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Parliament met at 10.00 a.m. in Parliament House, Kampala.

PRAYERS

(The Speaker, Ms Anita Among, in the Chair.)

The House was called to order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, I welcome you to this First Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 11th Parliament.

As you are aware, Rule 187(1) of the Rules of Procedure requires party whips to designate Members of the sectoral committees at the beginning of every session. Considering that Parliament essentially works through committees, it is imperative that the committees are functional at all times. Today, the House will designate Members of the sectoral committees to enable the continuation of application of their mandate of legislation, oversight and representation.

Honourable members, as you are aware, some of our colleagues are undergoing investigation. We held a meeting yesterday, 18 June 2024 in my office, with the heads of investigative bodies. We will get a report on the discussion we had, especially on the brutal arrest, not only of our Members, but on everybody outside there. We need to respect the rights of our citizens. On the same note, I watched three days back - I actually tried to call the Leader of

the Opposition, but I think he was busy. He did not pick the call. It was unfortunate.

The Leader of the Opposition was doing his oversight role. The Opposition is supposed to check what the Government is doing. The Leader of the Opposition had gone to do his oversight role on Hoima Road, in Nansana, and his team was tear-gassed. That was unfortunate. Much as we are not supposed to interfere with the enforcement bodies like National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), by the time somebody starts construction, settles in a place for years and NEMA does not know that this is a gazetted area, then there is a problem.

We have malls that are built in wetlands. If somebody has gone to check and see the people in that area and you tear-gas them, where shall we ever get refuge? I would like to hear that from the Government because it was not called for.

Honourable members, our work is to support the citizens. In support of our citizens, we are supposed to understand and know what they are going through. In the process of us knowing and understanding what they are going through, allow us to do our work. I thank you for going to check on that team. At the same time, we should not be tear-gassed because we are doing our work as legislators.

The Parliamentary Pension Scheme has organised a half-day training for Members of Parliament for retirement planning. The meeting will be on 21 June 2024. Kindly attend.

I thank you again for coming and we are starting the Fourth Session. We have only one year. Next year at this time, I know that I will have only five people in the House. *(Laughter)* It is only Kampala people who will be around - I can see the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) on the other side. I urge all of you that even when we are in the Fourth Session, do not panic. Go back and be with your voters. Talk to them because you need to have a second, third or fourth term. Hon. Peter Mugema just started his first term. Therefore, I request you people to go back and talk to the voters. The counsel is afraid to go.

I do not see the minister. I expect a statement from the minister, but I want to first get one from the Leader of the Opposition. Honourable members, we will not prolong the reaction to the communication from the Speaker for one reason, I want to designate as we wait.

10.08

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (Mr Joel Ssenyonyi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate you for raising the matter of what is happening in Lubigi, Ganda, Kawaala and the surrounding areas. These people reached out to me severally, including the local leaders, with a petition asking me to come and raise their matter in Parliament. However, I did not want to come to the Floor of Parliament and speak without all the relevant information. I did not want to speak out of ignorance. So, I went on a fact-finding mission together with Members of Parliament from that area, to listen to these people so that when I come to raise their issues, it is not just what I think. That is what took me together with the team that went to that area.

It is unfortunate, like you have said, Madam Speaker, that we were met with tear gas and live ammunition. We had not gone to fight. I had not even gone to tell those who were demolishing to stop. I do not have the powers. I had gone to listen to these people.

As you have mentioned, Madam Speaker, the Government should respond to a couple of issues. One, as you have rightly said, people settle in an area for years. I met old people.

There is a man who said that he had been there for over 40 years. People have constructed huge structures and the Government is watching and doing nothing about it. They have settled there for years. Then you wake up now. Why? Help us understand. Was the Government sleeping on the job, and all of a sudden, has woken up? Were they waiting in a corner saying, construct your structures, spend all your money, get bank loans, then we come and demolish? Why are we operating this way? It is important that the Government responds to that.

Madam Speaker, these people are concerned about the double standards, right in the middle of that area is a police station. Everything around it has been demolished except the police station and the people are asking, why?

Right in the middle of that area is a fuel station, they are bothered and asking, why the double standards? They are saying that some settled in that area before the police station and the fuel station were built and they are trying to understand why the double standards.

The Government needs to engage the citizens to help them understand because these people are not saying that they are lawless and if anything, the Government acknowledges their presence there. For those that have had business structures, the Government has been collecting taxes from these people regularly so, help us understand, why operate in this way.

THE SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, when you talk about double standards and selective implementation, I would not mind the issue of the police station, but there are malls and you know that this is a wetland.

MR SSENYONYI: Not just malls, but factories also and they are asking, why is it that what is good for the goose is not good for the gander? The selective application of the law is problematic.

I would like the Government to help us understand, when shall we have a comprehensive plan to organise Kampala and beyond because when we touch a bit here and

there; there are structures that keep coming up, including now in the city. However, they do not plan for drainage and that is why when it rains, the city floods, including outside Parliament here. Why? It is because of the disorganised-

THE SPEAKER: There is information for you from the chairperson Committee on Infrastructure.

MR SSENKYONYI: I will take the information.

THE SPEAKER: Why is the road always flooded at Lugogo?

MR ATWIJUKIRE: Madam Speaker, I think you are alluding to the report about the construction that was happening in Lugogo on top of the trench. By the time Parliament went to recess, the report was ready and now that we are resuming, anytime from now, if the Speaker gives it space, it will be read.

THE SPEAKER: We are going to give it space and we discuss that report because we cannot build on the trench or build in wetlands. Leader of the Opposition, as the head of the Committee on Commissions, Statutory Authorities, and State Enterprises (COSASE), I would want you to ask your chairperson of COSASE to have an interaction with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and find out the criteria they use.

MR SSENKYONYI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to appreciate the colleague for that information and for the work they did as a committee. We look forward to having these engagements.

I took the initiative to reach out to the Executive Director of NEMA and I said, let us engage as leaders.

Have you reached out to these people to engage them? I encouraged him and his team to do so. If anything, that should have been the first course of action. First, engage these people, share your concerns with them and let them share their concerns with you; but that has not happened. Nevertheless, I will also follow up with COSASE.

