

THARAKA NITHI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

21st July 2021

*The County Assembly met at the
County Assembly chambers in Kathwana at 9.30 a.m.
[The Speaker (Hon. D.J. Mbaya) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members let's get seated. Next Order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, good afternoon and welcome to this sitting. I wish you all the best as you discharge your constitutional mandate. Thank you. Next order.

MOTION

THE APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON WATER, ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON VETTING OF THE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS
MEMBERS OF THE THARAKA NITHI COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE FUND BOARD

Hon. Speaker: Yes, honourable Gitonga Leonard, member for Nkondi.

Hon. Gitonga Leonard: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to move the Motion that, this County Assembly adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources on vetting of the nominees for appointment as the Members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board.

Mr. Speaker we have a report and kindly allow me to go through it. I will start with the Chairperson's Foreword.

On Thursday 24th June, 2021 vide letter Ref: TN/CA/ADM/2/VIL.5/721 the Speaker of the County Assembly conveyed a message from the County Secretary vide the letter Ref: TNC/CS/LPPUD/1/1 dated 11th June 2021 regarding the nomination of Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi, Rev. Patrick Kirimi and Ms. Sarah Kaari Benjamin by H.E the Governor to serve in

the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Board pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 64(1).

In furtherance of the provisions pursuant to provisions of Section 7(1) of the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017 and having received notification of nominees under Section 6(3) the honourable Speaker referred the credentials of the nominees to the Assembly Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

The Committee vetted the nominees on 13th July 2021 based on the criteria set out in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, Leadership and Integrity Act 2012, County Government Act 2012 as well as the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Standing Orders and other relevant provisions of the law.

After vetting, Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi, Rev. Patrick Kirimi and Ms. Sarah Kaari Benjamin were found qualified and suitable to serve as Members in the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Fund Board.

The Committee appreciates the assistance accorded by the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly that enabled it to discharge its mandate during the approval hearings. I further wish to express my appreciation to the Members of the Committee who dedicated their time to participate in the vetting process and preparation of this Report.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Assembly Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources, to present to the House the Report on the vetting of the nominees for appointment as Members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Board for consideration and adoption by the House in accordance with the provisions of the Tharaka County Assembly Standing Order 64(4) and 224((5)(f)).

Mr. Speaker, the Executive Summary;

This report contains the Committee's proceedings of the approval hearings of Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi, Rev. Patrick Kirimi and Ms. Sarah Kaari Benjamin for appointment as members of Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board. Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi, Rev. Patrick Kirimi and Ms. Sarah Kaari Benjamin had been nominated by H.E the Governor Tharaka Nithi County and the same communicated to the Speaker of the County Assembly and we vetted the same on 13th July 2021 as I had earlier indicated.

The Committee further noted that the due process was followed in the nomination process as section 5(a) of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Act 2019 states that ‘the Board Shall be administered by a Board of Directors which will consist of one –person appointed by the Governor from each Constituency within the County and approved by the County Assembly.’

On their suitability for appointment, the Committee found Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi, Rev. Patrick Kirimi and Ms. Sarah Kaari Benjamin suitable and qualified to serve as Members of Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Board.

Allow me Mr. Speaker to skip the mandate of the committee, the committee membership the recommendation which I have read and I will move to page 10 on the notification of the public;

Notification to public and submission of memoranda;

On Wednesday, June 30th 2021 pursuant to section 7(5) of the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, through the Print Media, the Clerk of the County Assembly notified the general public of Committee’s vetting programme and requested for memoranda by way of written statement on oath (sworn affidavit) regarding the nominees’ suitability to serve or otherwise.

Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act (No.5 of 2017) provides that “any person may, prior to the approval hearing and by a written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated”.

By the time of vetting on Tuesday 13th July 2021, the Committee had not received any memorandum from the public.

On Clearance requirements Mr. Speaker;

On 24th June 2021, the Clerk of the County Assembly wrote to the nominee informing them of their nominations for the position of members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Fund Board and requested them to appear for vetting by the Committee on Water Environment and Natural Resources on Tuesday 13th July 2021. The Clerk further requested the nominees to bring with them their Curriculum Vitae, Academic Certificates and Professional testimonials.

Approval Hearings;

The nominees appeared before the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources on Tuesday 13th July 2021 for approval hearings in the following order: Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi appeared at 10.00 a.m.; Rev. Patrick Kirimi Njoka appeared at 11.00 a.m. and Ms Sarah Kaari Benjamin appeared at 12.00 noon.

