



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU
THE HANSARD
SECOND ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

Thursday, 18th October, 2018

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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): Order Hon. Members!! Welcome to this afternoon session. Mr. Clerk, can you please take us through the Order Paper?

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): Hon. Members, the Chair has the following communications to make:

Reference: Lake Region Trade Investment and Blue Economy Conference.

Pursuant to the 3rd Lake Region Economic Bloc Summit Meeting Resolutions held on the 21st September, 2018 in Nandi County, it was resolved that Members of the County Assemblies be part of the forthcoming Lake Region Economic Bloc Investment and Blue Economy Conference scheduled at the IAAF Stadium, Bomet County from 22nd to 24th October, 2018.

This is therefore to request the Assemblies to facilitate travel and accommodations for the three nights to enable Members of the Kisumu County Assembly to participate at the Conference. The LREBC Assembly Caucus Meeting will be held on 22nd October, 2018 at the Conference Venue.

Registration of the Members to the Conference and which will cover their day meals will be catered for by the Kisumu County Executive, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): Next order!

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATOR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): Hon. Members, the Office of the Clerk received a letter from the Senator, Kisumu County Hon. Fred Outa address to Kisumu County Assembly dated 15th October, 2018. Reference, Kisumu County Assembly Address.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 96 (1) (2) and (3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, I hereby seek your indulgence to address the Kisumu County Assembly on Thursday, 25th October, 2018 in the County Assembly Debating Chambers at 02:30 pm. I will confirm to you in due course how many Senators will accompany me for you to make the necessary arrangement to facilitate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): Next order!

PAPERS LAID

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to lay before this House the following paper: The Report of the Labour and Social Welfare Committee on payment of Sitting Allowances to Members of the Kisumu City Board.

(Paper is tabled before the House)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): Next order!

NOTICES OF MOTION

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I was scheduled to give a Notice of Motion for this Assembly to consider Adjourning so that we can attend the Lake Region Economic Bloc that is scheduled to be held in Bomet effective 21st to 24th October, 2018. However, I am persuaded by the majority members in this House, that we can attend this meeting and at the same time attend to the pressing business of this House. This therefore means that, we shall be able to resume the normal sitting of this House on Tuesday, 23rd October, 2018 at 02:30 pm. In any case our facilitation allowances were also reduced by one day, so, it would be illogical to keep Members there for three days when we are not able to facilitate them. Therefore, I want to withdraw this adjournment motion and that does not negate the fact that we shall be in Bomet but you are aware that we have pending Bills that we need to dispense off by next week and I believe that Members took that into consideration and that is the reason they

persuaded me to withdraw the motion so that the business of this Assembly can move on and may I call upon the Chief Whip to second? Thank you.

Chief Whip (Hon. Olima): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the withdrawal of the Notice of Motion on the Adjournment to the attendance of the Lake Region Economic Bloc, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): We are in statement. I will start with Hon. Genga.

Hon. Genga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek a statement in regards to the Security of Members within the precincts of Kisumu Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek a statement from the Leader of Majority on security measures regarding guarding of Members within the precincts of the Assembly. We have witnessed strangers walking in and around the precincts of the Assembly and this jeopardize security of Hon. Members. In that regard, I want to know the security of my fellow Hon. Members or if the rules have changed so that each and every Member is allowed to walk around with his own security and rag-tag militias. This is a matter of grave concern, to all Members, Staff within a designated and gazetted area that is protected under the laws of Kenya. I rest my case.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. When a Member raises an issue of personal security to the Members of this House, then that is a matter of grave concern to all of us. This is because, this Assembly is guided by Laws and the protection of Members within the precincts of the Assembly should be the concern of all of us. I want to say, that, indeed I witnessed the security breaches that the Hon. Member is making reference to and I sweated under the collar. Ordinarily I don't do that, because I found it quite absurd the strangers from outside can infiltrate and storm into a Committee Room and purport to I don't know what. I believe that this is a matter that this Assembly must take seriously. In fact it should be absolutely clear that if you are not an employee of this Assembly, then you have got no business sitting idling within the precincts of the Assembly.

So, I want to leave it at that, but indeed, that is a matter that must be looked at and it is a matter that must be given utmost attention that it deserves. Thank you.

Hon. Steve: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to seek a Statement from the Office of the Clerk with regards to the report that was tabled and it is in the public domain that the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) did carry out some survey and a report released. One was given to the Governor with regards to the operations of the Executive of the Kisumu County Assembly and a second report was also given with regards to the operations of the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it would be in order that these reports which were presented to our leaders be tabled in this House because our role as the Oversight Body need to know the areas of weaknesses and area that had been cited in the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) Report. So, that as an Assembly we will be able to also know which areas we need to check on so that this County Government can move forward. I therefore urge that this Assembly be furnished with those reports with immediate effect so that the relevant Committee can look into them so that we take action, thank you.