The final issue, Madam Speaker, alluding to your communication, is about the arrest of our colleagues. We are glad that some steps are now being taken in the fight against graft and corruption. That is a welcome move and our hope is that this shall be broadened and not just narrowed to a few.

However, to date, it has been five days since the Hon. Paul Akamba, Busiki County MP, was re-arrested after a court in this country had granted him bail. Re-arrested, not by police, because yesterday the spokesperson of the Uganda police force said he does not know his whereabouts.

Last evening I saw one of the lawyers saying that they have spoken to him, but they did not say exactly where he is and it bothers me. Hon. Paul Akamba belongs to the NRM and I lead this side, but it should concern me when the rule of law continues to be eroded because everybody will suffer. It bothers me even if it is an NRM member because we are all affected.

THE SPEAKER: We shall discuss that when he presents the report, but one thing I insisted to police is that if you want to arrest my Member, give the summons to me because originally they would want to pick people anyhow. And I also said that when you bring the summons, we want- not on hearsay that the least of 30, *sijuwi-*

No, tell me why exactly you want this person. I have the summons and as I speak now, Hon. Akamba is at the Criminal Investigations and Intelligence Directorate (CIID) headquarters answering charges on allegations on another case, but let us wait for a report from the minister.

MR SSENKYONYI: I appreciate you, Madam Speaker. Finally, if they have another matter to do with a Member, the law is very clear on what an arrest is, and who carries out an arrest. These were plain-clothed men, wielding guns and putting him in a car. The same thing we have always complained about some of our supporters.

They are kidnapped, and put in drones and some people took it for granted. It is real and now happening to a Member of Parliament. It is wrong. Government, can we follow the law? When you conduct an arrest, the family and lawyers of this person must know where you have taken them, but if you take them to, God knows where, and nobody can follow up, let us stop eroding the rule of law in our country. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Next-

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS
TO SECTORAL COMMITTEES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 187 AND 188
OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, Rule 187(1) of the Rules of Procedure requires the Whips at the start of the Parliamentary Session to designate members of the sectoral committees on the basis of party, organisational representatives and the interests of independent members of Parliament.

We shall now receive a designation of members. We will start with the Government. We will read all the committees and they are all sectoral committees. Read all the members that you are designating and then we move to another party, Independents and the Army. I hope the Army is also ready.

10.18

THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Mr Denis Obua): Madam Speaker, Pursuant to Rule 15(10)(c), Rule 187 and Rule 188 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I beg to propose the designation of the following honourable members to the leadership and membership of the following sectoral committees for the Fourth Session of the 11th Parliament of the Republic of Uganda.

Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries:

1. Hon. Auma Linda Agnes – Chairperson
2. Hon. Hope Grania Nakazibwe – Deputy Chairperson

Members

1. Hon. Rugumayo Edson
2. Hon. Muhumuza David
3. Hon. Christine Akello
4. Hon. Isamat Abraham
5. Hon. Biraaro Ephraim
6. Hon. Acen Dorcas
7. Hon. Komol Joseph Miidi
8. Hon. Lematia John
9. Hon. Locap Peterkhen
10. Hon. Stephen Kasaija Kagwera
11. Hon. Robert Migadde
12. Hon. Loki John Baptist
13. Hon. Esenu Anthony
14. Hon. Driwaru Jennifer
15. Hon. Anwyar Ricky Richard
16. Hon. Nyongore Enock
17. Hon. Begumisa Mary
18. Hon. Magoola Rachel
19. Hon. Mbayo Esther
20. Hon. Okullo Jallon Anthony
21. Hon. Alyek Judith
22. Hon. Akello Christine
23. Hon. Andrew Ojok Oulanyah

On the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs, I propose to designate the following;

1. Hon. Kajwengye Wilson - Chairperson
2. Hon. Ngompek Linos - Deputy Chairperson

Members

1. Hon. Niyonsaba Alex
2. Hon. Ochero Jimbricky Noman
3. Hon. Otukol Sam
4. Hon. Bainomugisha Jane
5. Hon. Mugabe Donozio Kahonda
6. Hon. Wakooli Godfrey
7. Hon. Ssekikubo Theodore
8. Hon. Aeku Patrick
9. Hon. Ssebikaali Yoweri
10. Hon. Kauma Sauda
11. 13. Hon. Kintu Alex Brandon
12. Hon. Kyoto Ibrahim
13. Hon. Okeyoh Peter
14. Hon. Nakwang Christine Tubo

On the Committee on East African Community Affairs, I designate the following as members;

1. Hon. Ayoo Jennifer
2. Hon. Ssejjoba Isaac
3. Hon. Kyobe Luke
4. Hon. Wanyama Michael
5. Hon. Wakikona David
6. Hon. Masika Apollo
7. Hon. Wakabi Pius
8. Hon. Kahunde Hellen
9. Hon. Byamukama Nulu Joseph
10. Hon. Rwaburindore Tarsis Bishanga
11. Hon. Kabuura Derrick
12. Hon. Namujju Cissy

On the Committee on Education and Sports, I designate the following;

1. Hon. Kubeketerya James - Deputy Chairperson

Members

1. Hon. Bingi Patrick Nyanzi
2. Hon. Mutumba Abdul
3. Hon. Lokwang Philiphs Ilukol
4. Hon. Katusiime Annette Mugisha
5. Hon. Acibu Agnes
6. Hon. Karubanga Jacob Atenyi
7. Hon. Etuka Isaac
8. Hon. Tibasiimwa Joram Ruranga
9. Hon. Acon Julius Bua
10. Hon. Nyakato Dorothy
11. Hon. Ismael Muhammad Lomwar
12. Hon. Timuzigu Kamugisha Michael
13. Hon. Linda Irene
14. Hon. Asiimwe Molly
15. Hon. Paparu Lilian Obiale

On the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development, I propose the designation of the following;

