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SPECIAL SITTING

Friday Afternoon, 29th December 2017

The County Assembly Met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi) in the chair

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable members I have one communication to make. Honourable Members this is the last special sitting of the year before we break for the New Year festivities. I would like to appreciate the Honourable Members for taking these last few days of Christmas holiday away from their families and electorates to come and handle the business we have been processing.

Honourable Members pursuant to Standing Order number 17 of the Turkana County Assembly I hereby notify the House that we have received the Turkana County Government Supplementary Budget estimates for the FY2017/18 dated 11th December 2017.

Honourable Members I wish to commit this Business to the Budget and Appropriation Committee for consideration and subsequently report to the House within two weeks. Thank you Honourable Members.

MOTION

VETTING OF COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINEE – BENSON LOGIEL

LOKWANG

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Vice Chairperson Committee on Appointments Honourable Bethwel Kobongin

Hon. Kobongin: Thank you Honourable Speaker I rise to move the following motion, that pursuant to article 179(2b) of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 35 of the County Government Act Number 17 Of 2012, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments Act and Standing

order number 43 and 187. This County Assembly considers and approves the nomination and further appointment of Benson Logiel Lokwang by His Excellency the Governor for the position of County Executive Committee Member for Infrastructure Transport and Public Works.

Mr. Benson Logiel Lokwang appeared before the appointment Committee on 1st December 2017 at 9.00 a.m. The Committee having considered his Curriculum vitae and heard his oral submissions made the following observations.

Education and Professional Qualification; the nominee has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Sociology from Chuka University. He also holds a Diploma in Business Administration and Human Resource from Premese African Institute.

Employment and Experience; the nominee has diverse work experience in Turkana County Government, Parliamentary Service Commission and has also worked for humanitarian agencies IRC and United States Department of Agriculture in Sudan.

Recently he is the principal Administrative Officer in the Governor's office. He has no honors or awards in his name. The Nominee has never been charged in a court of Law and has no conflict of interest.

Capacity to perform as CEC; the nominee has various experience that cuts across various fields of Work in government and non-governmental organization which has exposed him to handle managerial tasks. He appreciates the core mandate of the position of the County Executive Committee Member as involving the management of Human resource, time, finances as well as policy formulation and information dissemination.

His undertakings in the department will be centered on tapping the great potential of the professionals in the department through good work relationship guided by consultative approaches. He is keen to ensure that quality in public work will not be compromised. This he plans to achieve through proper designs, accurate BQs, quality standards in the inspection of projects, close supervision and sensitization of contractors and the professional staff.

The nominee is aware of the stalled projects in the County, which he pointed out due to insecurity in some areas, lack of closer supervision by the respective departments, and delay in payment by the Treasury.

On project funding; he plans to ensure proper designs of plans and BQ are prepared to avoid under estimation of projects.

He emphasized in automated revenue collection and serialization of receipts. He intends to offer fidelity and foster work among the staff. He also Plans to curb corruption and misuse of plant machinery. Further he plans to create a Bus Park and utilization of already existing markets to bring sanity to the transport sector. Mr. Lokwang appreciates LAPSET projects as presenting opportunities for the resident of Turkana County and plans to carry out a sensitization exercise for the general public to take advantage of the program.

Committee observation and suitability; Having considered the nominee academic qualification, work experience and oral observation, the Committee made the following observation; he has good educational background, he meets the requirement of section six of COK on leadership and integrity

Committee recommendations; Pursuant to article 179[ii] b of the COK, section 35 of the County Government Act, section 9[ii] of the public appointment act and standing order number 43 recommends that this House considers and approves the appointment of Benson Lokwang Logiel by his Excellency the Governor to the position of County Executive Member for infrastructure, Transport and Public Works; Mr. Speaker that is exactly the report generated by the Committee on appointment on the nominee. So it is my pleasure to request all the Honourable members to approve the appointment of the nominee. I want to request Honourable Ikeny to second this motion.

D. Speaker (Michael Ewoi): Yes, Honourable Loyelei.

Hon. Ikeny: Thank you! I wish to say that I know Benson as a man who is well equipped with the skills of management Mr. Speaker. He can multitask and in that regard the nominee meets the desired objective to serve that ministry. I second!

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable members I would now wish to propose the question that pursuant to article 179(2b) of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 35 of the County Government Act Number 17 Of 2012, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments Act and Standing order number 43 and 187. This County Assembly considers and approves the nomination and further appointment of Benson Logiel Lokwang by His Excellency the Governor for the position of County Executive Committee Member for Infrastructure Transport and Public

Works. Honourable members you are free to ventilate to this motion. Honourable Leader of minority please proceed.

Hon. Lokamar: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I would like support the appointment of Benson. I want to thank the Governor for appointing Honourable Benson Lokwang to serve the people of Turkana County. The nominee previously worked as a personal assistant in the office of the Governor and the appointing authority saw it prudent to appoint him to serve in that capacity due to his capability.

I want to say that the nominee has met all the needed requirements as provided for in the various Acts and the COK. Patrick Imana declared his interest and I also declare mine, the nominee comes from where I come that is Turkana East Sub County. We the people of Turkana East promise to be the best in delivery of services to this County of Turkana.

Hon. Ikeny: Point of order Mr. Speaker!

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order member representing Lokori. Honourable James Ikeny what is your point of order? You are rising on which standing order? *[silence]*

Hon. Lokamar: Thank you Honourable Speaker for your protection.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): You can proceed, now that he is an old member I won't allow him just to be rising on point of order without mastery of the contents of the Standing orders. Proceed

Hon. Lokamar: Thank you Honourable speaker. So I request my fellow Honourable members to support the nomination of the Nominee to the position of CECM Transport and infrastructures. Thank you very much.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Yes, Honourable representing Katilu Ward

Hon. Abei: Thank you Honourable speaker I stand to support the report on nomination and further consideration to the appointment of Benson Lokwang.

Mr. Speaker as we have discussed in other motion that the criteria was very clear in determination of the qualification of the nominee in terms of Education. I want to say Mr. Lokwang has met that and his papers can attest it. We wanted to see the issue of integrity and the forms before us show that Lokwang is a person of standing integrity, because he has never

been mentioned in any report or accused in the Court of Law or dismissed in any job that he has been doing.

Mr. Lokwang has displayed several working experience from NGO world to the Government and if you see the years indicated in his curriculum vitae is quite a lengthy time. He has been personal Assistant to H.E Josephat Koli when he was the Member of Parliament of Turkana South and when he was a Governor of Turkana County Government. And you see the experience of being a personal Assistant to such high profile office is so important to give someone experience to handle a ministerial matter.

The appointment of Benson Lokwang tells us that discipline and obedience in the job that you are doing in most cases is rewarding and fulfilling. I want to tell the rest of us to be patient and disciplined in what they are doing. Mr. Lokwang is a person that deserves to be emulated by many, he has the pre-requisite qualifications. Mr. Speaker somebody is laughing her loudly?

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable members let's consult on a low tone. proceed Honourable Abei you time is running out.