During the vetting, the Committee was guided by the Kenya Constitution 2010; Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017; Assembly Standing Orders. Specifically, the nominees were examined on the following criteria as set out in the first and second schedule of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017: -

- Academic qualifications
- Employment record
- Professional affiliations
- Potential conflict of interest
- Knowledge of the relevant subject
- Integrity
- Vision and leadership
- Expectations and key priorities

Mr. Speaker on the Committee Observations;

The Committee having considered the curriculum vitae and heard oral submissions during the vetting exercise, made the following observations:

On the Nomination process;

Section 4 of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Act, 2019 establishes the Tharaka Nithi county Climate Fund Board while section 5(a) provides that the Board shall be administered by a board of Directors which shall consist of one-person appointed by the Governor from each constituency within the county and approved by the County Assembly, one of them shall be the Chairperson.

From the list of the nominees Mr. Speaker Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi hails from Tharaka constituency; Rev. Patrick Kirimi Njoka comes from Chuka Igamban'gombe constituency

and Ms Sarah Kaari Benjamin comes from Maara constituency. So the requirement was met as the criteria sets out.

Based on this provision the committee found Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi, Rev. Patrick Kirimi and Ms. Sarah Kaari Benjamin as duly nominated to serve as members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board.

Memoranda from the public;

As at the time of compiling this report, the Committee had not received any memoranda from the public on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees to serve in the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board.

On Educational qualifications and work experience;

All the nominees had the required minimum qualification of O- levels and were well versed in the National languages (English and Kiswahili) hence were qualified to serve as Members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board.

Just for clarity Mr. Speaker Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi is an O-Level certificate holder; Rev. Patrick Kirimi Njoka is a diploma Diploma holder of theology from the Presbyterian university of East Africa and Ms Sarah Kaari Benjamin is a Bachelor's Degree she has done education from Moi University.

General observations;

- i) None of the nominees has ever been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 that deals with leadership and integrity.
- ii) All the nominees were qualified to serve as members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board.

On Committee Recommendation;

Having conducted approval hearings for the nominees pursuant to the provisions of the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017; and the Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Standing Orders the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources recommends that:

The County Assembly approves the nomination of Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi, Rev. Patrick Kirimi and Ms. Sarah Kaari Benjamin as Members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board.

Mr. Speaker as I have explained when we looked at the nominees sent to us from the office of the governor we found that they have attained the minimum criteria set out as per the sections of the laws that I have quoted and the committee had no objections to the nominees being approved.

I move Mr. Speaker and request honourable Charles Nyaga to second. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, honourable member for Nkondi. Yes, honourable Charles Nyaga member for Mitheru.

(Hon. Charles Nyaga stood in his place and bowed to second)

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, allow me now to propose the question that, this County Assembly adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources on vetting of the nominees for appointment as the Members of the Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Fund Board.

The floor is now open for debate. yes, honourable Justin Kithinji, member for Magumoni.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, the floor is now open for debate. Yes, Honourable Justin Kithinji.

Hon. Kithinji: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to seek directions from the Chair on whether the report that has been brought is proper taking into account the provisions of section 5 of Tharaka Nithi County climate change Act 2019 which provides for the administration of the board. Section 5 of the Tharaka Nithi climate change Act, provides for the administration of the board which provides that the board shall be administered by a board of Directors which shall consist of;

1. One person appointed by the Governor from each constituency within the County and approved by the County Assembly and one of them shall be the Chairperson.

Mr. Speaker, what is before us, is specifically that provisions of that section (b) and (c) has no issues because we have office bearers. Even section d has no issues because the offices are very specific. When you get to section (e) and (f), I want to believe it is a typing error where

