chirchir: I was saying that as we stand today the County Government Act is very clear; the Deputy Governor Madam Lily Ngok is already the Deputy Governor. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Please proceed Honorable Anthony Rutto!

Hon. Anthony Rutto: Thank you Mr. Speaker, finally I want to agree with our able Majority Leader for saying that Lily Ngok is a committed and a focused person as witnessed in the eleven months that she has been in the office. If there is any CEC who is always in the office is Lily Ngok and she is that person who is very accessible and humble. I stand here to support her approval as the Deputy Governor of Kericho County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Alfred Cheruiyot!

Hon. Alfred Cheruiyot: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I also stand here to represent the people of Chepseon to support the approval of Lily Ngok. I also want to take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the Governor Kericho County for giving us somebody who has all these abilities to lead this county. After interacting with her in a short period, I remember very well the time she visited us on a certain school in Momoniati called Chepchabai after talking to the ECD teachers, parents and even common wananchi I came to realize that she has all the abilities despite the challenges in this county for example I realized that the department for Education had a lot of challenges for TSC numbers but she provided a solution and may be very soon everything shall be in order.

Number two, in the department of Education, she has provided solutions to all the schools projects.

Three we have revenue streams which she promised that she is going to seal all loop holes in this county so that we can have all revenue collections in the right order. Somebody said she did not answer questions correctly but I want to urge the Honorable members that even in the Bible, none is perfect except God. So let us support the approval of Lily Ngok as the Deputy Governor with immediate effect. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. The Honorable Nancy Kimeto!

Hon. Nancy Kimeto: Thank you Honorable Speaker for giving me this chance also to support the motion. Ms. Lily Ngok was very sincere during vetting and we know that she can perform. Secondly let me also applaud the Governor for giving chances to women and we are indeed very happy. I also want to thank the committee on Appointments for taking their chance to give us positive results for Ms. Lily Ngok.

As my colleague has said that nobody is ever perfect and I was citing an example by saying am an accountant by profession but sometimes I can be asked some questions which I need to refer to the books before I can make a decision. So we cannot say that she did not deliver because she

might have also needed to refer to books. I am very happy because Lily Ngok at some point worked closely with the Late Deputy Governor and her office was next to the Deputy Governor's. I hope to some point, she must have learnt from her as it is said that when you stay with a thief you will also be a thief but I am not saying she is a thief. At some point she had been given some assignment by the Late Deputy Governor. In that I can say she is a capable person and she has learnt many things from her, may her soul rest in peace. Let us support Lily Ngok so that she can work for us. If we give her our support and humble time to deliver, I know at the end of it all that she will deliver for us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Honorable AbdiKassim!

Hon. Abdi Kassim: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity. I will join my colleagues in giving tribute to the fallen heroine with your permission I will quote from the Holly Quran (Islamic verse) which means that surely all that comes from God will surely return back to God. I also applaud the committee which you chair in the observation and in the suitability of Lily Chepngetich Ngok. Ms Lily Ngok during her vetting defended her track record for the eleventh month serving as the CEC Education and Mr. Speaker it's my prayer that Madam Lily Ngok will follow in the footsteps of the Late Her Excellency Madam Susan Kikwai thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable Grace Betty!

Hon. Grace Betty: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to rise and make my contributions. First of all I want to thank the committee for the good work that they did. Actually when a committee has been given some work, it is always good to respect because they have taken time to interact with the person, they have taken time to go through the documents and finally when the report is out it is not that the report is valid and it is fit. So I want to really support the appointment of Madam Lily Ngok. First I want to thank H.E The Governor for really recognizing this lady despite the fact that she has been in the office for the short while. They normally say what is good is easily recognized. So from the word go this lady displayed her excellent work and that is why she was recognized. Personally, I know Lily Ngok

is passionate about what she is doing. Secondly as an academician, you know learning the job will not be difficult for Lily she is going to learn as she continues working in that office. So I know she is not going to let us down, she is not going to let the county down because even when we interacted with her during our meeting as member of education committee, she would always assure us that anything that she had not done was still doable because there is always time. So even this docket I know she is going to perform as she is willing. So Honorable members we normally say that everybody has a beginning, even when somebody is being employed there is always first day for everybody and that person should not be disqualified because this is the starting point. So let's give her time and support so that she will continue performing. Otherwise I really want to congratulate you with your team for doing a wonderful job and that is why we are saying we support. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you Hon Alex Bett!