Hon. Abei: Thank you Mr. Speaker, well the transport ministry which I happened to be a chair in the last term needs such a person with energy, strength and experience to propel it into higher standards and it is my believe and even the believe of this esteemed House that Mr. Benson Lokwang will make us reach to that destination. With all the contribution I have made I beg to support as I sit. Thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Thank you, any member interested. Before I put the question I would wish to invite the motion mover to reply.

Hon. Kobongin: Thank you Honourable Members, silence means that the nominee is adequately placed in the right place, I beg to reply Honourable Speaker.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order Honourable Members I would now wish to put the question that pursuant to article 179(2b) of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 35 of the County Government Act Number 17 Of 2012, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments Act and Standing order number 43 and 187. This County Assembly considers and approves the nomination and further appointment of Benson Logiel Lokwang by His Excellency the Governor

for the position of County Executive Committee Member for Infrastructure Transport and Public Works.

Question Put and Agreed On

The member in the gallery you may take your seat. Next Order!

MOTION

VETTING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINEE – JENNIFER NAWOI

LONGOR

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Yes, Honourable vice chair of the Appointment Committee proceed.

Hon. Kobongin: Thank you Honourable speaker, I want to move the following motion that Pursuant to the provision of Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution Of Kenya, Section 35 of the County Government Act, Number 17 of 2012, Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointment (County Assembly Approval) Act Standing Order Number 43 And 187. This County Assembly approves the nomination and further appointment of Jennifer Nawoi Longor by H.E the Governor to the position of the County Executive Committee Member for Tourism Culture and Natural Resources.

Honourable speaker let me go through the report generated by the Committee during the vetting. Mrs. Jennifer Nawoi Longor appeared before the Committee on 4st December 2017 at 2 p.m.

Education and professional qualifications; the nominee has a Master of Science Degree in Energy Studies with Specialization in Energy Finance from University Of Duke, Scotland (United Kingdom), She also a degree in Bachelors of Commerce in Finance From Kenyatta University.

Employment and Experience; the nominee has a distinguished career in finance having worked with various non-governmental organizations as Finance administrator, Finance coordinator and as a program accountant. She is currently working as Finance administrator for the diocese of Lodwar.

Honours and Award; Tullow scholarship award-study in the United Kingdom, Turkana Girls secondary school- overall best performing student in math's, commerce and physics. The nominee has never been charged in court of law and has no potential conflict of interest.

Her massive experience earned in financial management will enhance her performance in the new assignment, since the responsibility in the department includes managing personnel, resources, capital and time.

Her good exposure has provided her with Global perspective that will help in coming up with policies to help the County move in tandem with the changing environment. Notwithstanding that she is keen on tapping in to green energy from resources like solar and wind. She plans to sensitize the community to reduced human activity along riverine areas and to secure areas that have been gazetted as game reserves, she intends to spear head a tree planting culture, to develop tourism products including archeological sites, pilgrimage nature and wild life, wellness and beaches, adventure tourisms, sports, culture, conferencing, rock climbing and safaris.

She would also spearhead a policy initiative to provide incentives in the development of tourism support facilities like Hotels, liable WIFI and good access to roads. She also plans to oversee the successful completion of the suns park which would generate foreign income with the extracted inflow of scientist. She also intends to improve on internal control system in the management of finances backed by work plans and accountability within the department.

Committee Observations and suitability; having considered the nominee academics and professional qualifications, work experience and the oral submissions during the vetting exercise, the Committee made the following observations; The nominee satisfies the requirements of chapter 6 of the constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity

Committee recommendations; pursuant to the provisions of Article 179(2b) of the constitution of Kenya, section 35 of the county government Act, section 9 (2) of the public appointment Act and standing order number 143, The Committee recommends that this House approves the appointment of Mrs. Jennifer Nawoi Longor by His Excellency the Governor to the position of the County Executive Member for Tourism, Culture and Natural resources.

Thank you very much, I would now allow Honourable Napion to second the Motion.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order! Honourable vice chair may be you can have some time to convince the house to adopt this report. You cannot just read the report and expect members to be convinced without any explanation.

Hon. Kobongin: Honourable Speaker I thought that all the Members have gone through the report and do understand the nominee we are talking about.

Mr. Speaker Jennifer Nawoi is very qualified nominee; very qualified in terms of academics. She has all the ability to be approved without necessarily going for many things about her, she has all the expertise, experiences and I think as the County Government this is the right person and the right nominee for us as County to tap from the experiences she has acquired outside the County.

So Honourable Speaker with all those remarks I want to request Honourable Napon to second the motion, thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable Vice chair what happened? I understand Honourable Napon is not a member of the Committee on Appointment? He was a former member of the appointment Committee of the last assembly and it is always a practice to make sure that the member who seconds the motion is a member of that Committee.

Hon. Kobongin: So, I request Honourable Lokamar to second the motion

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable Leader of minority please proceed.

Hon. Lokamar: Thank you Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker I rise to second the motion.

Honourable Speaker the nominee mentioned Jennifer Nawoi Longor appeared before the Committee on appointments. Honourable speaker we interrogated the nominee but to our surprise the nominee by the name Jennifer Nawoi Longor answered all questions perfectly and with a lot of confidence and this was attributed by the fact of her being knowledgeable and having acquired a lot of experience from the previous assignments she undertook while serving the NGO world.

Honourable Speaker I was very much happy when the lady expressed that she got a lot of exposure through a scholarship she was offered by Tullow to learn in the United States in the area of Finance.

Honourable Speaker besides that exposure even the department she has been appointed.... (*Interjection*)

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order! Order Leader of Minority! Do I hear you say that the Lady went to USA for her studies?

Hon. Lokamar: Honourable Speaker that is a slip of the tongue but I was expounding her experience and education background convinced the Committee during the vetting process.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): So it was the UK, ok proceed.

Hon. Lokamar: I believe those are the same states. Honourable Speaker... (*Interjection*)

Hon. Epuu: Point of Order!

Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Proceed Honourable member representing Letea Ward. What is out of order?

Hon. Epuu: Mr. Speaker the member representing Lokori /Kochodin ward, is he in order to insinuate that the United States is the same as the United Kingdom? They are not the same states.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable Benedict Edapal Lokamar, those are two different countries so UK and US. So you may proceed.

Hon. Lokamar: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I want to say this is a brilliant lady because she has enough for this county, thank you Honourable speaker.

Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Any other member interested? Order! Order Honourable members! Order! Honourable members I would now wish to propose the question which is that; Pursuant to the provision of Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution Of Kenya, Section 35 of the County Government Act, Number 17 of 2012, Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointment (County Assembly Approval) Act Standing Order Number 43 And 187. This County Assembly approves the nomination and further appointment of Jennifer Nawoi Longor by H.E the Governor to the

position of the County Executive Committee Member for Tourism Culture and Natural Resources. Honourable members you are now free to ventilate, yes member representing Kaeris Ward?

Hon. Napion: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I wanted to second the Motion earlier on but I didn't get that chance but nevertheless I have been given an opportunity to make my contributions.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I won't forget thanking the Committee for coming up with this good report that gives all of us the image of the nominee, personally I have never met Jennifer Nawoi Longor but from the report I can say that she a person of good character.