it is written 'pon', I want to believe it is 'one' person representing of public benefits to organizations operating under the County dealing with climate change issues. (f), one representative of special group either from the PWD, women or youth. My attention is drawn to section (e) and (f). The report that is before this House has no provisions for section (e) and (f). The way this Motion has been brought, and that is why I am seeking for clarifications, is not addressing the provisions of section (e) and (f) and to me, that makes the composition of this committee wanting. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, the honourable member for Magumoni has risen on a point of order, for the Speaker to give directions as to whether the report that is before the House complies with the strict provisions of section 5 of the Tharaka Nithi County climate change fund Act of 2019. Honourable members, what is before this House, is the Motion on the report of the sectoral committee on water, environment and Natural resources on vetting of the nominees for appointment as members of the Tharaka Nithi County climate change fund board. That Motion is before the House pursuant to a notice of Motion that was validly issued under Standing Order No 67. Honourable members, it is not within the mandate of the Speaker to determine the validity or the compliance of the report before the House complies with section 5 of the Tharaka Nithi County climate change Act because that is a matter for the judiciary. It cannot be placed upon the Speaker to determine issues as to whether the report before the House is consistent with the provisions of section five of the Tharaka Nithi County climate change fund Act. My duty under the Standing Orders, is only to determine whether the Motion before the House is proper or not proper and in my view, the Motion before the House is proper and my directions will be that I advise the honourable member for Magumoni to canvass whatever issues that the honourable member has you debate the Motion before the House. Kindly proceed.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kithinji: Thank you Mr Speaker. It's really amazing. Of course the directions have been given, but the provisions of (e) and (f), ought to have been included because one representative of special group, i.e. PWD, women or youth...

(Interjection)

Hon. Speaker: That is why honourable members I have directed that you canvass whatever issues that you have as you debate the motion.

Hon. Kithinji: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Honourable Gitonga Leonard. You rise on what?

Hon. Gitonga: Thank you Mr Speaker. I want to pass information to honourable Kithinji so that as we move forward, may be the information might assist him. I want to bring honourable Kithinji to the section that he has quoted...

(Interjection)

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Gitonga, I advise that you close that point.

Hon. Gitonga Leonard: Let me explain a bit honourable Speaker. It may be important even to the rest of the members.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed.

Hon. Gitonga Leonard: He has quoted section 5(a). It is true. This section is the one that requires the County Assembly to vet and approve the three nominees only. The other members moving downwards, these are members who will come in for the interest groups thereafter but specifically, the Assembly is supposed to vet the three nominees. The others will be provided as the board is moving on. This is why the provisions provides that the Chairperson must come from among the three people who have been vetted by this House. That is the information I wanted to pass and among the three, Mr Silas Njiru is a youth and the other one is a lady. Honourable Kithinji also had raised that issue. That is the information I wanted to pass. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed honourable member for Magumoni.

Hon. Kithinji: Thank you Mr Speaker. I think the honourable member is lucky that I was never consulted whether I wanted his information because I knew his inclinations I would have objected to his information. Nevertheless, now that he has given that information, it is raising more questions to us because he cannot start telling us that section (a) is taking care of section (e) and (f). That is misleading this House as the provisions of section (a), (e) and (f) are distinct. The report as it is, it may not really work out the spirit of the Bill because the spirit in the Bill was that provisions should be made to ensure that people with disability or youth and of course from the organized groups.

There is nothing that stops the Chair or the mover of this Motion from deferring this Motion so that at least we get proper guidance because I feel that we may approve the list, but the question is, will the board be functional? The question is of course here. How will the slots of the two sections I have quoted be filled? Unless that I am convinced how they will be filled, I seriously advise the Chair or the mover of this Motion to defer the Motion so that at least it is very clear to us as to what we are doing in this House.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, honourable member for Magumoni. Honourable members, the floor is still open for debate. Yes, honourable Asumpta Gabriel.

Hon. Asumpta: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Chair for bringing this Motion and also to thank the honourable members for availing themselves so that we can approve this report. I rise to support the nominees who were vetted by the committee and found fit to serve as members of the board of Tharaka Nithi County climate change which will be sitting three times per year. Whenever we come up with a Bill, we should have a board which will be implementing the activities concerning the issues of that particular Bill like the one we have for climate change. The issues to do with environmental control have never been taken serious. Once this board is in place, it will be very essential to our community as far as environmental control is concerned. I also concur with the report that we should approve the nominees who were vetted and approved by the committee. Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Asumpta, yes honourable member for Karingani, honourable Godfrey Murithi.

Hon. Muchiri: Thank you honourable Speaker. It is very unfortunate my voice is breaking. I don't know if it is adolescence or what.

(Laughter)

But I know that I will communicate on my side. First of all, let me congratulate the committee for the work that they did especially this period that we have Covid-19. They did quite a good job of vetting and also bringing such a report in this House. Allow me to say that some of the things we do in this House, we may be in a hurry and later in life, or later the county we may end up regretting why we did so. There are some issues that have been raised

by one honourable Kithinji that needs to be considered and on one of them, I think one of the honourable members who represent the PWDs in this House is comfortable with, so I may not argue about that.