1. Hon. Kankunda Amos - Chairperson
2. Hon. Aleper Moses - Deputy Chairperson

Members

1. Hon. Ogwal Moses Goli
2. Hon. Dr Kugonza Emily

3. Hon. Bataringaya Basil
4. Hon. Tayebwa Herbert
5. Hon. Nangoli Gerald
6. Hon. Wamakuyu Ignatius Mudimi
7. Hon. Atima Jackson Lee
8. Hon. Kambale Ferigo
9. Hon. Ochai Maximus
10. Hon. Wanda Richard
11. Hon. Okot John Amos
12. Hon. Asiimwe K. Enos
13. Hon. Opolot Patrick Isiagi
14. Hon. Katwesigye Oliver
15. Hon. Kateshumbwa Dicksons
16. Hon. Lubega Bashir Ssempe
17. Hon. Kinshaba Patience
18. Hon. Nakut Faith
19. Hon. Kyooma Xavier Akampurira

On the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I propose;

1. Hon. Lamwaka Catherine - Chairperson
2. Hon. Fred Opolot - Deputy Chairperson

Members

1. Hon. Maneno Zumura
2. Hon. Mutebi Noah
3. Hon. Achan Judith Peace
4. Hon. Okumu Gabriel
5. Hon. Irene Muloni
6. Hon. Natukunda Medius
7. Hon. Katali Loy
8. Hon. Hashim Suleiman
9. Hon. Mutono Patrick Lodoi
10. Hon. Muwuma Milton
11. Hon. Kisa Stephen
12. Hon. Kayogera Yona
13. Hon. Okot-Ogong Felix
16. Hon. Mwesigwa Robert Rukaari
17. Hon. Komakech Christopher
18. Hon. Akamba Paul

On the Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development, I propose the designation of the following, as members;

1. Hon. Nyakikongoro Rosemary
2. Hon. Kitanywa Sowedi
3. Hon. Kesande Grace
4. Hon. Bakkabulindi Charles

5. Hon. Wako Peggy Joy
6. Hon. Ndamira Catheline
7. Hon. Chemutai Phyllis
8. Hon. Chemonges William
9. Hon. Wokorach Simon Peter
10. Hon. Taban Sharifah Aate
11. Hon. Alioni Yorke Odria
12. Hon. Afoyochan Esther
13. Hon. Asiimwe Florence Akiiki
14. Hon. Arinaitwe Rwakajara
15. Hon. Ndeezi Alex

On the Committee on Health, I designate the following;

1. Hon. Dr Opio Acuti Samuel - Deputy Chairperson

Members

1. Hon. Isaac Otimgiw
2. Hon. Chelain Betty
3. Hon. Sekyanzi Benard Kirya
4. Hon. Sarah Netalisire
5. Hon. John Paul Ninkusiima
6. Hon. Kamateneti Josyline
7. Hon. Laker Sharon Balmoy
8. Hon. Ayebare Margaret
9. Hon. Dr Ruyonga Joseph
10. Hon. Nebanda Florence Andiru
11. Hon. Bhoka Didi George
12. Hon. Akampurira Prossy Mbabazi
13. Hon. Rutahigwa Elisa
14. Hon. Bebona Babungi Josephine

On the committee on Information, Communications Technology and National Guidance, I propose the designation of the following;

1. Hon. Ayoo Tonny - Deputy Chairperson
2. Hon. Chelangat Alinga Solomon - Member
3. Hon. Lolem Micah - Member
4. Hon. Mutiwa Geoffrey Eric - Member
5. Hon. Elotu Cosmas - Member
6. Hon. Ezama Siraji - Member
7. Hon. Biyika Laurence Songa - Member
8. Hon. Tumwine Anne Mary - member
9. Hon. Kwizera Paul - Member
10. Hon. Kamara John - Member
11. Hon. Abigaba Cuthbert Mirembe - Member
12. Hon. Eng. Moses Magogo - Member

On the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, I propose the designation of the following:

1. Hon. John Teira - Deputy Chairperson
2. Hon. Fox Odoi-Oywelowo - Member
3. Hon. Joane Okia Aniku - Member
4. Hon. Caroline Kamusiime - Member
5. Hon. Pamela Kamugo - Member
6. Hon. Juliet Achayo Lodou - Member
7. Hon. Bosco Okiror - Member
8. Hon. Peter Christopher Werikhe - Member
9. Hon. Henry Nkwasiibwe - Member
10. Hon. Janepher Mbabazi - Member
11. Hon. Alex Byarugaba - Member
12. Hon. Stephen Baka Mugabi - Member
13. Hon. Richard Oseku Oriebo - Member
14. Hon. Solomon Silwany - Member
15. Hon. Remigio Achia - Member
16. Hon. Barnabas Tinkasiimire - Member
17. Hon. Yona Musinguzi - Member
18. Hon. Bernard Odoi Onen - Member

On the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I propose the designation of the following:

1. Hon. Geoffrey Feta - Deputy Chairperson
2. Hon. Francis Kazini - Member
3. Hon. Apollo Yeri Ofwono - Member
4. Hon. Dr John Faith Magolo - Member
5. Hon. Flora Natumanya - Member
6. Hon. Donald Katalihwa - Member
7. Hon. Fredrick Angura - Member
8. Hon. Rose Obigah - Member
9. Hon. Seth Wambede - Member
10. Hon. Christine Sendawula - Member
11. Hon. Derrick Orone - Member
12. Hon. Joyce Achan Okeny - Member
13. Hon. Josephat Tumwesigye - Member
14. Hon. Juliet Agasha - Member
15. Hon. Peter Abrahams Lokii - Member
16. Hon. Muhamad Ssentayi - Member
17. Hon. Gyaviira Ssemwanga - Member
18. Hon. John Bosco Ngoya - Member
19. Hon. John Bosco Ikojo - Member
20. Hon. David Karubanga - Member
21. Hon. Clare Mugumya - Member
22. Hon. Aggrey Henry Bagiire - Member
23. Hon. Eddie Kwizera - Member
24. Hon. Alex Ruhunda - Member
25. Hon. Edmund Herbert Ariko - Member

On the Committee on Physical Infrastructure, I propose the designation of the following honourable colleagues:

1. Hon. Dan Kimosho – Chairperson
2. Hon. Tony Awany – Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Aisa Agaba – Member
4. Hon. Nathan Byanyima – Member
5. Hon. David Kabanda – Member
6. Hon. Muhammad Nsegumire – Member
7. Hon. Jacinta Atuto – Member
8. Hon. Dr Michael Bukenya – Member
9. Hon. Iddi Isabirye – Member
10. Hon. Sylvia Awas – Member
11. Hon. Maurice Kibalya – Member
12. Hon. Hillary Lokwang – Member
13. Hon. Pascal Mbabazi – Member
14. Hon. Sarah Achieng Opendi – Member
15. Hon. Mariam Naigaga – Member
16. Hon. Samuel Okwir – Member
17. Hon. Stella Atyang – Member
18. Hon. James Baba Boliba – Member
19. Hon. James Kaberuka – Member

On the Committee on Presidential Affairs, I propose the designation of the following members:

1. Hon. Benjamin Kamukama – Member
2. Hon. Robert Kasolo – Member
3. Hon. Albert Lokoru – Member
4. Hon. David Lagen – Member
5. Hon. Fadil Twalla – Member
6. Hon. Naome Kibajju – Member
7. Hon. James Mamawi – Member
8. Hon. Michael Mawanda – Member
9. Hon. Hellen Auma Wandera – Member
10. Hon. Agnes Taaka – Member
11. Hon. Francis Adome Lorika – Member
12. Hon. Albert Lokoru – Member
13. Hon. Nsaba Buturo – Member
14. Hon. Simon Peter Opolot – Member
15. Hon. Peninah Busingye – Member

On the Committee on Public Service and Local Government, I propose the designation of the following:

1. Hon. Martin Ojara Mapenduzi – Chairperson
2. Hon. Reuben Chelimo - Member

3. Hon. Jovanice Twinobusingye – Member
4. Hon. Robert Wandwasi - Member
5. Hon. Agnes Kunihira - Member
6. Hon. Sanon Bwiire - Member
7. Hon. Yovan Adriko - Member
8. Hon. David Stephen Mugole - Member
9. Hon. Martin Mugabi Muzaale - Member
10. Hon. Mary Gorreti Kitutu - Member
11. Hon. Ben Koryang Baatom - Member
12. Hon. Tom Alero Aza - Member
1. Hon. Ruth Molly Lematia - Member
2. Hon. Yusuf Mutembuli - Member
3. Hon. Laura Kanushu - Member

On the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry, I propose the designation of the following:

1. Hon. Henry Boniface Okot - Deputy Chairperson
2. Hon. Mourine Osoru – Member
3. Hon. Boaz Kasirabo – Member
4. Hon. Tom Bright Amooti – Member
5. Hon. Alfred Edakasi – Member
6. Hon. Harriet Businge - Member
7. Hon. Jane Awich – Member
8. Hon. Richard Gafabusa – Member
9. Hon. Joseph Kuluo – Member
10. Hon. Godfrey Were Odero – Member
11. Hon. Melsa Avako Gule – Member
12. Hon. Ronald Afidra – Member
13. Hon. James Olobo – Member
14. Hon. Margaret Aleper – Member
15. Hon. Herbert Kinobere – Member
16. Hon. Brenda Namukuta – Member
17. Hon. Pauline Kemirembe – Member
18. Hon. Sylvia Nayebale – Member
19. Hon. Kevin Kaala Ojinga – Member
20. Hon. Betty Awor Engola – Member
21. Hon. Mbwatekamwa Gaffa – Member
22. Hon. Muhammed Kato – Member
23. Hon. Agnes Kirabo – Member

Madam Speaker, where you have not heard leadership designated or proposed for designation, we are consulting and we shall come back on the Floor and fulfil the rules of procedure of this Parliament.

I beg to propose for the approval of Parliament. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, Government. Whip? Counsel, is there any problem?

MR NSIBAMBI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Chief Whip is saying that where we have not heard designation of leadership, they are still consulting. The Order Paper was clear that the Whips are designating members of sectoral committees so, a party cannot come with its own proposal here, as if it is a final decision.

I think you must come up with your leadership. If you have no leadership –

THE SPEAKER: Honourable counsel, honourable members have been designated. You know, a committee has a right to choose whom they want as a chairperson. The committees are going to work. I think he is doing this on the principle of rotation; he wants to rotate Members.

MR NSIBAMBI: Madam Speaker, maybe I did not come out clearly. This session is specifically meant to close this chapter. Yes. So, if you have issues and you have no membership to fill, we can as well give you able leadership because we have it. *(Laughter)*

THE SPEAKER: It is a continuous process. I have had several issues with the Leader of the Opposition where his chairpersons complained about a person and I changed from time to time. Therefore, it should not be a problem. He will bring his people. Okay?

MR KIBALYA: Madam Speaker, we seek guidance on how these committees without chairpersons and deputy chairpersons will be sitting to conduct business.

THE SPEAKER: You can choose the person to lead from the committee.

MR KIBALYA: Under which rule? Let us have the Rules of Procedure such that the Government Chief Whip reads for us the rule.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable -

MR OBUA: Honourable colleagues, first of all, when you look at Rule 203(5), it states, “*A meeting of the Committee shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Committee and in his or her absence, by the Deputy Chairperson or, in the absence of both of them, by a Member of the Committee elected by the Members present and voting.*”

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, the Government Chief Whip has written to me that he will fill those places in two weeks and I am also happy that in that time, you will still be bonding with your voters. I am sending you for bonding. I want you to come back, but at the same time -

Honourable members, I have heard the Hon. Elijah saying that the Bank of Uganda is operating without a governor. *(Laughter)*
Bududa -

10.42

THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John Baptist Nambeshe): Thank you, Madam Speaker. In accordance with Rules 187 and 188 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, I hereby designate the Opposition Members to the sectoral committees as follows:

Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development:

1. Hon. Hanifa Nabukeera of Mukono District;
2. Hon. Kivumbi Muwanga of Butambala;
3. Hon. Flavia Nabagabe of Kassanda District;
4. Hon. Brenda Nabukenya of Luweero;
5. Hon. Nathan Nandala Mafabi of Budadiri County West;
6. Hon. Ibrahim Ssemujju Nganda of Kira Municipality;
7. Hon. Denis Lee Oguzu of Maracha County;
8. Hon. Geoffrey Ekanya of Tororo North County;
9. Hon. Richard Sebamala of Bukoto County Central; and
10. Hon. Patrick Ocan of Apac Municipality.

