**COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

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*The Speaker*

*Hon. (Mr. Mathew Loltome) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**MOTION(S)**

REPORT OF VETTING OF CHAIRPERSON AND FIVE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE MARSABIT COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

**Hon. Halkano Konso Ali (Majority Leader): THAT,** This County Assembly adopts the Report of Vetting and Appointment Committee, on Vetting of Chairpersons and Five Nominees for appointment to the position of Marsabit County Public Service Board.

***(Secondment by Hon. Kiya Jillo)***

***(Question proposed)***

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am part of the Vetting Committee and totally agree with the report the way it is and I believe that this is a House that is independent, impartial and upholds Constitution as we promised during our swearing in 2017.

I also believe that the Constitution of this Country does not allow any form of discrimination against any community whether majority or minority. The Constitution does not also encourage the majority to use its numbers to disadvantage the minority. We therefore, need to be guided by this. The report is so clear and the Motion talks about the Chairperson and five nominees but the report talks about Mr. Abdi Adan not suitable for position simply because of the process. I think the outcome of the process is not an issue but the process itself.

**[Hon. Buke Diba Yattani]**

Let’s therefore deal with this matter soberly and what the Committee recommends is that Mr. Abdi Adan never applied for this position and his name is also not amongst the names sent to the Governor for nomination. We are not against anybody here and it’s our wish that he is part the County Public service Board only if the due processes are followed.

Therefore, I am not questioning his nomination but the validity of the process followed in his nomination. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** You support the Motion?

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** I support the motion without any amendments.

**Hon. Christine Galgithele:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir. I am here to support the nominees, but I see some injustices done here on the minority. If he applied for the position and he applied for the Chair, I don’t know the procedure used to nominate him to be member of the board.

Since I represent the minority, I see someone is doing an injustice to the minority here. If his name has appeared here, it means someone did some injustice to the Somali community who are minority.

***(Applause)***

I am here to ask for justice as a representative of the minority. Why is Mr. Abdi Adan nominated as a member yet he applied for the Chair. The person who did the process has questions to answer because he did an injustice to minority tribe. Mr. Abdi is a very experienced man who can deliver in the County of Marsabit.

So, if the minority have no persons to talk for them, what will this House do to give justice to Abdi Adan!? Thank you.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable Christine what is your opinion in terms of supporting the Motion?

**Hon. Christine Galgithele:** My opinion is that Mr. Abdi Adan be reconsidered by way of right process and given the position of membership of the board. That is my request to this House.

**Hon. Beranado Bata Leakono:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also support the Committee recommendations that the Chairperson and the four nominees be approved.

I have also noticed from the Committee’s recommendations that one; the law says there must be a regional balance but when you look at the region, four members out of six are from Moyale Sub County. One from Laisamis, one from North Horr and none from Saku In that case, if the law requires regional balance, then it’s not balanced. Justice then must apply even to the regions.

Two, Abdi Adan Suleiman...I want clarification from the Speaker. Is he a minority or a corner tribe? Which tribes in Kenya are gazetted to be minority and which one are not? According to me, Somalis are not minority maybe corner tribe. I understand the first name they use is corner tribe later on they change it to minority. So, we need clarification on this.

Lastly, as Honourable Christine said, if you read page twenty of the report, if he was considered as a minority in this case, then the process was not flawed and we will not allow a flawed process. Actually I am not a member of the Committee but I attended when he was being vetted and he is very qualified. Maybe he was forced to come...we cannot be a House that makes the law then breaks it. So, injustice was done to him by putting his name here although he is qualified. With all its wisdom, this House cannot approve him. My request therefore is let’s adopt the Committee’s recommendations.

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. First and foremost, let me take this opportunity to support the motion.

Secondly, I must also say congratulations to these Nominees for having gone through all these processes and pleased the vetting committee.

Thirdly, I must all say congratulations to Members of the Vetting Committee for this excellent task they have undertaken.