Number two, I want to say that there are some errors that I may need some clarification when it comes to one Silas; there are some areas where there is Silas Njiru Rwigi and others Silas Njiru Rwagi in the report and it may bring some issues. When it comes to nominations, I may be one, maybe I am Silas Njiru and I claim later that I am Rwagi not Rwigi. I think the committee did very well when it comes to the academic qualifications. They have told us the qualifications of every member.

Allow me to refer the same committee to the report that they have brought in this House, what they were considering when they were vetting. One they were to consider academic qualifications, they were to consider employment records, they were to consider professional affiliations, potential conflict of interest, knowledge of the relevant subject, integrity, vision, leadership, expectations and key priorities. According to the report, I have not heard anything to do with the issue of professional affiliation on the three nominees. I have not heard on the integrity of the three nominees. I have not heard about the knowledge of the relevant subject which they should be conversant with. Maybe we should have been told one of them is very familiar when it comes to environment issues. And also the knowledge of the relevant subject that has been considered even in our Act.

When it comes to referring of the documents or anything to the committees it is important honourable Speaker, because this is a Motion that we passed in this House, your office should, as it refers the document to the relevant committee, it can communicate to the members through the group we have, through SMS or any other method so that we cannot be getting information in this House as if we are not part of that committee. The committees are representatives of this House. I know one of the members and he is a very good man. I don't have issues with the honourable members, but we should have also had about the visions and the leadership skills that these nominees that we are giving this chance to help us implement the Act. We could have heard something about them not only the job but also the issue of academic qualification. I have heard that one of them is a youth. I am happy that they have considered that but since I don't have a lot of issues with it personally, I think except for clause (e) and (f) that needs clarifications instead of us approving half of the members and later we start arguing, what about others? We don't need people to go to court to challenge

this House. We don't need people to challenge us even outside. We need to be a House with a lot of knowledge. So with that honourable speaker, I reserve my support until I get some clarifications. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, honourable member for Karingani. Yes, honourable Charles Nyaga honourable for Mitheru.

Hon. Charles Nyaga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the vetting because I am a member of this committee. Let me tell the honourable members that this is the first set out of climate change team. We need it like yesterday and it is within the government discretion to appoint the three members. Climate change is something that is affecting all of us and of course we started from far and myself was always asking, when is it going to start? When will it be going to be set up? This is the eye opener for this board to start. I urge the honourable members to support the vetting so that we can continue combing the systems and the team. Even in the set up you cannot look for people from nowhere, you have to start from somewhere. These are the people we have gotten from the three constituencies. As a committee, we could not go far and say because there is no one who has ever complained, that I applied and that I am better than so and so. I urge this honourable House to do something honourable to honour the committee by approving the nominees. We looked at the gender balance, of course there is a lady, a man and of course the Reverend is representing special interest of his team. I think the best that we can do is to approve the members so that we can go to the next step. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Nyaga. Yes, honourable member for Muthambi the honourable minority leader.

Hon. Derebia: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion on the approval of the nominees basing my argument on part (a) where the Governor is allowed by the Act or he is given the mandate to appoint one person from each constituency. The work of the Assembly is to approve the three it does not talk about the rest. It is the same way we vet the chief officers and there are other people working in that office and we do not vet them. Concerning the integrity test, the committee has already testified that they have passed the test of integrity because they have said that there is no disciplinary action that has been taken on any

nominated member of this board. To me it's in order and I request honourable members to approve so that the work can start as soon as possible.

I support Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Wilson Nyaga. Yes, honourable Samuel Muthini

Hon. Karangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Initially my good friend honourable Kithinji and I were on the same side.

(Laughter)

After thorough investigations I have come to realize this is beyond this report. The Reverend comes from Mugwe, if I am not wrong, and presides his business at Magumoni. I am not an angel but what they do there at Magumoni...I don't know but it's on a light note. Now knowing that he presides in Magumoni...

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Samuel Muthini kindly resist from making it personal.

(Laughter)

(Interjection)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, honourable Justin Kithinji

Hon. Kithinji: Thank you Mr. Speaker I have just stood because my name has been mentioned.

Hon. Speaker: I have already pleaded your case.