Madam Speaker, on the Committee on Health, I hereby designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Christine N Nandagire of Bukomasimbi North County;
2. Hon. Dr Twaha Mzee Kagabo of Bukoto County South;
3. Hon. Dr Nicholas Kamara -

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Aled, we are in the House. Is that Hon. Aled talking to Hon. Okiror? Hon. Brandon - publicity- you are bringing publicity to the House? Publicist, first go and discuss from out and also dress very well. *(Applause)*

MR NAMBESHE: I will resume from where I ended –

Hon. Dr Nicholas Kamara of Kabale Municipality;

4. Hon. Dr Timothy Batuwa of Jinja South Division West;
5. Hon. Dr Michael Lulume Bayigga of Buikwe County South; and
6. Hon. Kenny Auma of Kwania District.

On the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I designate the following:

1. Hon. Muwada Nkuningi of Kyadondo County East;
2. Hon. Allan Ssewanyana of Makindye Division West;
3. Hon. Stephen Sserubula of Lugazi Municipality; and
4. Hon. Bob Okae of Kwania North County. I beg to designate.

On the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I designate the following members:

1. Hon. Christine Nakimwero Kaaya of Kiboga District;
2. Hon. Evans Ronald Kanyike of Bukoto County East;
3. Hon. Patrick Oshabe Nsamba of Kassanda County North;
4. Hon. Susan Mugabi of Buvuma District;
5. Hon. Charles Tebandeke of Bbale County;
6. Hon. Aisha Kabanda of Butambala District; and

7. Hon. Jimmy Akena of Lira East Division. I beg to designate.

Madam Speaker, on the Committee on Presidential Affairs, I designate the following members:

1. Hon. Ronald Balimwezo of Nakawa Division East;
2. Hon. Francis Butebi Zaake of Mityana Municipality;
3. Hon. Muhammad Ssegirinya of Kawempe Division South;
4. Hon. Abubaker Kawalya of Rubaga Division North;
5. Hon. Isaias Johny Ssasaga of Budadiri County East;
6. Hon. Denis Amere Onekalit of Kitgum Municipality; and
7. Hon. Peter Okot of Tochi County.

I beg to designate.

Madam Speaker, on the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs, the following are the members for designation:

1. Hon. Derrick Nyeko of Makindye Division East;
2. Hon. Abdallah Kiwanuka of Mukono County North;
3. Hon. Betty Nambooze Bakireke of Mukono Municipality;
4. Hon. Naboth Namanya of Rubabo County;
5. Hon. Moses Bitek Okot Junior of Kioga County; and
6. Hon. Gilbert Olanya of Kilak South County.

I beg to designate.

On the Committee on Physical Infrastructure, I designate the following members:

1. Hon. Godfrey Saazi of Gomba East County;
2. Hon. Denes Sekabira of Katikamu County North;
3. Hon. Francis Katabaazi of Kalungu East County;
4. Hon. Moses Kabusu of Kyamuswa County;

5. Hon. Yusuf Nsibambi of Mawokota County South;
6. Hon. Francis Mwijukye of Buhweju County;
7. Hon. Ssemakula Luttamaguzi of Nakaseke South County;
8. Hon. Fred Kayondo of Mukono County South; and
9. Hon. Nelson Okello of Maruzi North County.

I designate the following Members on the Committee on Public Service and Local Government:

1. Hon. Betty Ethel Naluyima of Wakiso District;
2. Hon. Jimmy Lwanga of Njeru Municipality;
3. Hon. Teddy Namboozee of Mpigi District;
4. Hon. Juliet Kakande Nakabuye of Masaka City;
5. Hon. Godfrey Atkins Katusabe of Bukonzo West; and
6. Hon. Julius Peter Emigu of Ocheru County

I designate the following Members on the Committee on Education and Sports:

1. Hon. Geoffrey Ssolo Kayemba of Bukomansimbi South County;
2. Hon. Joseph Gonzaga Ssewungu of Kalungu West County;
3. Hon. Michael Kakembo of Entebbe Municipality;
4. Hon. Emmanuel Ongiertho of Jonam County; and
5. Hon. Sarah Aguti of Dokolo District.

I designate the following Members on the Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries:

1. Hon. Dr Abed Bwanika of Kimaanya-Kabonera Division;
2. Hon. Charles Matovu of Busiro County South;
3. Hon. Veronica Nanyondo of Bukomansimbi District;
4. Hon. Stella Isodo Apolot of Ngora District;
5. Hon. Florence Kabugho of Kasese District;

6. Hon. Betty Aol Ocan of Gulu City;
7. Hon. Asinansi Nyakato of Hoima City;
8. Hon. John Paul Lukwago of Kyotera County;
9. Hon. Maxwell Akora of Maruzi County; and
10. Hon. Santa Okot of Aruu North County.

MR NAMBESHE: I designate the following Members on the Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development:

1. Hon. Frank Kabuye of Kassanda County South;
2. Hon. Hillary Kiyaga of Mawokota County North;
3. Hon. Allan Mayanja of Nakaseke Central County;
4. Hon. Joab Businge of Masindi Municipality;
5. Hon. Harold Muhindo of Bukonzo County East;
6. Hon. Fortunate Nantongo of Kyotera District.

I beg to designate.

I designate the following Members on the Committee on East African Community Affairs:

1. Hon. Aloysius Talton Mukasa of Rubaga Division South;
2. Hon. Paul Nsubuga of Busiro County North;
3. Hon. Tom Julius Ekudo of Gweri County; and
4. Hon. Lucy Akello of Amuru District.

I designate the following Members on the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry:

1. Hon. Manjeri Kyebakutika of Jinja City;
2. Hon. Fred Ssimbwa of Nakifuma County;
3. Hon. Gorreth Namugga of Mawogola County South;
4. Hon. Geoffrey Lutaaya of Kakuuto County;
5. Hon. Musoke Wakayima of Nansana Municipality;
6. Hon. David Kalwanga Lukyamuzi of Busujju County;

7. Hon. Hassan Kirumira of Katikamu County South;
8. Hon. Joan Acom Aloba of Soroti City;
9. Hon. David Aga Isabirye of Jinja North Division;
10. Hon. Geoffrey Okello of Nwoya East County; and
11. Hon. Eunice Otuko Apio of Oyam County North.