Mr. Speaker sir, I have to thank the Governor of Turkana, this time round. I think he took most of his time to give us the right material. I want to thank the community of Katilu for bringing up such a brilliant and very active lady. From the picture of the report I want to thank the parents of Jennifer Nawoi Longor, why do have to thank a number of people in regard to the nominee. Mr. Speaker sir, I am one person who is an activist of gender equity in the society.

When I was a teacher during my time, Mr. Speaker sir, I used to promote girl child education and ensured that they completed their education. Mr. Speaker sir, this time I am very much happy to see Jennifer having such credentials and that is why I am happy of her.

Mr. Speaker sir, let me come to the point, looking at her education and professional qualification and mores being a female and having Masters in science degree in the energy studies that to me Mr. Speaker sir I can say that she is the right person for the job. This County requires this person at this time. Mr. Speaker Sir, the other day I said that we are blessed as County and on the other hand are cursed because of the oil and gas issue.

So I am happy because the material required is there to help us in the near future. Mr. Speaker the nominee has a Bachelor's Degree of Commerce from Kenyatta University and I want to appeal to the Governor after her two years of service then she moves her to the docket of Finance to find out the management of Ladies in the area of finances. *(Applause from the Honorable members)*

Mr. Speaker sir, when we talk of the award she has received, she is one of the toughest ladies. She got the award of the best performing student in mathematics. And in Mathematics

you know Mr. Speaker sir, if you look at the House a good number of us hate mathematics just because it is tough subject. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker sir, I want to forge forward, in her experiences, when you look at her experiences, she has a wide range of experiences, she has worked with quite a number of NGOs and I want to tell you Mr. Speaker sir, that she has amassed a lot experiences and not only that, but she has received a lot of capacity that which will enable her to be more productive. Mr. Speaker sir, looking at the report of the Committee Mrs. Jennifer Nawoi promised that she will provide a lot of expertise in coming up with a lot of policies that will propel the Department to greater heights.

I have gone through the report and I haven't seen any nominee mention that he or she will come up with policies as one of the functions of the CEC. So Jennifer has mentioned that in her oral submission Mr. Speaker sir. In the report again she has mentioned of tapping the green energy from sources such solar energy. I know Mr. Speaker sir, that Turkana County is rich of solar energy and so we will want this person to tap these resources the soonest time possible as she gets into the office.

Mr. Speaker sir, again she plans to sensitizes the community along the riverine and other places about conserving trees as they are very important to our people owing to the fact our animals during dry spell depends on it. So she has mentioned that she will sensitize the nomadic people community to protect the tree so that they graze their animals during the dry session.

Mr. Speaker sir, allow me to exhaust this. In fact, the other time I was the chairperson for the Committee on energy, we had the issue of nursery trees and as a Committee we established that some Nursery trees had died. In her submission the nominee has promised to revive them by inculcating the culture of tree planting to our people by so doing our County will be green. Mr. Speaker sir, she also promised that the Tourism product, including the archaeological sites, pilgrims of wildlife would be conserved. For instance, she is going to conserve Moru-Anayechee which was recently destroyed by somebody. Such kind of acts committed by the people who destroy those sites is a total curse.

Mr. Speaker sir, I want to say that Nawoi is a sound minded person that is why I did say that the His Excellency the Governor decided to give us the right material, unless the devil

comes. I know Jennifer Longor will deliver. Mr. Speaker sir, with those few remarks I support her nomination. Thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Member representing Letea ward, please proceed.

Hon. Epuu: Thank you very much Honourable chair for giving me this opportunity. I want to say that, I want to invoke the Turkana County Assembly standing orders as quoted by Honourable Patrick Imana in standing order no.89. I want to say that, I know Jennifer Nawoi. I did school with her right way from the primary level and again we had an opportunity to of attending a world class university called Kenyatta University.

Mr. Speaker sir, looking at the nine nominees whom this House has deliberated on the report Jennifer Nawoi stands to be the only nominee with the awards. Mr. Speaker sir, aware of the year she sat for her Kenya Certificate Primary Education (KCPE) she was the best girl of the year in the whole Turkana district by then! Mr. Speaker sir, it very good and important, that I want to congratulate first of all His Excellency the Governor for choosing or tapping various skilled persons to serve this County.

This is the top brass of this County that this county must be proud of. Speaker sir, it is very important to empower the girl child. In most cases we want girls to go school but when it comes to top level management jobs we deny them these senior positions to serve the society. It's a clear indication that His Excellency the Governor -Nano is setting a pace to subsequent Governors that they should at all-times endeavor to ensure that women should be included in the top management of the Government

Mr. speaker sir as you are aware of our government diversity of public service 2016 His Excellency the Governor is implementing this policy because the policy of diversity requires women to be included in all levels of management starting with supportive, technical, middle and the top management and high policy management that's why we want to tap this lady in this position

Mr. speaker sir I was the chief officer for energy and I had an opportunity of attending the 2016 world conference called a world energy congress held in Turkey which was attended by over 50 countries in the world, and I want to say that the world is headed today towards the green energy, even the issue of petrol, diesel the world is moving away from that because the

petrol and diesel is considered as contributing to climate contamination in real sense what I am saying the master degree that this lady has is suitable for this county

As you are aware the Turkana County has a lot of solar energy, wind energy which requires the professionals who will come and bring their skills so that this county is able to tap this energy (*interjected*)

Hon. Imana: Point of order!

D. Speaker (Hon. Mike Ewoi): Hon. Imana you are rising in which standing order

Hon. Imana: Not exactly Hon. Speaker but I would like to give a statement over what Hon. Epuu is speaking as old Members of this House can allow

D. Speaker (Hon. Mike Ewoi): Continue as I refer to that relevant standing order

Hon. Imana: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I want to say that I have heard Hon. Epuu speak about the conference he attended of energy and I also want also to say that some of us who were in the first House had a problem with the Ministry that he was the Chief Officer. It puzzles me to hear brag in front of this House that there was a lot in the energy sector this is demining the Hon. Members that were here before, because if there was one department that up to now that we are having issues with its this energy department. I really beg that Hon. Epuu should give us time not to hear the better part of department when we were really suffering at that time

D. Speaker (Hon. Mike Ewoi): Hon. Member representing Letea maybe to help the Hon. Member our standing orders no. 52 talks about anticipating debate when you raise such issues which are very important an officer of the county government being sent to such high profile conferences in places like Turkey and a member might be having a divergent view on the performance of the department maybe in a way that will raise issues and make members debate further. Then I will advise you to restrict yourself to the subject matter as we conclude this matter, proceed Hon. Member.

Hon. Epuu: Mr. Speaker I was only making a reference in relation to have a master's degree on finance on energy and the potentiality of this county we were not discussing anything to do with achievement of any entity here that has to be taken clear.

This county about 81% of this county is under exploration and the world has been making reference to Norwegians as a success story of gas and oil it's just because the Norwegian government tapped the expertise of her population, by this government tapping Jennifer Nawoi and bringing her to the board it's one way of us as a county getting it right track. We need to utilize our expertise so that put things in the right order.