Hon. Kithinji: But let me speak my heart out. I never objected to the three nominees. I was quite categorical I have no issues with section (a). My only issue was section (e) and (f). So whatever issues honourable Muthini is trying to bring forth, that he has gone thorough investigations, I don't know how he has done that maybe he has been induced.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kithinji: I have no issues with the three nominees. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes, honourable Godfrey Murithi.

Hon. Muchiri: Honourable Speaker thank you. In fact, I was to rise on a point of order when it comes to personalizing issues. It is important we respect one's opinion. Nobody has opposed the nomination of the three members. Nobody who has said where they come from except the committee told us one comes from Tharaka another one from Maara and the other one from Chuka. When we now start talking at ward level, we bring some issues that were not there. Nothing is beyond this Motion but what has been given to us as this House is what we are saying that we don't want issues to go outside this House that someone was objecting. They are our people so we need to be very keenly know what we are saying in the House. Thank you honourable Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Honourable Muthini kindly proceed and restrain yourself from personalizing the debate.

Hon. Karangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have taken the words of honourable Muchiri very seriously because I respect that gentleman. We only differed at the majority leadership level. When we get to sober leadership...

Hon. Speaker: You are dwelling into it again.

Hon. Karangi: Especially when he is the chairperson for budget. He is the best. With that wisdom from his counsel that is why I accommodate what he has said. At the same time, I say to honourable Kithinji one word. That we are at draw because he has also said I am induced.

(Laughter)

I think we are now at 0-0 or a draw. Having said that, I support the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Samuel Muthini. Yes, honourable member for Mugwe.

Hon. Denis: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to contribute to this Motion. I acknowledge that the committee has done quite a good job. Some of the things have been well accommodated.

First and foremost, let me declare my stand. I support the Motion. However, the spirit of consultations and accommodation should be extended when we are dealing with such an issue. In the morning we discussed a Motion that we are yet to conclude and I remember that

the committee on transport and the committee on finance invited all the committees when they had an issue that they felt like they should give every person an opportunity to participate.

It is important that the board should be constituted and the functions of the board to continue. The three of them will form a quorum in the meeting. When an honourable member who represents a certain group, believes that because of some things that the group needs not to be accommodated or represented in the board, it brings a spirit of some us not fully taking keen interest.

Having said that let me rest my case.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Dennis Mutwiri. Yes, honourable member for Mariani.

Hon. Erastus: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me first thank you for giving us time. Honourable Godfrey having confessed that he is not opposing the report Mr. Speaker let me also confess that I am also not opposing. I am supporting the approval of the three nominees.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, honourable member for Mariani. Honourable members the floor is still open for debates. Honourable members regard being taken to the mood in the House and pursuant Standing Order 64 may I now call upon the mover to reply. Yes, honourable Gitonga Leonard.

Hon. Gitonga Leonard: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank all the honourable members for their contribution to this Motion. We have heard them loud and clear. Let me apologize and clarify on the typo error in the report on the name. Mr. Silas, Mr. Speaker, is Mr. Silas Njiru Rwagi not Rwigu. It's a typo error and we are going to rectify it. Thank you honourable Godfrey for that.

Let me still clarify on that section 5(a) about the composition of the board so that there is clarity as we move on. As honourable Wilson Nyaga pointed out what is required for the Assembly is to appoint the three nominees who are coming from the Governor. The other board members who will be in the committee, the committee is not consisting of only three members, are chief officer in charge of finance, chief officer to matters relating to climate change which I believe is the chief officer matter of environment, there is the director of county drought management authority. And then this is where now honourable Kithinji was

the member who is supposed to come from section (e) one person representing the public benefit organization. I believe that is a name that will be forwarded to the committee then there is (f), one person who will be the representative to the special groups, that is, PWD the women or the youth. Under section (g) there will be a representative from NEMA to be part of the so that now the board will be fully constituted. The board has a mandate to incorporate or co-opt any other person they feel has the knowledge to assist them from time to time. Its all-encompassing and no one has been left out. As an Assembly we need to approve the three nominees from his Excellency the Governor. The others will come in so that the board is fully constituted.

Once again, I thank the members and I request them to approve the three nominees. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Leonard Gitonga. Honourable members, allow me now to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, there being no other business on the Order Paper this House stands adjourned until the next sitting.

****The House rose at 12.15 P.m.****