Mine is only one, in terms of similarity of opinion with what Hon. Leakono said on regional balance. Indeed we have four Sub Counties and Saku seems to be left out. The request I want to put forth is that, in the considerations of the next two positions, which is the CEO and the one being faulted for its nominations of Abdi, it’s my prayer that at least one or both could be from Saku so that we can have a balanced considerations in terms of region.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to recommend the Committee for the good work they did. I also send my congratulatory messages to the Nominees. I also congratulate the County Government for considering the youths. I can see Halima Urgo who is the face of the youth being nominated and also pass my congratulatory message to her.

However, there is a consideration for persons with disability according to the Constitution passed in 2010 which considers youths, persons with disabilities and women in any positions given by Government.

We noted that the with the process which the Committee went through and also the previous process, I don’t want to dwell much on that but urge that for the remaining two positions, persons with disability be also considered because these are the Honourable Members of the community who are always left behind in terms of employment.

In the case of Mr. Abdi Adan Suleiman, it’s unfortunate but I think if we follow the due process, nothing will deter him from coming back. So, as Honourable Christine said, let this person be given special consideration in future so that he gets justice. We are behaving like a hypocrites for some of us to bury our heads in the sand and acting like not knowing what transpired before leading to the displacement of Abdi Adan Suleiman.

So, I urge this House to recommend on how to make sure that one Abdi Adan Suleiman who hails from minority tribe is also considered.

On the regional balance, I don’t know why we are pre-empting to wait for the coming two positions*......(inaudible)* however, I congratulate the Committee for considering the issue of tribal balance. Although the chances are skewed, I can see most tribes in the County have been considered. So, let’s adopt the report. Thank you.

**Hon. Konchora Abduba:** I congratulate the Committee for the tireless effort in vetting the nominees.

As it has been said, this report lacks regional balance where one sub County has been left out. At the same time persons living with disability have also been neglected despite application and qualification after scoring 63% meaning the person has a permanent disability. Could be without disability, this person could have scored more than that.

***(Applause)***

**[Hon. Konchora Abduba]**

Five percent of appointive or elective positions should be occupied by these groups of people and this County has a habit of completely neglecting persons living with disability.

My request is that this position which is being faulted be given to persons with disability if not the next positions should consider. By saying this, I am not disapproving of the Committee report.

The County Executive Committee, no persons with disability was considered, Chief Officers the same. The County Directors they applied and none is considered...it actually recently that just through sympathy that one was considered. It’s a challenge to the Executive!

So it’s my prayer and request that for the County Public Service Board, this vulnerable group of people will be considered so that this critical position of County Public Service Board that understand the employees. It’s my prayer that persons living with disability will be considered and with that few remarks I also support the Motion but these people should be included....

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Kizito. Can I have a lady now?

Honourable Dibo?

**Hon. Dibo Isacko Umuro:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me the opportunity. I stand up to support the motion. I am one of the Committee Members- the Vetting Committee of the House. The real disturbing issue here is about Abdi. As the Committee we vetted all of them and we found Mr. Abdi a potential and a resource…

***(Applause)***

It was just unfortunate that the procedure was not followed and we know the consequences of not following the procedure as a House. We don’t want to be defeated as it happened with the Municipality Charter. That was our consideration. We have nothing against Mr. Abdi as a Committee. In fact he is a resource to this Public Service Board…

***(Applause)***

Concerning the rest, we had 50/50 gender and I would like to congratulate the women.

**[Hon. Dibo Isacko Umuro]**

We had Dansoye who was very capable. She was heading a very difficult institution- Ambulance. Dansoye had rough time here with some members but fortunately we found out that it was not her fault.

***(Applause)***

The next lady was Rufo. She was a teacher by profession. All these ladies had 22 years of service and they were the best. With those few remarks, I beg this House to approve them and let us pray the appointing authority will bring back Mr. Abdi.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Dibo.

Honourable Sora?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I hope I was not too tiny not to catch your eyes or there is no other reason attached but let me make my contribution.