I designate the following Members on the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs:

1. Hon. Shamim Malende of Kampala;
2. Hon. John Baptist Nambeshe of Manjiya County;
3. Hon. Medard Sseggon Lubega of Busiro County East;
4. Hon. Robert Ssekitoleeko of Bamunanika County;
5. Hon. Mathias Mpuuga of Nyendo-Mukungwe Division;
6. Hon. Richard Kizito Lumu of Mityana County South;
7. Hon. Anna Ebaju Adeke of Soroti District;
8. Hon. Santa Sandra Alum of Oyam District;
9. Hon. Jonathan Odur of Erute County South;
10. Hon. Asuman Basalirwa of Bugiri Municipality.

MR NAMBESHE: I designate the following Members on the Committee on Information, Communication Technology and National Guidance:

1. Hon. Helen Nakimuli of Kalangala District;
2. Hon. Joyce Ntwaatwa Bagala of Mityana District;
3. Hon. Bashir Mbaziira Kazibwe of Kawempe Division South;
4. David Sserukenya of Makindye-Ssabagabo Municipality; and
5. Hon. Okin P.P Ojara of Chua West County.

Madam Speaker – [*Mr Nsibambi rose*]

THE SPEAKER: Counsel, why are you disorganising my –

MR NAMBESHE: No, it is okay.

THE SPEAKER: Sit. Counsel, do you want to give legal advice?

MR NAMBESHE: Madam Speaker, I had made an omission and he was reminding me of our Member, Hon. Anthony Akol. He is supposed to be designated to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development. I beg to designate, Madam Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

MR NAMBESHE: Madam Speaker, finally, in keeping with the directives of the official party in the Opposition, I hereby make a re-designation of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of the Committee on Government Assurances and Implementation. This is in line with Rule 196 of our Rules of Procedure.

In keeping with that rule, I therefore hereby withdraw the name of “Hon. Dr Abed Bwanika” and “Hon. Joyce Bagala” as the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Government Assurances and Implementation respectively and re-designate “Hon. Joseph Gonzaga Ssewungu” as chairperson and “Hon. Betty Ethel Naluyima” as deputy chairperson of the committee, respectively. I beg to re-designate, Madam Speaker.

MR OKUPA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it is procedurally right for us to start with the sectoral committees because that is what we are dealing with now; we are not dealing with the standing committees. So, wouldn't it be procedurally right for us to first conclude with the sectoral committees before we go to the standing committees?

THE SPEAKER: Honourable member, we will put different questions; one for approval of the members designated to the sectoral committees and another for those designated to the standing committees. Let us first put the question for the sectoral committee. You first withdraw the other, and then - it is your right to re-designate.

MR NAMBESHE: The latitude that rule 196 gives me is that it can be done anytime.

THE SPEAKER: What I am saying is, let us first pass the sectoral committees, honourable member.

MR NAMBESHE: Most obliged, Madam Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Let us put the question to the approval of members designated to the sectoral committees, then you come and put the other one; we also put a question to that too. It is as simple as that. Independent – it is not that we have rejected it, we are going to have it. Yes, Hon. Patrick Nsanja.

11.01

MR PATRICK NSANJA (Independent, Ntenjeru County South, Kayunga): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before I proceed, I take the honour to thank you so much for offering me the opportunity to designate Independent Members of the 11th Parliament to the various sectoral committees, on your behalf. On behalf of the Office of the Speaker, I take the honour to designate the following Members as follows:

Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Obong Vincent Shedrick, Lira West Division;
2. Hon. Namutaawe Joan, Woman Representative, Masaka;
3. Hon. Mukasa Julius Opondo, Bujumba County;
4. Hon. Auma Linda Agnes, Woman Representative Lira;
5. Hon. Tusiime Julius, Rwampara County East; and
6. Hon. Acora Nancy, Woman Representative Lamwo.

Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs

I beg to designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Lamwaka Margaret, Chua East County;
2. Hon. Komol Emmanuel, Dodoth East County;
3. Hon. Arinaitwe Rauben, Insingiro West County;
4. Hon. Museveni William, Buwekula South County.

Committee on East African Community Affairs

I designate the following Members and they are four:

1. Hon. Nakato Mary Annet, Woman Representative, Buyende;
2. Hon. Were Godfrey Odero, Samia-Bugwe County South;
3. Hon. Walyamu Muwanika Moses, Kagoma County;
4. Hon. Nyangweso Dennis, Samia-Bugwe Central County.

Committee on Education and Sports

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Macho Geoffrey, Busia Municipality;
2. Hon. Makhoha Margaret, Woman Representative, Namayingo;
3. Hon. Suubi Kinyamatama Juliet K, Woman Representative, Rakai;
4. Hon. Nakayenze Connie Galiwango, Woman Representative, Mbale City;
5. Hon. Akugizibwe Aled Ronald, Buruli County;
6. Hon. Onen Charles, Laroo-Pece Division;
7. Hon. Aogon Silas, Kumi Municipality; and
8. Hon. Tweisgye Nathan Itungo, Kashari South County.

Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development

I beg to designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Omara Paul, Otake County;
2. Hon. Mpindi Bumali, PWD Representative;
3. Hon. Aciro Paska Menya, Woman Representative –

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Elijah, I will tell the Member not to designate you.

MR NSANJA: Hon. Ndyomugenyi Roland, Rukiga County; and Hon. Masaba Karim, Industrial Division, Mbale City.

Committee on Foreign Affairs

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Ocen Peter, Kole South County;
2. Hon. Komakech Christopher, Aruu County;
3. Hon. Musherura Shartsi Nayebale Kutesa, Mawogoola North County; and
4. Hon. Ameede Agnes, Woman Representative, Butebo.

Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development

I beg to designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Abeja Susan Jolly, Woman Representative, Otake;
2. Hon. Rwabushaija Margaret Namubiru, Workers Representative;
3. Hon. Kayanga Baroda, Kamuli municipality; and
4. Hon. Nandutu Agnes, Woman Representative, Bududa.

