



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

SECOND ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

Thursday, 08th March, 2018

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Erick Agolla) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Good afternoon Hon. Members!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Next Order!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Members and this goes to all Chairpersons of Sectoral Committees. They are required to submit their reports on the Kisumu County Supplementary Budget Estimates F/Y 2017/2018 and the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2019 to the Committee of Budget and Appropriation on Monday, 12th March, 2018 to enable the Committee consolidate and compile a report to this House. I hereby direct that the relevant Chairpersons to comply thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Next Order!

STATEMENTS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am standing here today a disappointed man because I have just noticed today the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries sat down in one of

their meetings having known that they don't have any member in that Committee representing Seme Sub-county and decided in their own capacity without the input from any MCA from Seme that in the Distribution of Dairy Cows, none of dairy Cow will go to Seme. If you go through the County profile, you will notice that Seme has one of the best Dairy Associations. These people struggled to access dairy cattle by themselves. Mr. Speaker, I want that noted in this Assembly today in the Hansard Records that I am disappointed with the actions of that Committee through their Chairperson and they need to rescind that decision, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Odhiambo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise up in this House today to say that I am a member of the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and I was told that they held a meeting and deliberated that Dairy Cattle will not be distributed in some of the Sub-counties. Mr. Speaker, I believe that the committee should have brought to this House a report so that it is discussed for the House to resolve or reject. So, I want this Committee Chairperson to respond to this matter today.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Johnson Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Sometimes back around two week ago, I stood here to seek for two statements and one from the County Assembly Service Board and two, from the Chairperson, Water, Environment and Natural Resources and your chair gave a direction that the statements that we sought will be responded to today Thursday, 08th March, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I am still waiting for the response to be read in the House. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): These are to the Leader of Majority and the relevant Chairpersons. Please note that.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Kanga, Member for Market/Milimani.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also did seek for a statement a fortnight ago over the issue of the Taskforces that were constituted by H.E. the Governor, but, when I look at the Order Paper, there is nothing and the Speaker who was there then Hon. Muga did give directions that we get prompt responses from the Office of the Majority Leader and today in the Order Paper, I see nothing to indicate the same. The business of this House should be taken with the seriousness it deserves.

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Steve Awiti who is here in this House did seek for statements five weeks down the lane on matters regarding Environmental Degradation in his Ward and the Speaker then did give direction that the responses be tabled before this House appropriately.

Last week Hon. Ogendo sought for a statement over the issues of Flood Mitigation...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Order Member for Market/Milimani. Please resume your seat. It is statement hour and you need to stick to your Statement and please do not deviate to other Members' statements because you have already raised your point. I will give them an opportunity to respond to these statements that were sought by Members.

Hon. Kanga: Mr. Speaker, the reason why I am saying so is because these statement that were sought by Members also affect us in one way or the other in our respective Wards. As a Member of this Assembly, our Oversight Role is jeopardized when we do not get prompt responses to statement that are sought by Members because some of these issues are affecting the residence of this County directly or indirectly. Mr. Speaker, our mandate which is clearly spelt out in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires us to undertake oversight and representation. So, when statements are not responded to promptly, even your directions as the Speaker are taken for granted and these directions should be taken with the seriousness it deserves and we are not getting prompt responses as directed by your Chair, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Fair enough. Hon. Members, I hereby direct the Leader of Majority because the Office has already approached the Chair that they are compiling these responses in form of a report. This is also for the Committee on Water and Environment, I hereby direct that the 21 days has elapsed and direct that Thursday, 15th March, 2018 these reports must be tabled before this House without fail.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): What is it Hon. Johnson Guya.

Hon. Guya: On a point of order, even though you direct the Chairperson for Water and Environment, he is here with us and can respond pertaining to statements sought.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Ngeta, Chairperson, Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, do you have anything to say?

Hon. Ngeta: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the responses pertaining my Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources was hitched by some technical issues. We did a communication to the CEC Member, Water, Environment and Natural Resources inviting him to appear before the Committee but unfortunately he was not able to honor our invitation due to other pressing official engagements which he was held up in Naivasha.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Order Hon. Ngeta!! Please respond to the issues raised as a Hon. Member...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): What is it Hon. Deputy Leader of Majority.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Odhiambo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe that you have heard what I had already sought for. I requested Members representing various Wards that Wards within the jurisdiction of the City of Kisumu on Flood Mitigation Measures is being

handled by the Directorate of Disaster Management. Mr. Speaker, we were with the City Manager and the CEC Water and Environment and they have deployed a grader/excavator. So, if you have a river that needs opening so that water flows smoothly you can get in touch with the City Manager.