I wish to thank my fellow Committee Members chaired by yourself. I must commend the Majority Leader for struggling to put up this very delicate and disturbing motion today on the floor of this House. You know man was never satisfied of anything. Even the only fruit that God told him not to eat, he said why was it that I was told not to eat and he decided to eat. We are here today because of that. By that I mean that if all were enough, we would have given it to everyone, satisfy regional balance, PWDs, women and the rest but this fruit is not enough for all of us to share. Definitely some of us will remain out. The process of achieving the PWDs and women is progressive. Today I must thank the womenfolk and congratulate them to have taken 50/50 share in this…

***(Applause)***

I am sure it is evidenced by their contributions and clapping. I want to mean that the process is balanced. Ladies are represented well. In the previous nominations that we have approved, we all remember that a PWD was considered for the position of Chief Officer for Medical Services. We are progressively looking at different segments of our people.

I must say that the process that these people have gone through is above board and is legally binding because the positions were advertised, short listing was done, interviews were done and a number of persons recommended for nomination. This is clear in the quality of persons that we vetted. Having the advantage of interacting with the other board which when we asked the nominees to give their rating was recommended for the job they did to establish the initial foundation of this County. I remember they gave them 65 – 70 -80%.

**[Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo]**

The quality that we got during the interview is very impressive. They came before us. We were able to question them to the best of our ability and we were convinced that they are mature, learned and are people who can deliver. I must also congratulate the youth because for once a lady youth was present in the team and I am sure my good friend Honourable Hussein is a proud representative of the Youth this afternoon.

***(Applause)***

I think we can’t put the cart before the horse, but we are watching with both eyes open that Saku is the next hotbed of what will happen of the two processes that are coming up. I think we have been kind enough to accommodate and welcome our all other three Sub-Counties but I am sure the appointing authority is fully aware of this and we don’t want to get into that boundary because there is separation of power, but this is a wakeup call that in the next two nominations we are watching what is to happen.

I want to take us to the case of Mr. Abdi Suleiman, a very knowledgeable old man, very presentable and an old man who has wealth of experience. He applied for the position of the Chairman within the same organization and performed very well. He is a Minority. Somalis are a minority in Marsabit County.

***(Applause)***

We know their numbers around Saku, Moyale and Laisamis. It would have been good but as the Honourable Majority Leader said, this is a House of order and procedure and it is only that the Committee did not reject him. In fact we rated him highly and he impressed us more than any other nominee. But since we do not want to leave any loophole that may haunt us any other time, it is our hope and prayer that this minority will get its share next time.

In the Public Appointments Act there are three factors that are supposed to be considered in any appointment of which none is lesser than the other. One is merit, fairness, inclusivity that is diversity of all ethnic groups. All these factors are equally important. Mr. Adan really fits into all the three factors. Article 56 of the Constitution guarantees the rights of minorities by providing that the marginalized groups should participate and are represented in governance and other spheres.

*b) Are provided special opportunities in education and economic fields.*

*c) Are provided special opportunities for access to employment.*

**[Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo]**

We would have decided to ride on this factor that they are provided special opportunities for access to employment and truly to the fact that Mr. Adan applied for within the same organization but you can’t apply the law or the constitution selectively. Another school of thought may come up and ask us; yes, inclusivity, fairness and merit should be considered but what about fair competition? All the same, we are looking forward to a day when his 23 years of experience will be of service to that board. We thought he’d be a voice of reason in that board to represent all of us with his wealth of experience

I am sure the precedence is there even in this House but I don’t want to get so much into law because there are many learned fellows. This House will one day find it fit for this wise, experienced and calm gentleman who is a resident of this County to find time to serve in that board or any other position in this County so as to give back to his community.

I fully support the Committees recommendations.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Sadia?

**Hon. Sadia Osman Araru:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate the Committee for the good work done. I would also like to congratulate the Nominees whose names we are debating here to have won themselves the opportunity to serve in this County. I stand here in support of Mr. Abdi Adan who comes from a marginalized minority.