Committee on Health

I designate the following Members: Hon. Opiio Samuel Acuti, Kole North County;

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Akol is saying that he is already designated. We designate as

Independents with the leadership. He is the vice chairperson of health. Hon. Linda is the chairperson of –

MR NSANJA: Hon. Zawedde Victorious, Woman Representative, Nakasongola; and Hon. Mukhaye Miriam, District Representative, Mbale.

THE SPEAKER: Your best friend, Hon. Ojara, is the chairperson of what –

MR NSANJA: Hon. Idah Nantaba, Woman Representative, Kayunga.

Committee on Information, Communication Technology and National Guidance

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Kiiza Kenneth Nyendwoha, Bujenje County;
2. Hon. Musa Noah, Koboko North County; and
3. Hon. Nsereko Mohammad, Kampala Central.

Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Niwagaba Wilfred, Ndorwa County East;
2. Hon. Katuntu Abudu, Bugweri County;
3. Hon. Zijjan David Livingstone, Butembe County;
4. Hon. Nsanja Patrick Kayongo, Ntenjeru County South.

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Adidwa Abdu, Bukhooli County South;
2. Hon. Musila John, Bubula East County;
3. Hon. Kamuntu Moses, Rubanda County;
4. Hon. Katenya Isaac, Bulambuli County;
5. Hon. Bahireira Tumwekwase Sylvia, Woman Representative, Kamwenge;

6. Hon. Musana Eric, Buyaga East County; and
7. Hon. Omoding Emmanuel, Serere County.

Committee on Physical Infrastructure

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Ebwalu Jonathan, Soroti West Division;
2. Hon. Okupa Elijah, Kasilo County;
3. Hon. Rwemulikye Ibanda, Ntoroko County;
4. Hon. Mugema Peter, Iganga Municipality;
5. Hon. Acrobert Kiiza Moses, Bughendera County; and
6. Hon. Atugonza Allan, Buliisa County.

I beg to designate.

Committee on Presidential Affairs:

I designate the following members:

1. Hon. Aseera Stephen, Buhaguzi East;
2. Hon. Kangwagye Stephen, Bukanga County;
3. Hon. Chemutai Evelyn, Woman Representative, Bukwo; and
4. Hon. Kabasharira Naome, Rushenyi County.

I beg to designate

Committee on Public Service and Local Government

I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Ojara Martin Mapenduzi, Bardege-Layibi Division, Gulu City (Chairperson);
2. Hon. Isingoma Patrick Mwesigwa, Hoima East Division;
3. Hon. Mboizi Arthur Waako, Budaka County; and
4. Hon. Amero Susan, Woman Representative, Amuria.

I now go to the last committee, which is Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry. I designate the following Members:

1. Hon. Koluo Joseph Andrew, Toroma County;
2. Hon. Atukwasa Rita, Woman Representative, Mbarara;
3. Hon. Mushemeza Elijah Dickens, Sheema South; and
4. Hon. Byakatonda Abdulhu, Workers Representative.

Madam Speaker, I beg to move for the approval of the designated members. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Hon. Nsanja Patrick. Honourable members, in the public gallery this morning, we have students and teachers of Uganda Martyrs High School Lubaga, from Lubaga Division. Please, stand up and we see you.

They are represented by Hon. Gold Mukasa Aloysius and Hon. Shamim Malende. You are most welcome. Please join me in welcoming the students. (*Applause*) They are very smart. Please have a seat - yes, UPDF.

11.12

LT. COL. JENNIFER ALANYO (UPDF Representative): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pursuant to rules 15(10)(c), 187 and 188 of our Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I beg to designate the following members of Uganda People's Defence Forces to the following respective sectoral committees:

Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs

1. Hon. Lt Gen. Peter Elwelu, UPDF Representative.

Committee on Foreign Affairs

1. Hon. Lt Gen. James Mugira, UPDF Representative.

Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries

1. Hon. Lt Gen. Sam Kavuma, UPDF Representative.

Committee on Presidential Affairs

1. Hon. Maj Gen. Henry Masiko, UPDF Representative.

Committee on East African Community Affairs

1. Hon. Brig. Gen. Charity Bainababo, UPDF Representative.

Committee on Health

1. Hon. Col. Dr Nekesa Victor, UPDF Representative.

Committee on Education

1. Hon. Lt Gen. Dr Jennifer Alanyo, UPDF Representative.

I beg to submit.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, very much. Designations have been done for the sectoral committees. I now put the question that the sectoral committees of the Fourth Session of the 11th Parliament be constituted as proposed by the party whips.

(Question put and agreed to.)

THE SPEAKER: We have constituted the sectoral committees and now we move to the re-designation of chairpersons as per the request from the Chief Opposition Whip, based on Rule 196.

11.14

THE CHIEF OPPOSITION WHIP (Mr John-Baptist Nambeshe): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Right away, it is a re-designation of the chairperson and the deputy chairperson on the Committee on Government Assurance and Implementation.

Rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament states that:

“A Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of a committee may be re-designated at any time of his tenure by the relevant Whip... -” Madam

Speaker, I am the relevant Whip – *(Laughter)* – “...with the approval of the House.”

In line with that rule, therefore, I hereby withdraw the name of the Hon. Dr Abed Bwanika and that of Hon. Bagala Ntwatwa Joyce as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Government Assurance and Implementation, respectively. I do designate Hon. Ssewungu Gonzaga Joseph as Chairperson and Hon. Naluyima Ethel Betty as Deputy Chairperson of the said committee.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, I am going to put the question to that. If you are in favour of removing Dr Abed and – yes, point of clarification.

DR BARYOMUNSI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to seek clarification from the Whip: when you are a chairperson, you are also a Member of that committee. While the rule provides for re-designating a Member, and you are withdrawing them from the leadership, where are you deploying them, in terms of membership of a sectoral committee? Are they still hanging in the air? I also would like to remind you that this has to be with the approval of the House. *(Laughter)*

MR NAMBESHE: Madam Speaker –

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, listen.