This nominee can guide the population of this county on how best they can avoid the dependency on oil produce. It's very important to have such expertise to guide this government on how best we can engage the oil explorers, it's very important to know how signatures bonuses are getting into this county, how they can be easily being calculated by having one of our expertise within our government. Thank Hon. Speaker I support the motion

D. Speaker (Hon. Mike Ewoi): Thank you for the purposes of records that's standing Order Standing Order no. 84 page 52 any other member interested? Let's have the three Hon. Members Speak then later upon call upon the motion mover to reply. Yes Hon. Jacinta

Hon. Abenyo: Asante Sana Bwana Kinara Kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Mimi nimeshangaa sana kwa sababu ya Jennifer Nawoi wakati tulikiwa Kwa kamati ya appointments Jennifer alikuwa akijibu maswala yote jinsi inavyotakikana hapo ndipo niliweza kujua Jennifer ni mwerefu sana kwa kweli huyu ndio mtu Kaunti hii yetu inaitaji

Kulingana na elimu yake Jennifer alisomemshwa na Tullow baada ya hapo yeye mwenyewe akaona heri arudi nyumbani na ujusi aliyepata kwa masomo yake ili asaidie watu wake. Ukiwa wewe ni mtu ambaye njia zako si mzuri utatoka, lakini Jennifer Nawoi alikuwa ni mtu mzuri sana na naona yeye anaweza kuleta mabadiliko kwa hii wizara ya utalii. Hili ni wizara ambayo inafaa watu wa kike kwa sababu sisi kama wanawake tunajua jinzi nyumba inafaa kupangwa. Bwana kinara Jennifer Nawoi naona ni msichana mzuri ambaye naona anaweza kuleta mabadiliko kwa hii wizara ya Biashara asante sana Bwana kinara

D. Speaker (Hon Mike Ewoi): Yes, Honourable Erukudi.

Hon Erukudi: Thank you I rise to support the nomination of Mrs. Jennifer Nawoi Longor whom I know most of the members of this House do not really know her physically but having gone through her document they have confirmed that she can deliver the best services to this county government. I know her and I support her nomination and also I appreciate His Excellency the Governor for having selected and identified the resourceful people of this

community to serve Turkana people. Jennifer is a capable girl, competent and she is among the Turkana pastoralist Ladies and from a family that practices pastoralism as a way of life.

Despite the fact of coming from a pastoralist community from Katilu she managed to excel in her studies. Looking at the documents she has a background of management and further than that she pursued Masters on energy and also God has revealed to Turkana people that we have oil resource especially in Turkana south where she comes from and it is good time she has given an opportunity to exercise her ability so that we can see her competence. Mrs. Speaker Jennifer as a lot of past experience and this is a background and a foundation of everyone to perform and I know she will bring the knowledge and practice she did in NGO world to enrich our county government. it is good that Jennifer has worked mostly with NGOs, and the people will feel her potentiality in the managerial work. Mr. Speaker I therefore support the nomination of Jennifer Nawoi Longor. Thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon Mike Ewoi): Thank you, Honourable James Abei proceed

Hon. Abei: Thank you it seems all Honourable Members have spoken what I wanted to say and I don't want to repeat what other members have said but I will just want to pass congratulatory message to Honourable member who explained the potentiality that is in Jennifer Nawoi who happened to come from my ward and it is a big honour and privilege to Katilu ward to be given such position and I sit as I support the appointment of Jennifer Nawoi thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon Mike Ewoi): Thank you motion mover you can reply

Hon Bethwel Kobongin: Thank you it is indeed very true from what you have heard from the Honourable Members that Jennifer Nawoi Longor is a very qualified nominee and she has what it takes for her to be appointed into public service. Thank you Honourable members for all the things we have discussed about the nominee and I sit down as I reply the motion thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon Mike Ewoi): Thank you Honourable members now that the motion mover as replied to this motion. I would now wish to put the question Pursuant to the provision of Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution Of Kenya, Section 35 of the County Government Act, Number 17 of 2012, Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointment (County Assembly Approval) Act Standing Order Number 43 And 187. This County Assembly approves the nomination and

further appointment of Jennifer Nawoi Longor by H.E the Governor to the position of the County Executive Committee Member for Tourism Culture and Natural Resources.

Question Put and Agreed On

Next Order!

MOTION

**VETTING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINEE- PATRICK
LOKAIMOE LOSIKE**

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Vice Chairperson of the Appointment Committee

Hon. Kobongin: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I rise to move order number ten the last motion of the day. That pursuant to article 179(2b) of the Constitution of Kenya, section 35 of the County Government Act number 17 of 2012, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointment Act and Standing Order Number 43 and 187. This County Assembly considers and approves the nomination and further appointment of Patrick Losike Lokaimoe by His Excellency the Governor to the position of the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Sports and Social Protection. Mr. Speaker with you indulgence allow me to proceed to the report.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Patrick Losike Lokaimoe appeared before the appointment Committee on the 29th November 2017 at 9.00 a.m. the Committee having considered his CV and heard his oral submission made the following submissions;

Education and Professional qualification; the nominee is a recent graduate with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Eldoret having graduated on the 24th November 2017, he also holds a higher Diploma in Human Resource Management.

Employment and Experience; the nominee has vast experience in political affairs having served in the first County Assembly as the Leader of Majority and the first Chairman of the County Assembly Service Board. He was a Councilor for five years having represented Kakuma Ward in the defunct Local authority. He has also worked in the Humanitarian Organizations serving as a teacher for one year and as security officer in the LWF for one year. He has neither honour nor awards to his name. He has never been charged in a Court of law and has no potential conflict of interests.

Competences to perform as a CEC; the nominee has knowledge and experience in managing human resource, Law making, representation and oversight. The candidate is categorical that he will drop his political career to take up public administration. He is keen on establishing quality assurance in all operations and will also streamline promotion of policy for the staff in the department.

He has a policy plan for the department to enhance program and this will focus on the quality of pre-primary education through the hiring of more than 795 ECD teachers. Promote enrolment and retention as well as improvement in the provision of nutritional needs of the children and clear water in all ECDs.

He will in co-operate the use of ICT for proper management of bursaries and to address the shortage of technical training teachers. Equip the polytechnics and negotiate for the fees subsidies as a way of enhancing enrolment to the polytechnics and home craft centers.

Mr. Losike recognizes that people living with disabilities deserve great attention and to be treated with dignity. He confirmed that he would ensure all categories of people have access to opportunities in all the areas. He plans to establish Sports calendar for the county and will work to promote sports noting that Turkana County has a great record in athletics.

Committee observation and nominee suitability; as part of determining the nominee's suitability to serve in the position of CEC the Committee sought to settle the question of whether or not the candidate had met the qualification contained in section 35(3b) of the County Government Act. This concern arose from the fact that the nominee did not attach a copy of his first-degree certificate in his application.

Section 35(3b) of the County Government Act provide as follows a person may be appointed as a member of the Executive Committee if that person is a holder of at least a first degree from a University recognized in Kenya. In the absence of a degree certificate to prove that the nominee is a holder of a first degree, the Committee was guided by the Chairperson and the technical team to settle the following questions before making a determination of the candidate's suitability;

One whether the nominee was qualified in the first place for nomination by the Appointing authority in breach of the law by appointing a person who was not a holder of a first degree from a recognized University in Kenya.

Two, having been so dominated and whether the nominee now satisfies the requirement of the law in particular section 35(3b) of the County Government act for the appointment to the office of the CEC member.