I have heard that Honourable Leakono was asking whether he is from corner or a minority tribe. I would like to tell the Honourable Member that those who are called corner tribe come from different small tribes like Barawas, Asharaf, Shabelle, Somali and all these. They came together and formed what we call corner tribe. Otherwise, they come from minority tribes. So, he should understand that this is not just one tribe or one minority. There are so many minority tribes like Shabelle. I know the Honourable Member never heard about it and they are also not in his Ward.

***(Laughter)***

In Moyale we have all these people and so Mr. Adan does not only come from the Corner tribe but a marginalized minority. That is why we need this House to give him special consideration for minorities to be represented and as their representative I support. Even as we go on recess let us remember that Mr. Abdi Adan should get this position by whatever means.

***(Loud consultations)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Can we have Honourable Safia?

**Hon. Safia Waqo Dulacha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the motion and congratulate the Vetting Committee. In fact I say we must follow their example because they did marvellous. They considered the youth by nominating Halima Urgo. Secondly, they have not forgotten the ladies.

***(Applause)***

I am sure these two ladies- Dansoye and Rufo are a resource. I know they are well experienced. Dansoye was my classmate and Rufo my schoolmate. I really congratulate the Vetting Committee. They have also found that Mr. Abdi is a suitable candidate but because of procedure he was left out. Let me tell you Mr. Abdi is resourceful as one of the members said. I know him since I have worked with him for twenty years. He worked as a Regional Manager at the Postal Corporations of Kenya where he employed 19 persons from Marsabit Central within a year. They came from Moyale, North-Horr, Saku and Laisamis. I can even give you their names because I remember them. I stand here to request for consideration of Mr. Abdi Adan.

I also want to say that Marsabit Central is left out. Among the Nominees, none is from Central. I want to request that in the next nomination, the two chances left where one is for Abdi Adan, the next should go to Marsabit Central.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Safia.

Honourable Member for Korr?

**Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole:** Thank you Mr. Chair and the Members. The Vetting Committee made a bitter and hurting decision. It was not intentional to deny Mr. Abdi the stated position. It was because of procedure and knowing what had happened. We all know what had happened and if anyone does not, I can mention. If the House had the authority, this House is ready to appoint Mr. Adan as early as next week. Whoever will do the re-advertisement because it shall be done by the body mandated to do it, I hope the same person we are talking about should be considered. Once he is considered from the other end, I am sure we will not need a single minute to discuss about his suitability from vetting to approval stages.

Let us just swallow that bitterness because of the procedure. I was very ready! I said Abdi must go. Let them reject his name there. For sure I was for it….

***(Hon. Sora Katelo stood from his place)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, what is your point of order?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Is the Honourable member for Korr-Ngurunit in order to talk about a process that is a head of us?

**Hon. Speaker:** He is just saying that is what his intention was.

Continue Honourable Member for Korr-Ngurunit!

**Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. That was my intention and I was not alone. I had a group of people for sure…

***(Applause)***

After going through the report, I have reconsidered my opinion because of the procedure. That is why I am saying we have to swallow that bitterness and decide otherwise the way members are now deciding. I think, even the Vetting Committee must have struggled to make these comments and recommendations to the House. The other part, I have nothing to add; Youth, Women and all other Regional issues have been considered except the Central which I hope they will be considered in the coming list of nominees. So, let us just approve the Report of the Vetting Committee waiting the other issues to happen. Thank you.

***(Several Members stood from their places)***

**Hon. Elema Diba Guyo:** Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to support the report by the Vetting and Appointment Committee. I was one of the Members with dissenting opinion about one Dansoye Dula Chudo, but because it was a resolution that was made by the Committee and that the decision of the House is being driven by the Committees, one person cannot stand or make decision alone and that the issue I have mentioned, really seen to be personal and affecting me as a resident of Dukana, I did give in to the Committee Members and agreed to the approval. I want to make a comment to this House and the public, because I think the session is covered. The County Public Service Board is an independent Board as guided by our Constitution of Kenya and it has been in the public domain or in our thinking there are several irregular employment in this County, ....*(inaudible)* although it is a Constitutional demand that the Board be established after every Six years, we stand to believe that there is also intention to sanitize those irregularly employed through establishment of the new Board.