Hon. Alex Bett: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity so that I may contribute also on the appointment of Lily Ngok as Deputy Governor Kericho County. Let me first take this opportunity to congratulate the committee on Appointment for the good work they did. I had an opportunity also to sit during the vetting of Madam Lily Ngok and indeed despite the fact that the questions that she handled were very tough, she was able to answer them. Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate our governor for acting very fast and appointing her as the Deputy Governor nominee. I think today by passing this motion, at least Kericho County Government will be complete. With the experience that Lily Ngok has, sixteen good years to work in various capacities, I think she fits to hold that office as Deputy Governor. I want on behalf of the people of Litein where I represent to stand and support the appointment, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Hon Stanly Bett!

Hon. Stanley Bett: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity you have given me, I support the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Bernard Mutai!

Hon. Bernard Mutai: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First of all I would like to congratulate you as the chairperson for this appointment committee for the work you did marvelously. You posed a lot of questions during that rigorous vetting, of which I want to say that your committee really performed very well. When it comes to Lily Ngok she had a lot of challenges in her previous docket as the CEC Education. Allow me to cite some examples, I have a school in my ward called Kipsotet Primary School whereby the contractor has been on site for almost a year.

Number two I have a school called Ngenybare primary, there is a toilet which was dug and it has really posed danger to the pupils of that school and lastly I have a school Kerego Primary, during the construction of a road from Kericho town to Ainamoi that classroom was somehow affected as you know the machines which are being used are very heavy and during that movement of the ground the classroom somehow cracked. I have already informed her pertaining the same and up to date she has done nothing, but one of my colleague said that nobody is hundred percent. So I do support this lady and I know she is going to change. What I only want to request the CECs the lady could not even control the people working under her department, you can imagine, she can't control the juniors. Now you know the lady will be chair of the cabinet, how is she going to perform when she will be challenged by the CECs? But allow me to say this; I will only request the CECs who will be working with the lady to give her ample time to give her support so that she can take this county to the next level. Otherwise I do congratulate you and the Governor for nominating the lady. Otherwise thank you very much I do support the lady.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, the Honorable Ann Cherono!

Hon. Ann Cherono: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for allowing me this chance. Also let me take this opportunity to make some few remarks pertaining Madam Ngok. Surely the true price of leadership is the willingness to place the needs of others above your own. I hope madam Ngok will lead us and give us with that heart of being in that department of education. We really wish her well. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, the Honorable Paul Chirchir!

Hon. Paul Chirchir: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, number one I rise to support the motion on the report on the approval of Madam Lily Ngok. I had quoted the County Government Act of 2020 on the appointment of a Deputy Governor whenever the vacancy arises in that office. Looking at the annexure there are 2 annexes attached to the report. Annex 1 is a letter from the Governor His Excellency Professor Paul Kiprono Chepkwony. The letter is dated 25th March 2021 and was received by your office on the 25th March 2021. The law is very clear it says that when a vacancy arises the Governor shall write within 14 days to the Speaker of the Assembly.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Order Honorable Paul Chirchir! We are aware of the law are you supporting the report or not?

Hon. Paul Chirchir: I am building my case.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): We are aware of the law so please proceed.

Hon. Paul Chirchir: I am building my case by saying this is the reason why I support. The law which I know you are aware of says that the County Assembly shall consider a motion for approval for the appointment of the Deputy Governor within 14 days and resolve whether to approve the motion and be deemed to have approved the motion for the appointment of the Deputy Governor upon the lapse of the 14 days and having failed to make a resolution, I said I support this report. This is a formality because the 14 days which the law says have already lapsed. So in short Her Excellency Lily Ngok is the Deputy Governor but none the less I fully support this report.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): The Honorable Sammy Rono!

Hon. Sammy Rono: Mr. Speaker I rise on a point of order! Mr. Paul Chirchir wants to tell us that whatever we are discussing now ...

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Order Sammy Rono! Its Honorable Paul Chirchir not Mr. Paul Chirchir!