MR NAMBESHE: Madam Speaker, my response is simplified by rule 196 -

THE SPEAKER: Honourable member, what most of these people are asking is that when you brought Dr Abed to be a chairperson, it was approved by this House. Tell them why you are withdrawing them, much as there are rules and you can withdraw them at any time you feel like.

MR NAMBESHE: Madam Speaker, this is one of the accountability committees that we have and the discretionary powers to determine the leadership of these committees lie solely with the official opposition party. The rule gives

the official opposition party leadership the latitude, at any time of their tenure, to redeploy or withdraw them and redeploy others. That is the rule.

THE SPEAKER: There is an order here -

MR NAMBESHE: No, I am still responding to the clarification.

MR KIBALYA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Whip is well informed about the rules and the communication from the Speaker was clear. Nobody is contesting the rule and nobody is contesting your powers. Just convince the House – that was convinced to approve the two – that Hon. Abed or the vice are incompetent. Give us the reason why you are withdrawing them. The rule is clear -(Mr Nambeshe rose)

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, let -

MR KIBALYA: I have not completed. I was explaining that the rule is clear; it gives us the grounds under which to re-designate. Therefore, is it in order for a full whip of the Opposition to, instead of telling us why he is withdrawing, come to exhibit and tell us about his powers and the position that he holds?

MR NAMBESHE: Madam Speaker, the concern raised by Hon. Baryomunsi was about the membership – whether the re-designation of these Members and stripping them of their leadership roles affects their membership. It does not. They will remain members of that same committee. The rule is crystal clear about that.

DR BARYOMUNSI: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I also thank you, the whip, for the clarification. I would just like to add, Madam Speaker, that the rule, which he correctly cited, says “with the approval of the House”. So, it would also be fair that since you want our approval, you give us the reasons so that we move together. *(Interjection)* Yes, exactly. Just explain it to us so that you mobilise us to support your request.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members – *(Members rose)*- can you all first sit? Yes, Hon. Kwizera? *(Mr Ssenyonyi rose)* I am going to give you the opportunity, Leader of the Opposition. You will speak last. First wait and hear what people are saying.

MR KWIZERA: Madam Speaker, we operate under the law, and Article 21 of the Constitution is to the effect that we are all equal. The NRM, where Hon. Baryomunsi is a member of the Central Executive Committee (CEC), has designated and they have not given us any reason. *(Applause)* I do not know why we should now demand reasons from the other side. We are all equal. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: *(Dr Baryomunsi rose)* Honourable members –

MR SSENYONYI: Madam Speaker, I actually have an answer for him.

THE SPEAKER: *(Dr Baryomunsi rose)* Let him answer.

DR BARYOMUNSI: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Can I have order? Honourable members – *Sseki? Sseki? Sseki? (Laughter)*

DR BARYOMUNSI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Kwizera has correctly said it. Yes, I am a member of CEC of the NRM party, as the vice-chairperson in charge of western Uganda. Indeed, when the Government Chief Whip presented names, he did indicate that the party is still consulting –*(Interjections)*- to fill some of the positions of some committees.

I can tell you that the consideration is that the CEC of NRM took a decision that we shall promote rotation in terms of leadership. Therefore - *(Interruptions)*- yes, it is important for us to explain. Therefore, we made a decision. *(Mr Olanya rose)* Are you from NRM? *(Laughter)*

THE SPEAKER: [*MR Olanya: "Order, Madam Speaker."*] No, there is also a point of order from Hon. Zaake.

MR ZAAKE: Madam Speaker, is Hon. Baryomunsi in order to insinuate that they have given a reason yet in some few committees, they have changed leadership and not given any reason?

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, this is not a matter for debate. If you do not want the Member to be removed – it is a question. I do not know why you are talking.

MR SSENKYONYI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it is important that this House appreciates multi-party democracy and that is why the rules set it as such *-(Interjections)-* Madam Speaker, I beg to be protected.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, listen to the Leader of the Opposition.

MR SSENKYONYI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I was saying, it is important that this House appreciates multi-party democracy, and that is why the rules prescribe as such. The rules say that re-designation can happen at any time and the rules do not say that there must be a reason. However, because the Chief Opposition Whip does that in consultation with the party, I will volunteer a reason.

Madam Speaker, you have always emphasised that committees have got to be active and that the leadership of committees have got to dispense their duty. For the committees that we head, as the Opposition: PAC (Central Government), headed by Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi, has been meeting severally; PAC (COSASE) headed by Hon. Sseggoni and Hon. Alan Mayanja, has been meeting severally; and PAC (Local Government) headed by *Ladit* Olanya, has been meeting severally.

Madam Speaker, the Committee of Government Assurances and Implementation has not been meeting *-(interjections)-* and we think that, that is a very serious committee that has got to be active. They rarely meet and our thinking,

as the persons in charge of these committees, is that we want these committees to be active. The Committee on Government Assurance and Implementation plays a critical role for this House.

When the Government makes promises, those promises are meant to be followed up. Therefore, we want this committee to be quite active. That is why *-(Member rose)-* he wants to give information; I will not take the information.

My point, Madam Speaker, is that we want the committee to also be active like the others are. So, using the powers given to us within the rules, that is why we are re-designating. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: There is a motion. Honourable members, pursuant to rule 196, I put the question that the chairperson and the deputy chairperson of the Committee on Government Assurances and Implementation be re-designated, as proposed by the Chief Opposition Whip.

(Members rose) Honourable members – Hon. Francis, we are still getting an answer.

Honourable members, do you want to vote?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Yes.

THE SPEAKER: The nays have it. You know we set a precedent when we removed Hon. Ojara Mapenduzi. I was also removed from the Committee on Public Accounts (COSASE) in the 10th Parliament because the then Speaker said no.

Honourable members, we are giving you one month of recess. We are concerned about our Members and we want them to come back to Parliament and because we want our Members to come back, you are going for recess and you will return on 23 July 2024.

The Business Committee meeting that we had organised for tomorrow will not be sitting because we have failed to get business yet.

I now adjourn the House to 23 July 2024.

*(The House rose at 11.31 a.m. and adjourned
until Tuesday, 23 July 2024 at 2.00 p.m.)*