We really want to put to the nominees that while we congratulate and approve their nominations that they will still be under watch and guided by the Constitution that they do and give the right......*(inaudible)* across Marsabit County irrespective of ..... *(inaudible)* and execute their mandate within the confines of the law without being affected by any underlying factors that may have resulted or contribute to their nomination among many Members of the public.

**[Hon. Elema Diba Guyo]**

On other thing I want to categorically mention, these are people who have served this County in other sectors or spheres.

And the reason why I dissented against Dansoye was driven by experiences we had in those sectors, it may not have been under performance but the Department did not give us that needed services and she being at the helm or focal person at the ambulatory services, we thought that we have not achieved much from the service, the services that the Governor was so committed to and which he promised to be free of charge, today it is being subsidised but also the many ambulances that we have, many of them today are grounded!

And the public of Marsabit in some parts of this County have resorted to using private means, as far as Balesaru, 300 Kms from here, going deep into their pockets paying over Kshs. 50,000, it is just tough! That should send a strong message, we have registered also with the nominees,......*(inaudible)* public, civil servants or the workers of this County that one day one time, they will also appear before such a Committee, House and they shall be rated, given the credit and the shortcomings.

Having registered that, it is quite regrettable that Mr. Abdi Suleiman was not approved. He came with wealth of experience and I think like many other Members have said, having interviewed those members is one person who have served in more than two or three Boards across this Country, he brings wealth of experience, if given opportunity in this County to serve in the Marsabit County Public Service Board, but because the ......*(inaudible)* is aftermath of a process, and that the process was not duly followed, we had no option but to recommend him to the appointing authority for any opportunity to come, I will live to regret not because of our making but the making of this House, but the kind of person is ......*(inaudible)* the kind of experience, potential we have seen in him, but because of the procedure, and the guiding factor- the Constitution, we cannot give him the opportunity today.

I am so happy and glad that it understood from our Members, that we are passionate about him, we highly recommend him but because the procedure must be followed, we had no option but to approve the rest of the Members known to the public that he has full potential, it should also be known to our minority communities in Marsabit County, that his rejection was not in any way in subordination or disadvantaging the minorities but it was informed by the procedures that was followed to arrive to the nominee.

***(Several Members stood from their places)***

**Hon. Zamzam Hussein:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

***(Laughter)***

I am supporting this motion but today I was in good mood, happy, laughing, jumping up and down! Since Devolution I have never had a corner tribe or Somali to be given a job and now I am wondering who failed Abdi? Is it the County Assembly or County Government and if this Vetting Committee has done this vetting, why didn’t they consider a lawyer......*(inaudible)*.

That is an old man, he can get a heart attack, you’ll be cursed......*(inaudible)*

***(Laughter)***

Mr. Speaker, let me finish, protect me please! Protect me please! Because Hon. Elema is happy, Gabbra names appear there! But for me.......*(inaudible)*.

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

Bwana Spika, ninaomba Gavana, leo nimachungu kusikika jina moja tangu serikali iundwe mpaka leo, tena anatolewa kwa makosa kidogo......*(inaudible)* wangetafuta njia yeyote......*(inaudible)* wiki mbili, tatu wakifanya hii *vetting* na ni machungu, na msiporudisha hiyo jina......*(inaudible)*.