Mr. Speaker, for Members who are not coming from the City, they can get in touch with the Directorate of Special Programmes. They are ready to assist these Hon. Members anytime they require their assistance, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Ngeta, the Chair for Water, Environment and Natural Resources

Hon. Ngeta: Mr. Speaker, as I was giving you an explanation pertaining to the issue of water and environmental problems, we were unable to file a good report due to unavoidable circumstances. We could not be able to meet the CEC Member of...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Hon. Ngeta, may you resume your seat so that I guide you. If your report is not incomplete you should request more time not to explain the challenges in House businesses. Just request for time and compile so that you can bring a report to this House. We don't want to hear statements and stories.

Hon. Ngeta: I was getting to that direction and we request more time like 14 days so that we can be able to file a full report concerning water and environment.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): I had directed that you bring your report on Thursday next week and that order still stands. Second to that, I want to excuse you for the last time, the chair will send you out. Members are not allowed to chew gum in this House. What is it Hon. Kanga.

Hon. Kanga: We did request for some statements on the floor of this House. The chair did commit our statements to the Leader of the Majority. I thought you could have directed the Majority Leader to respond promptly the way he was directed by the chair water and Environment so that we can get appropriate answers.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Very well Hon. Seth. Your request has been heard and the chair has approved the Leader of Majority to report to the House as the Chair stated categorically that they are preparing their report. Hon. Obura, there are concerns that are related to your department and I would like you to kindly respond to these concerns.

Hon. Obura: Thank you so much, I think the department of Agriculture has been adversely mentioned with the concerns of distribution of dairy cows. I want to give the following reasons as to how that agreement was reached and it was a consensus between the committee of Agriculture and the Executive. You can recall that there is a milk-processing plant in Muhoroni

sub- County which was commissioned by our Governor last month and it's going to give this County much needed milk that we normally import from other Counties. The major reason why we decided that these dairy cows should be given to Muhoroni was because of the economy of scale owing to the past experiences. You can remember that in the previous regime.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): What is it Hon. Arao.

Hon. Arao: There is a norm in this House, we need written reports that is verifiable and which we can refer and scrutinize hence authenticate them. My request is that you should direct the various Chairs of these committees to submit all written reports to these Members for purposes of tracking the records and verification.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Very well Hon. Arao, even though you were out of order, you should know that it was statement time and this was not a report for a committee.

Hon. Obura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I was saying that the research was done which depicted that the only areas which are conducive to dairy cows are upper Nyakach, Muhoroni and Kisumu West because they are on higher grounds and the dairy cows do well in high altitude areas. If this House can recall very well the previous regime gave out these dairy cows and they were spread across the County. We also tried to find out where these cows are and we were told most of them died. We want these animals to be put in a place where veterinary services are accorded.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Yes Hon. Kenneth Onyango.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo (Deputy Leader of Majority): The Speaker on the floor is misleading this House and we need an answer to the question that was asked. He is telling us that a research was done by the committee of Agriculture and they did not even invite me to go and check even if the cows are alive or dead. Therefore, I think that the chairperson should just go and consult then come back and report to this House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): What is it Hon. Kanga?

Hon. Kanga: We are in statement hour and if you look at standing order no. 42 part (b) which states that;

(a) 'the Leader of the Majority Party, or the Leader of the Minority Party as the case may be, or their designees may make a Statement relating to their responsibilities in the County Assembly or the activities of a Committee; and'

The Honorable Member who is my religious Leader is misleading this House. He should lay a statement in the House because he is responding to a question which was laid by one Honorable Member.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): What is it Hon. Genga?

Hon. Genga: It is important that we read the standing orders and properly guide the House. The Leader of Majority is alluding to what the chair of Agriculture had said. The chair of Agriculture needs to be given time and a date through you as the chair then he can come to this House with a comprehensive report. What the chair of Agriculture has done is to give a brief overview.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): I was guided by standing order 42 (c) and that is why I gave Hon. Atieno to explain himself and it is with this decision that he requested for more time and if he feels that he has the information to give to Members then he has to table a report to the House. So, it is upon you the chair of Agriculture to request for time. What is it Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: I am standing on standing order no. 83;

‘By the indulgence of the County Assembly, a Member may explain matters of a personal nature although there is no question before the County Assembly, but such matter may not be debated.’

I gave my personal statement with the dissatisfaction on the deliberation of that committee and I told them if they can go back and sit to discuss.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): You have stated very categorically by the indulgence of the County Assembly and do underline that part. Yes Hon. Atieno.

Hon. Atieno: I think that I will request for more time so that I could come with a full report to the House in the next one week.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): Next order.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Agolla): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday next week at 2.30 pm.

(House rose at 3.30 pm)