As part of the candidate's submission, he enclosed two letters from the University of Eldoret. The first letter dated 28th November authored by Dean School of Business and management sciences at the University of Eldoret stated that the candidate had completed his studies and was qualified for the award of Bachelor degree in Business Management, Business Administration Option.

The letter was support by academic transcripts showing that the candidate completed the fourth year of study. The second letter was written by the registrar of academic's university of Eldoret and dated 30th November 2017. The letter which was accompanied by graduation book with the candidate name among the list of grandaunts indicated that the nominee graduated on 24th November 2017 with a Bachelor of Management Business administration option.

After considering the two letters the Committee came to the following conclusions; that at the time of nominating the candidate in question the Governor as the appointing authority has in his possession the dean's letter dated 28th November 2016. He therefore had sound grounds to believe that the candidate had qualified for the award of degree. On this basis he had rightly nominated the candidate for consideration for the position of the CEC member.

Two, even though the first letter had stated that the candidate had graduated in 2016, the academic registrar's letter dated 30th November 2016 has clarified indeed the nominee was scheduled to graduate in 2016 but could not do so because of delays in his clearance.

Three that, since this letter came after the earlier one it superseded the earlier letter and was to be relied upon as stating the accurate state of affairs.

Four that, since there was no contradiction between the two letters on the fact that the candidate had actually completed and had qualified for the award of degree in 2016. The Committee found no compelling basis upon which to disqualify the candidate for what was not his own fault.

Five, that by virtue of having satisfied the requirement for the award of bachelor's degree in 2016 and by virtue of having graduated in 2017, the candidate was determine to have satisfied

the requirement of section 35(3b) of the County Government act; having settled the questions of the above nominee's academic qualification and having considered his work experience and oral submission during the vetting exercise the Committee made the following observation on his suitability to hold the office of CEC Member for Education, Sports and Social Protection.

Committee recommendation; that pursuant to the provision of article 179(2b) of the Constitution of Kenya section 35 of the County Government act, section 9(2) of the Public Appointment Act and Standing Order number 43 the Committee recommends that this House approves the appointment of the nominee by His Excellency the Governor to the position of County Executive Member Education, sports and social protection. That is the short report of the nominee.

Honourable members you've all heard from the report that the issue of graduation of the nominee not graduating on time was caused by the university and it wasn't his making to delay graduation. The first letter said the candidate was not in the final list of graduation but again the second letter which was written on 30th of November clarified the first letter and so cancelled it. So he graduated on 30th November. So that is why he was cleared to be approved for the appointment for the position of CECM for Education Sports and Social welfare.

Kindly consider and approve his nomination, I request Honourable Abei to second the motion. Thank you!

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable James Abei proceed.

Hon. Abei: Thank you! All said clearly describes Honourable Lokaimoe; I call him Honourable because he was a member of this House; a man who has walked steps of life to become an academic achiever. Mr. Speaker sir, it is very clear that the requirements that were needed for the nomination of the nominee was education, experience, and among the many. I believe Honourable Losike has met all the aforementioned criterion of selection.

On his education background, he has gone several steps of education having gotten several diplomas and the degree that has created so many questions but on further scrutiny we realized that Honourable Losike indeed has a degree and has graduated. I was among the panelists who vetted Honourable Losike and the oral submissions of Honourable Losike portrayed to us as a very intelligent, observant or a man who can face or answer issues on the

spot. He has the experience of working in the NGO world, private sector and government and the capability of leading an electorate Ward for more than three terms.

He was even acknowledged by the first Assembly by being elected as the Leader of Majority. His appointment to the position of CEC is a great honour to this House. It is a motivation to the rest of us that one day we will climb the ladder like he has done. I would like to send a great congratulatory message to His Excellency the Governor of Turkana county for honoring one of us to become a member of Executive. I would like also to ask all of us that Honourable Losike is one of us, experienced, educated and qualifies to be appointed the CEC. I sit as I second.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable Members, I would now wish to propose the question, that pursuant to article 179(2b) of the Constitution of Kenya, section 35 of the County Government Act number 17 of 2012, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointment Act and Standing Order Number 43 and 187. This County Assembly considers and approves the nomination and further appointment of Patrick Losike Lokaimoe by His Excellency the Governor to the position of the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Sports and Social Protection. Honourable members you are now free to ventilate to this motion. Honourable Father Cosmas please proceed.

Hon. Fr. Longor: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the nominee has met all requirements especially on academics. He is suitable for the position. By studying a degree on Business Management that itself confirms that he is a manager, he can work with the rest of his colleagues as a team. The reason why an affidavit was written against Honourable Ajele is because the doctors wanted to become the CEC but to me it will be absurd to bring the Doctor to the office instead of saving lives at the hospitals.

The work of a CEC is to mobilize, motivate, guide and also to take care of the vote head, and because of his past experience of being a politician and being re-elected several times and as you know that philosopher Aristotle once said that every man is political in nature, why? Because a person will never achieve his ends unless he achieves in the group, you cannot live alone, the first group is your family and for that you will become political in nature due to manipulation from the rest of the group you ascribe to. So Losike having being a Member of the County Assembly gives him a good opportunity of discharging that duty of CEC because he has

previously had that chance of playing an oversight role to the Executive. So the experience that Losike had earlier on from his Ward will then be replicated to the whole County.

Another thing as Honourable Abei has said in regard to the appointment of Losike is a great honour to this House by it being extended to the Executive arm of Government, so we have to set precedent so that each of us may be in Executive. I find Losike as suitable and reliable person to serve in that Docket of Education. I support this motion.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Yes, Member representing Loima Ward proceed.

Hon. Jackson Lowoi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the approval of this motion for the nomination of Honourable Patrick Losike Lokaimoe. I want to say that I concur with my colleagues who are in support of the nomination of the nominee to the position of the CE for Education. Honourable I am Member of the Committee on appointments that was interviewing the candidate, and the Honourable member was able to respond to all the question that were asked by the Committee and that's why the report reached at this level.

Mr. Speaker sir I urge this House to consider this as a privilege given to us by the Governor that we can also make it as Honourable members to one of the senior offices in the other wing of our County Government or any other County that may deem to us fit for us to serve.

I am impressed with the focus that Losike has as a person. During the vetting process he managed to touch crucial areas that he foresaw that he was going to improve and if indeed if wasn't somebody who was visionary he couldn't have promised that he will ensure equity in disbursement of bursaries, improve on assurance, coming up with a law or policy to promote early childhood enrolment and more so improve the technical institutions within the County.

He also promised to come up with sports calendar for the County this signifies that he is conversant with the work ahead of him even if some people view him as person who may not have had the specific Education requirement. With those plans in his mind someone may not under grade him as he is performer

Mr. Speaker sir, being a product of politics or political world its gives someone strength to perform anyway and he can do things with a lot of courage and without fear, having in mind that this is someone who worked as a watch dog in this County when he was a politician and the

office that we are approving him for, he is going to sit there knowing exactly what ought to be under taken down there. Example is the president who is the head of the Country, heading a lot of technocrats a lot of intellectuals and he is in a position to bring all these minds together despite the challenges brought about political difference of some quarters likewise to the department down there up to here.