***(Laughter)***

**Hon. Susan Dabalen:** Ahsante sana Bwana Spika. Ninasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ya Kamati. Ningependaeza kupongeza Kamati ya Vetting kwa kazi nzuri waliofanya. Hakuna makosa ninayoona hapa, kwa sababu hawa walioteuliwa ni watu kutoka Marsabit, na ni watu wetu, ningependa kuwaomba Wabunge wapitishe walioteuliwa. Kama sasa Abdi Adan Suleiman ni mzee ambaye amefanya kazi kwa miaka mingi, pia anatoka kutoka jamii ndogo, na ni mtu amefanya kazi kwa serikali. Ahsante.

**Hon. Qabale Huqa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to thank the Vetting Committee for a job well-done. I also congratulate the Nominees as well. As Hon. Tamasot told us......*(inaudible)* left out Mr. Abdi Adan, he told us to swallow the bitter pill and it is a bitter truth, but I think it is not our fault as an Assembly. The Executive, our Governor......*(inaudible)* not procedural. Let it be other cases but not the process. Truly it is unjust, because this one Abdi Adan for some of us who know him well, we had a very sleepless night for the first few days, some of us even wanted to defend him on the grounds of minority, but the Constitution reads the state should provide the Minority with special opportunities to access jobs......*(inaudible)* we must defend him to the last minute, but......*(inaudible)* consulted so many legal minds......*(inaudible)* and for us, if we can reverse the process again, and then we vet him again and then

**[Hon. Qabale Huqa]**

the Governor reappoints him again and follow the process as it is required, then......*(inaudible)* will come back again.

I want to give the responsibility or pass on a challenge to those who are here through affirmative action, the ladies-nominated women, youth, persons living with disability representative are here through affirmative action, let us not wait for the name! ......*(inaudible)* the name of Abdi Adan will be back to this House!

***(Applause)***

Or else.......

***(Laughter)***

I think for the Youth, Women, I think the report has no problem, the only problem as a House I think, now that we have had all the opinions at first is like we are blaming each other......*(inaudible)* but now that we are getting opinions from all of us, he deserves! Mr. Speaker, through your wisdom we request the name of Abdi Adan will be back within a week or two, thank you.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have some few points to make on the motion; one, is the....this is what was raised by Members and it also touched my heart, that somebody with disability came for the interview, did it so well, when he was already disadvantaged, he was left out! And all able people were given a chance.

I think it is prudent that the person with disability and done so well should have been given an opportunity to appear......*(inaudible)*.

***(Applause)***

I have also another strong point on the Nominee from North Horr Sub County, if not reading the mood of this House, I would have rejected this name, for I know those who were shortlisted and called for interviewed are very senior Kenyans, some are from Commission of Higher Education with wealth of experience and if we really loved this County, then some of them should have been given an opportunity, but from what I am hearing that a young lady was given an opportunity in the name of a youth! I think where they have......*(inaudible)* four people from North Horr Sub County then one thousand should have been considered......*(inaudible)* very senior people were left out! That Sub County is really crying because of under representation.....

***(Hon. Halkano Konso stood from his place)***

**Hon. Halkano Konso Ali:** Point of Information Mr. Speaker. I am hearing a very funny statement from my Deputy. Is he saying we should not consider the youths? Is he saying that the Lady Halima Urgo, were it not for his reading of the mood of the House, did not deserve to be nominated?

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** I also rise on the point of order that the Honourable Member for North Horr needs to apologise to the entire youths of Marsabit County because even if you look at that member who is nominated to represent North Horr, she is the only one who has a Masters degree. That itself is a highest qualification and the tendency of telling the youths you are the leaders of tomorrow is gone.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Beranado Bata Leakono:** Mr. Speaker, I realise that age is not indicated. How sure are we that she is a youth? In Kenya we spend eight years in primary, four in secondary, four in university and three in masters. When we put that mathematics, she is above youth. Let the committee indicate the age so that we approve the name. Thank you.

***(Laughter)***

**Hon. Safia Wako Dulacha:** Point of information! Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to clarify on the issue of age. In the vetting, we inquire about the age and the vetting committee is well aware that she is a youth.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Honourable Members, who stood on points of order and information, really did not get my argument. I said that youth should be given an opportunity and it is only that opportunity was taken to North Horr Sub County where five consideration in Moyale was never given to the youths. I was saying that this representation should have been given in Moyale. And two .........