Hon. Sammy Rono: Hon Paul Chirchir, so I rise on point of order that if Hon. Paul Chirchir is confirming to us that already Lily Ngok is the Deputy Governor, then what we are discussing is to the contrary? Can you clarify that?

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Hon. Paul Chirchir I had given you directions to either support or reject the report and I had told you that we are aware of what the law says.

Hon. Paul Chirchir: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We are a house of rules and procedures I stand guided by you Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): The Honorable Philip Rono!

Hon. Philip Rono: I think Mr. Speaker Hon. Paul Chirchir is not in order for taking us rounds. From the look of things even from our own observations Honorable Paul Chirchir has worn two masks to mean that we have a very serious pandemic in this area and that affects a lot of work that we are undertaking as a County Government. I don't think Hon. Paul Chirchir is in order to allege that the report we are discussing is past the timelines. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Hon. Paul Chirchir please restrain yourself from those issues because we have given you directions, just conclude.

Hon. Paul Chirchir: Thank you Mr. Speaker I said I stand guided by you and the reason why I said I support this report is because I made few observations; number one, a third gender rule is very clear we appreciate the governor, he supports women and he is very firm. He said during the send off that he was going to fill the vacant position by giving it to a lady, this has happened.

Secondly, in the few months she has been in office there are few challenges here and there, few misgivings but she has been able to try, she has been able to do one or two things here and there

like in my ward there was one ECDE that had been constructed but with her support we have been able to get more ECDE and few additional ones that are coming up.

Thirdly like my colleague said no one is perfect, Lily Ngok is not hundred percent but she is willing to learn. She will be able to learn and I believe that as the principal assistant to the governor she will be able to fit into the big shoes of her late sister Susan Kikwai. She has a huge task ahead of her but I know that she will be able to deliver. Number 4 Mr. Speaker sir we do not have time, time is not on our side we have 474 days left to the general election so time is of essence. I support the report on the appointment of Madam Lily Ngok.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, the Honorable Daniel Kibor and then we shall have the Honorable Erick Koskei then we can conclude.

Hon. Daniel Kibor: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity and I would like to thank the committee on appointment for approving Lily Ngok as the deputy governor. I do support the appointment of Mrs. Lily Ngok, it happened that I interacted the other day and she really defended the county government. She visited my ward and I saw some good qualities of leadership in her and there is no reason I do not support. I wish her well in her endeavor as the deputy governor. God bless our deputy governor Mrs. Lily Ngok. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Honorable Erick koskei

Hon. Erick kosgei: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity support the report on the appointment of Lily Ngok as the deputy governor of Kericho, I only support because actually she went through a lot of challenges during the interview that was given but the best thing is that she is very humble and ready and willing to be taught and to be helped in the office. What I am going to say only is that I request the members of the CECs in charge of every department to give a maximum support so that she will be able to deliver within the shortest time that she been given to run that office. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Leader of Majority you may reply?

Hon. Hezron Ngetich (Majority Leader): Thank you very much Honorable Speaker for this opportunity that you have given me so that I can reply. I want to sincerely thank the Honorable members including the committee of Appointment for the entire support of the report. I want to thank each and every Honorable member for giving full support to the Appointment committee. I want to encourage all members to give her full support and advise her accordingly so that at least we can maximize and use the remaining period to ensure that we deliver the work to our great electorates. We know that our Governor is always a busy man because he is representing gender in the entire world so he will be having a lot of engagement outside as you all know, so the only person who will be in charge of this administration is the Deputy Governor. I urge these Honorable members to give her full support and advice. Thank you for the advice you had given her Mr. Speaker so that she can work and ensure that the ward administrators work diligently because there is a big dealing between the county and the electorates. Our administrators are not working perfectly and as you know the deputy governor will be in charge of administration. Without saying much I want to support and as the resident of the larger Kipkelion we appreciate because her late sister was from Kipkelion and now she has been replaced. I am looking forward and asking Honorable members that when the Governor will see it fit again to appoint CEC in charge of education from Kipkelion, I will beg you to support. Thank you and God bless you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Honorable members we adjourn until we come back from recess, thank you.

The house rose at 10.30 a.m