As the CEC under this docket I am sure Patrick is going to take control of the technical staff in this unit maybe preferably we will advise him to take someone from the teaching fraternity to serve as personal Assistant such that he gives him relevant guidance in his execution of duties.

Being a manager it does not mean that you will perform well by yourself but through other people. I want to say that if you intend to say that you want to do everything by yourself alone then you are planning to fail, but if you will delegate the responsibilities equally in your docket that is when you will perform very well. So Honourable members this is something we need to appreciate because we want to see one of own going out there to produce better results. We should also be prepared in future because if this is the way to go then we will be privileged again to be appointed. If we down play this appointment maybe it will be a precedent to rest of us in future who will be prospecting for the same.

I urge Honourable members let's give him a chance. I believe he is going to perform to his level best because the same House is going to scrutinize or to value the work that he will be carrying out on periodical basis, with those few remarks I support this Motion thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Yes, Honourable Mathew Alany proceed.

Hon. Alany: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me an opportunity to contribute to this motion, on the appointment of Honourable Losike Lokaimoe to head the County Department of Education sports and social protection. From the onset I wanted to say this that it's only God who determines the life of a human being, having said that Honourable Losike Lokaimoe to me qualifies to handle the a foresaid Education Department. why am I saying so? there is a believe in some people that you must have an Education background of that particular Department.

I want to say that the position of the CEC is purely on policy and we have some others senior officers in the ministry who do this other work. Mr. Speaker just to give even an example of National government; Honourable Dan Kazungu was the MP for Malindi in the last term and

he was appointed by his Excellency the President to head the ICT department in the National Government.

The second example is the current CS for energy Honourable Charles Keter who was a senator for Kericho and he was appointed by His Excellency the president to head the energy department.

This is more less a replica of the same Honourable Losike being a senior member of this House, Mr. Speaker we have a believe that Losike will perform his duties well because in that ministry we have technocrats starting from the chief officer whose duty is to perform all that appertains to that particular department. Some of us from the education background we know that the ministry of education has got so many departments and in every ministry we have always qualified personnel who are employed by the government to perform that particular function. The function of the CEC here becomes purely on policy matters.

Mr. Speaker Honourable Losike to me is one of us and sometimes it becomes hard to debate on one of you, he comes from Turkana West where another one is coming in as the Honourable member that is Honourable Epuu is here from the executive and now Honourable Losike is coming from the political side and he is joining the executive. That is good for the Turkana West people.

Mr. Speaker on a nut shell I want to say and urge my Honourable colleagues to support the appointment of Honourable Losike to head this Department of Education, Sports and social protection. With those few remarks, I beg to support.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Yes, member representing Kalobeyei Ward, proceed.

Hon. Nyanga: Asante sana kwa kunipa fursa hii. Kwanza nina bashasha nyingi sana kusimama na kutoa hongera kwa sababu ya ripoti hii ambayo imeandaliwa na kamati ya appointment. Ya pili ni kumshukuru gavana kwa kuchagua Honourable Patrick Losike Lokaimoe ambaye ametoka Turkana West.

Tunasema pongezi kwa sub-county ya Turkana West kupata nafasi hiyo moja na tuko na Wadi saba. Hii ninataka kusema kwamba ni furaha tele, unajua mcheza kwao hutuzwa. Na ninataka kusema hivi Losike ni kitinda mimba ya sisi kumi, Loteleng'o ni first born na Patrick

Losike ni last born na last born hupendwa na mtu akiwa last born huangalii makoza kwa sababu ni mtoto mdogo na mzee na mama wakiangalia huwa wanafurahi sana.

Nafasi hii ni mzuri kwa sababu kijana amezaliwa kutoka Turkana West na lazima tufurahie sisi kijana huyu anapopewa nafasi ya kuongoza idara ya elimu.

Bwana kinara nataka kusema Kaimenyi alikuwa na shada ya kuwa daktari ya meno lakini yeye alichaguliwa kuongoza idara ya elimu, kuna huyu anaitwa Matiangi; unajua anongoza nini na alikuwa nini? Ninataka kusema hawa wenye wanasema oh eti Losike anapewa nafasi ilhali si msomi, hana elimu. Ninasema hivi, Losike anatosha, kuna yule ambaye ana ujuzi na yuko njiani anakuja na atashikilia wadhifa hiyo. Tumeambiwa hapa Losike atashikilia maswala ya sheria au policy making.

Sisi ambao tunatoka Turkana West, Losike si mtu ambaye mnavyomwona na gavana kumpa nafasi hiyo kuwa mmoja ya waziri ambao wanaongoza Turkana County, ni mtu ambayo amesimamia maswala hapa ya siasa na ni mmoja wetu wa hapa na lazima tuweze kufurahi. Na ninataka kusema hivi lazima tusherekehe na tuwe na vigegele kwa sababu amakuwa mmoja wetu na ninajua hapa kuna wengi amboa wako na shada mingi na ninajua ya kwamba baada ya muhula wa kwanza na wa pili kuna wale ambao watakuwa CECs na lazima tuweze kuweka precedence kumaanisha ya kwamba ata atakayekuja kesho atakuwa waziri wa fedha.

Kwa hivyo Losike anatosha na tayari mungu amepiga chapa na leo asubuhi nilipoamka nilijua ya kwamba tutamalizia na kitinda mimba tukisema ndio kwa sababu wale wengine tulisema ndio.

Ninataka kuambia watu wa Turkana West kwamba Losike ana hiyo shahada na amefanya mambo makubwa Turkana West, nimemjua Losike kwa miaka 2, mimi nimesimama na yeye kwa siasa tangu mwaka 2002. Amesimama akiwa counselor term 3 na juzi amesimama akiwa MCA na tumeweza kuona mambo ambayo amefanya, na tukimpatia hii nafasi tunaona ya kwamba atafanya mambo mazuri. Tumjaribu na tumpe nafasi, tutasema ya kwamba kumbe watu wakiwa waheshimiwa na wakipewa nafasi huko watafanya mambo makubwa na ata mimi 2022 nitaenda huko.

Kwa hivyo, ndugu yetu tumesema ya kwamba alitoka kule na amekuja hapa na mmoja wetu tena ametoka hapa na ameenda kule, na kuna wengi wataenda na hivyo nataka kuwaambia na kuwasihi kwa moyo mkunjuvu kwamba tupitishe ndugu huyu maana ata na kesho sisi tuweze

kufuata nyayo hiyo ili ata wale executives wajue kwamba tukiwa hapa bado tuna nafasi huko na tunaweza kufanya mambo mazuri.

Kwa hivyo ninataka kusema kwamba tuweze kusherekea mwaka mpya wakati ambapo tumeweza kupitisha ndugu yake kitinda mimba himahima bila shida yeyote. Asante.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Yes, honourable member representing Kibish ward, proceed.

Hon. Nakuwa: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I stand to support the motion of the last nominee for us to approve in this assembly as the 10th one.

Honourable Speaker first I want to appreciate His Excellency the Governor for Turkana for the 10 nominees; he has considered all the regional areas, the seven sub-counties, again to the issues of gender balance for the 10 nominees.