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Point Of Order! The Member from North Horr should come out clearly and tell us that the youth from North Horr should not be given an opportunity. Recently, I heard he wants to contest for Member Of Parliament. Where will he get the votes......

***(Laughter)***

Let him apologise to the youths of Moyale.

**Hon. Sadia Araru:** I want to know why the Honourable wants the youth to come from Moyale and not North Horr Sub County.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Mr. Speaker, I still maintain the Honourable Members did not get my point. I believe the youths should be given an opportunity, I believe disability should be given an opportunity. Having only one chance given to North Horr, being the representative from that area we cannot ignore that we have elders there. We shouldn’t ignore the wealth of experiences that can save this County on performances. Youth should be given an opportunity but performance too is a key indicator. And again for North Horr Sub County, honestly I do not know whether Urgo comes from that Sub County. This is one thing I should again raise. Thirdly, ........

***(Laughter)***

**Hon. Sadia Araru:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to know why the Honourable is denying that Urgo is coming from North Horr when it is written on her ID card that she comes from Kalacha.

***(Laughter)***

**Hon. Zamzam Hussein:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Tura is complaining because the Lady is from FAP and not ‘Team Change’.

***(Laughter)***

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Mr. Speaker, I think I need protection! Here I stand not to fight any team. Here we are a united team and ever we have been working together as a team and I don’t know why the Honourable Member should read a lot into my statement.

On the aspect of corner tribe, where one Abdi Adan Suleiman was given position as a member, when he applied for Chairmanship, this is a serious flaw and if as a House we do not look at our integrity, then we will be in trouble. It is not that we are against Abdi Suleiman. The Vetting Committee rated him the best among the nominees. But to save the face of this House, it is prudent what is agreed by this House should be abided by.

On petition, this House should listen to the voices of the people because it is constitutional that any challenges that are made, we should look at with seriousness and cases like Abdi Adan Suleiman as mentioned in this petition will pause a serious challenge when ignored. Ask the Members to safeguard the face and the integrity of the House. With that I support the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** It is good that we almost coming to the end of this matter but it is good, Members of this House understand that we really have no issue against any individual. The fact that we are in opposition does not mean that we oppose things left, centre and right. If things are good, and procedural we have no reasons to oppose. But if the processes are faulty it is upon this House to take this matter as theirs. I wish to thank everybody that we appreciate we are not moving opposition motion but matters that touch on their integrity of this House. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Halkano Konso Ali (Majority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all I thank all the Members for recommending us for the good job we have done. I thank them for debating this hottest issue more than the budget and the supplementary. This is the House that makes the law and it must respect the constitution. The public appointments Act in a nutshell speak about three things; fairness and merit and inclusivity. Mr Abdi Suleiman has served this nation in respectable capacities, General Manager, Kenya Postal Corporation, Chairman Kenya Meat Commission to mention but a few, he could add a lot of value to the Public Service Board.

He comes from the minority in the County- the Somali. We have lost a man who is too resourceful. Any Kenyan is entitled as guaranteed by the constitution to be an employee of this county. The Public Appointments Act enacted in 2017 clearly insists on merit as a basis for employment. Halima Urgo Omar has a Masters degree and has what it takes to be recruited.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Point Of Information. There is a degree that is higher than Masters. There are PHD holders who applied for this position.

**Hon. Halkano Konso Ali (Majority Leader):** Mr. Speaker, indeed the requisite was a degree but we vetted and found Urgo suitable. Smart in dressing!

***(Laughter)***

I call on the Honourable Members to adopt the names of the nominees as per recommendation of the Vetting Committee.

***(Question put and agreed to)***

**Hon. Speaker:** The House stands adjourned to resume as provided for in the House Calendar

***The Assembly rose at 5.30pm***