Honourable speaker one thing I have seen as my observation; I have also to appreciate the appointment Committee because these reports are genuine, very nice as from the first one to the last one because during the verification, the allegation was that Losike doesn't qualify as said by other Honourable members here. When you see at these documents, they are very clear, he has met all the said requirements and the rumors peddled around do not have substantive evidence to discredit the nominee.

Honourable Speaker, the first generation of this world once pronounced that experiences are the best teacher, but education opens the doors and windows. Now our governor as appointed people with experiences in different fields, and they have come in with experiences from NGOs world, private organizations and government sector. I have a strong belief that these people will smoothen our Government by showing us the way forward in this second term of devolution in this County Government of Turkana.

It was good for the people of Turkana to elect Honourable Nano for the second term. This is because this time round has nominated people with experiences to serve the public. But the challenge would be the hidden intentions of some of appointees who may be seeking these positions to get money and then go to politics again. With such mind our government will be spoiled. And that is why I did say that we are fishers of money in Turkana County.

But if these people repeat the same mistakes then, we cannot get anywhere. It is good that they have learnt from their predecessors who were in the office, and even if the previous ones are still in their current positions or they have been shifted somewhere, so they have to learn from the experiences of their first term in office.

Honourable Speaker sir, I urge my colleagues to approve this last nominee and ensure that they keep a watch on them when they will be in their offices. The Governor looked into their experiences and saw that the nominee would serve the public. I therefore urge my colleagues to approve him so that he can start his work. Thank you very much Honourable Speaker.

D. Speaker (Michael Ewoi): Honourable Member representing Kalokol ward proceed.

Hon. Nangiro Simon: Thank very much Mr. Speaker sir, I want to join my fellow colleagues in ventilating on the nomination of the CEC, but with reservations, I want to support this appointment with observations and recommendations. I know the man in question is a leader, he is a parent, and he is also productive and has capabilities in various fields. But in our contemporary world it is like politics that is playing the major role of our lives and supersedes the other standards that are being set.

I don't believe, I know we are in a society that somebody someone called man eats man society! So we can applaud all these appointments rating all of them under one category, call it all those sorts of names. From our observations and from the perusal of all these documents a head of us, from the very day we began going through there. There are some genuine qualified or overqualified CECs. We have some CECs who are questionable, and if this House upholds its duties and decorum it could have even gone further to investigate through the standardized measured and existence bodies to make some of this null and foil. Why do specialize in education? Why do we have different faculties? It is to place a member, that person either the lady or man to its field where that person suits.

But now because of politics that is rewarding that has done all this, we can be brain washed to be against to what you are entitled to do. Remember we are answerable to this county, ladies and gentlemen for through this Honourable House! If you can allow the black magic to take the center role, if you allow the selfishness of the regions, to take our central place then we are done.

This the very place that we take an oath of being playing your oversight role playing your legislative role, being the advocate of your own ward and your own County! But now we are generalizing, we are saying that an educationist can take charge the science faculty! Or health and sanitation Department!

The lady who has studied finance is taken to Tourism, surely what do we mean from that, so it is like we are placing people to department without due consideration of their expertise. So the reservation that I was talking about is placement, as the House we are not denying these people jobs, we want all of them to be employed in the right fields. So when these papers are told...and you are not seeing with insight observation you are only saying he is overqualified. So why bring them for consideration in the House.

To my Honourable members I know time will come when this opportunity will never come again, this is the only time you have been given this opportunity, you joke with it, you play with it, but another time will come and some of you who have been here for some time, you will have the testimony of that. So you don't say that you are only giving this person this position for two years, you will play the way you have decided to give him the way you had given, just give..... (*Interjected*)

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order Honourable member representing Kalokol, maybe as you are contributing to this motion, you need to restrict yourself to the subject matter! Of that motion and you need to state very clearly whether you are in support of the motion or not and because from your submission it is like you are giving the general advice, so you need to be specific as you contribute to the motion whether you are in support or not. Maybe you can proceed.

Hon. Simon Nangiro: When we are here we tend not to be attentive I have said that I am in support of the motion but with reservations that is the point (*interjected*)

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order Honourable Member representing Kalokol Ward. The speaker is always attentive, I have given you a lot of time to express yourself but from the submissions you have given it seems you are giving advisory because you keep on saying "you" you are not inclusive and that is why I say a member has a right to support or oppose the motion, proceed.

Hon. Simon Nangiro: Thank you Mr. Speaker it should not look like we are not in support of our persons but this is what I want to say that I am in support of the appointment of the nominee but I am a bit hesitant in terms of placement...*(Interjected)*

Hon. Abei: Point of order!

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): What is your point of order Honourable Abei?

Hon. Abei: Is it in order for the Members representing Kalokol to look like he is challenging the chair?

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable Member representing Kalokol ward I want to give you two minutes to make your conclusions.

Hon. Simon Nangiro: I want to say that this nominee should be given that chance to serve as the CEC for the Department of Education because even the rest have gone through the same process and it should not look like that we want to disadvantage one of our own and because of that let us appoint him and let him continue with the jobs, thank you. *(Laughter from Members)*

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order Honourable members! the Member representing Kalokol in as much as you have valid points but you should say a way forward and say that maybe in future the appointing authority should realign the nominees according to their qualifications, otherwise your points are valid. I will allow three or four members to make their contribution before we conclude. Honourable Jacinta Abenyo.

Hon. Abenyo: Mweshimiwa Losike kwa Miezi sita ambayo alikuwa pamoja nasi sasa amepanda kwa cheo nyingine ambayo hata sisi tukiwa hapa tunaweza panda kama vile wenzangu wamesema naunga mjadala huu mkono asanteni sana.

D. Speaker (Hon Michael Ewoi): Honourable member representing Letia, the Member representing Kakuma, Honourable whip of the minority, Honourable Evan, finally Honourable member representing Kaputir two minute each because we have no time, proceed.

Hon. Epuu: Thank you I rise to support this Motion, in the last government Honourable Joseph Nkaiseri was nominated from the House-the National Assembly and his nomination was

approved by the House for the virtue of him being one of their own. So in the same it is also important for us to support one of our own ambassadors.

Secondly in the near future we have to put our own people so that they may deliver appropriately that is why people are in school to get those skills so that they can practice. Thirdly it is important for appointing authority to consider the sizes of the sub-counties like Turkana west we have wards, sub-county and it is important to consider how big the sub-county. I support the Motion thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon Michael Ewoi): Yes, member representing Kakuma

Hon. Ekarar: Thank you, I rise to support the motion and I would like to inform members that I am one of the persons who knows the background of Patrick Losike Lokaimoe. He has been a representative of Kakuma ward that I am now representing at the moment. Honestly to stay in politics for long time it gives somebody a credit on management.

If I have to mention Kakuma ward where Patrick has been representing as an MCA or a leader which has a population of 200,000 refugees plus the population of the locals of about 150,000 and all the cases or problem in that ward have been managed by Patrick as a leader of that place. To me if Patrick will be awarded this position, I would say that he has been time to rest because previously he had carried the workload of that ward now that he has been given a section of Department to manage that would be easier for him to manage as compared to serving a population of the entire ward of Kakuma.

Furthermore, he has a background knowledge on security and some of our schools have been experiencing security issues and therefore because of prior knowledge on security he is going to create policies that will help all schools in Turkana County to be safe schools. Again this Honourable house knows him well. if he can be given that chance of serving in that office I know all of you would have an express access to that office without being questioned or formalities...

Hon. Epuu: Point of Order!

D. Speaker (Hon Michael Ewoi): Honourable Member representing Letia, what is out of order!

Hon Epuu: Is it in order for the Honourable Member representing Kakuma ward to address Members directly instead of addressing members through the chair.

D. Speaker (Hon Michael Ewoi): Thank you Honourable member representing Letia ward your point of order is valid because standing order number 77 clearly provides that a member to address the speaker. So it says that every member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Speaker. So Honourable Member representing Kakuma ward please address the speaker as you proceed.

Hon. Ekaran: Thank you for that guidance. I know we are all bound to make mistakes and that is why you are in this chamber. To conclude, as I was saying Patrick is capable of managing this sector. There have been also some rampant strikes from the students and the teachers and I believe Patrick can manage all those problems that have been experienced in so many schools. I am in support of this motion and I therefore request the Honourable Members to support the nomination of Patrick, thank you.

D. Speaker (Hon Michael Ewoi): Thank you, Honourable whip of the minority proceed

Hon Nicholas Ewoi: Thank you, I think the way you see me I am different now I am on suit because this is the motion that I was waiting for, first of all I thank God for granting Honourable Losike that chance of serving the people of Turkana. There are four members who know Honourable Losike well and they are Honourable Ekaran, Honourable Nyanga and Honourable Ewoi and Jacinta. Losike grew with us in Kakuma and kindly allow me refer to Standing Order 89 about interests and also 90 about the facts.

Mr. Speaker Losike was my councilor and Ekaran and the others that I have mentioned.

During the time when Losike became the Councilor most of us were not interested with politics we supported him with Honourable Munyes. In the year 2013 Losike was given responsibilities again with some of us and while working with him here we did a lot of things to promote the interests of the people of Kakuma. Kakuma Ward didn't had any problem due to the leadership styles of Losike and some of us have been natured up by him up to where we are today.

Mr. Speaker I see this is the kind of people that we need to give more responsibilities so as to help more people. Secondly my colleague has mentioned about specialization. I want to

say that when I was primary going boy 1980, I remember by then the Deputy President Honourable Kibaki was demoted and given the Ministry of Health and yet he was an Economist. He performed well until the time he decided to run for the presidency.

Recently Mrs. Ngilu was given the same Ministry and later moved to water and yet she has done Development Studies. In the current Cabinet we have Cabinet Secretaries who have specialized in different fields and even in this House the Member for Kalokol was a teacher. The member representing Lobokat Ward was an administrator and now he's here representing his people. Father Longoria is a theologian and a priest. So what matters most of the time is action, we cannot base on your specialization.

Mr. Speaker I will support Honourable Abei who had strong words about how we can support Losike. He is the only CEC who can encourage us in this House because he has been with us and also knows the problems of the members of the public.

Losike mentored me; I was one of his agents in the villages. In 2007 he encouraged me to join politics. I was a businessman getting millions but Losike told me to come out and serve the people and we are now leaders.

I want to appreciate Honourable Ekan. I thought he was going to say something different about Losike, he is currently here because Losike got elevated somewhere else. Thank you for that Honourable Ekan.

Lastly I want to thank all the members because they also feel like Losike should be given that position. I want to be the last person speaking before we approve Losike, thank you Mr. Speaker I support.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Finally let's have Honourable Evans

Hon. Evans Ekai: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I would want to join the entire House in supporting the nomination of Honourable Patrick Lokaimoe Losike to the position of the CEC for education.

I have known Losike for quite some time and his exemplary character has always marvels me. If there is one CEC that will have the interest of the Turkana people at heart, he is one person that is full of humane, he loves the Turkana person and I have no doubt he is going to deliver in this docket that we approved him for.

Having served in the legislature for quite some time and today crossing over to the executive, I want to believe Patrick Losike is vast with the workings of the two arms of government. He has been in the County Assembly representing the interests and the plight of the people; today in the executive he is going to implement the resolution of this assembly.

According to me he is one CEC that is blessed with experience and knowledge of the two arms of government and I have no doubt that he is going to deliver.

As I conclude Honourable Losike has got all the required qualifications to take up this responsibility. He has a first degree and I want to believe that was the requirement and I am very happy that looking at the mood of this is house everybody is happy to pass this motion, thank you very much.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Member for Kaputir.

Hon. Lodonga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As the last person to support the motion, I join my colleagues in supporting it. First I want to congratulate His Excellency the Governor for the position he has given to Honourable Losike.

I came to know Honourable Losike in 2013 when I was elected as the MCA to represent Kaputir and him representing Kakuma. Generally, he was a man known by his behaviour. As the first leader of Majority he sacrificed himself, and devoted most of his time executing the functions of this County Assembly.

He is really a man who can deliver a man of admirable character and a man who never gets annoyed with anyone. If I can quote President Obama, when he became the president of the USA all us Kenyans celebrated, the whole of Africa celebrated just because a black man has become the president of the USA. So we need to celebrate and be happy because of the nomination of Honourable Losike because he was once one of us. I beg to support.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Order! Member representing Lokori-Kochodin do you want to contribute or celebrate?

Hon. Lokamar: Honourable Speaker I just want to take one minute to contribute. Mine is just to thank his Excellency the Governor for the honour and recognition. Secondly I want to embrace what Honourable Abenyo has said that Losike will take the department of Education to

Canaan and that is it because we know how Losike was working. Thank you very much honourable speaker.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Motion mover you can reply and give your position as a Committee on this fact on page 34 of that report on employment and experience of that nominee bullet number 2. It says Losike was a counselor for five years having represented Kakuma ward in the defunct local authorities. Some members have said ten years and others five years in their contributions. Maybe you should clarify on that for purposes of records.

Hon. Kobongin: Thank you Honourable speaker. This is the tenth motion of the tenth nominee. It has been mostly been debated since we started this exercise. I want to thank all members because as an Assembly we are diverse in in terms of experience and thinking. If any member may have contributed differently or said anything contrary to the think to the rest of us that is accepted because that is how it happens in the Assembly as politicians. Losike was a Councillor for fifteen years; Councillor for two terms and Member of County assembly for five years under devolution. I want to urge this Honourable house to approve this motion so that we allow the nominee discharge his duties and from there we can question him. Otherwise I reply.

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable members I would now wish to put the question which is that pursuant to article 179(2b) of the Constitution of Kenya, section 35 of the County Government Act number 17 of 2012, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointment Act and Standing Order Number 43 and 187. This County Assembly considers and approves the nomination and further appointment of Patrick Losike Lokaimoe by His Excellency the Governor to the position of the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Sports and Social Protection.

Question Put and Agreed On

Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

D. Speaker (Hon. Michael Ewoi): Honourable members, before we adjourn I would want to pass this information to the members of the Budget and Appropriation Committee that they are going to have a meeting on 3rd January 2018 to prosecute the Business on the Turkana

County Government Supplementary Budget Estimates for the financial year 2017/2018. So make sure that you are in Lodwar by that time.

There being no other business to transact this House Stands adjourned until Tuesday 13th February at 9 a.m. Thank you.

House Rose at 4:45 p.m