Hon. Linet Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have a personal statement to make. When I came to this Assembly I was provided with the Constitution and the Standing Orders and other statutes knowing very well that in any case that I have to put my argument I have to make reference to these statutes. Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand why in any case there is an issue and I refer to the statutes that I was provided, nobody understands me. This leaves me with a lot of shock and I will be compelled to take matters into my own hands because if you cannot understand the statutes, then I put them aside so that I apply force because I have found out that is what can protect me.

Mr. Speaker, I need protection because these are the weapons that can protect me in this House. If in any case they are overlooked, I must say that I am very sorry. This is because when I take matters into my own hands, I don't have the strength because I am vulnerable. I recall when we attended the Liaison Meeting; the Chairperson could not give us room as we were trying to shout to refer him to the Standing Orders and this is not the first time. I request for your indulgence, thank you.

Hon. Oraro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to make a statement pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 42 (b) as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security.

Mr. Speaker, I did make a statement here that two Bills were committed to my Committee. One being, the Kisumu County Office of the Attorney Bill, 2018 and the Kisumu County Village Council Bill, 2018. The Committee did subject the Bills to public participation and we did request the facilitation of the Assembly to assist us do the final report before we go into the 2nd Reading of these Bills. Mr. Speaker, we did request for seven days for the two Bills owing to the fact that we got massive response from 35 Wards especially on the Kisumu County Village Council Bill, 2018. The Assembly awarded us four days to work on the Bills which we did work on, but due to the exigencies of works we were only able to conclude the Kisumu County Office of the Attorney Bill, 2018 which we presented to the Assembly and the report was adopted. It is supposed to go for 2nd Reading to the 3rd Reading.

Mr. Speaker, we worked midway on the Kisumu County Village Council Bill, 2018 and we did request for three days to conclude the report on the same. As the Chairperson of the Committee, members have been asking me on the date that we are going to complete this report. I request for

Thursday to Saturday, but today in the morning, at around 10:30 am as I was communicating to the Clerk of the Committee on the whereabouts on the requests that we had made, he communicated to me that after searching for the reply, it was marked that the Committee cannot be allowed any more days to work on the report. It was also marked that for any subsequent activities we have to surrender first the per diem allowances on the imprest given to us as we were going to Eldoret for the first activity, but when I talked to the Hon. Members, including myself, not a single person has received any cents which means they used money from their pockets for their survivals and for working on this particular report and I remember persuading them that this is a very important Bill and they accepted. They are asking me now on what basis are they going to surrender imprest?

Mr. Speaker, this leaves me with four questions:

1. How long does it take to respond to a request if it is made in this Assembly? Because today is 18th October, 2018 and the request was made on the 09th October, 2018. How long does it take?
2. What is the communication structure of the County Assembly especially on the Administration Wing? That; it takes two weeks to get feedback on what should take a day and somebody has to search for that information.
3. It is not in the letter that I am talking about that the Ag. Clerk of the Assembly had written to the Speaker for advice on request that we had made. The Speaker has marked to the Clerk that he has no approval of funds for the same. The question is, what is the role of the Speaker as regards to approval of funds in relation to Committees? What is the role of the Clerk as regards the management of funds in line with Committee Activities?
4. Is the Ag. Clerk of Kisumu County Assembly aware of her roles?
5. What is the way-forward of this matter due to the fact that this is a very important Bill that is required by the residence of Kisumu County, the Executive, Members of Kisumu County Assembly and everybody as a whole in this County?

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodger): The Hon. Deputy Majority Leader I wanted to give you an opportunity but can you please proceed with your statement.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have matters of insecurity in my Ward. One of the dispensary in my Ward was raided last night. The County Government has invested heavily on the purchase of drugs in various facilities in the county. Why don't they find necessary to hire security officers to guard those facilities. What if the same people come back and run away with the drugs in the stores? Kindly direct this matter to the relevant committees so that I get to know where to start from. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Thank you. Hon. Majority Leader you have not made your statement.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, allow me to express my shock that in this Assembly we only have one microphone. Honestly, how low can we go if one microphone is switching back and forth from Members to the Speaker?

Mr. Speaker, the statement raised by Hon. Oraro is a very fundamental statement that I would indulge you to give some direction because as I have repeatedly said that our primary role in this assembly is to legislate. I don't think for bottle necks to be put in that area of legislation. I wonder how much it would take to facilitate Members to finalize on a report that is so critical like the one on Village Council and yet it become so easy to jointly *tangatanga*.

I want to indulge you to give a direction on this matter because this Bill is very important to this county and of necessity, it should be dispensed with the soonest time possible. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Honourable Members, the statement raised by the Leader of Majority is weighty and he indeed requested for the direction from the Honourable Speaker and I want to direct him to follow up the issue and report on the same next week.

Hon. Okiri: On appoint of order, I am rising on Standing Order No. 31. On the statement raised by Hon. Elisha Oraro, this matter is of County importance. The electorates are eagerly waiting for the creation of Village Council. I want to revert to Standing Order No. 50 (i) so that we open this matter for a debate. We need to have a way forward on this matter. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Allow me to rule on those issues raised by Honourable Member. You never asked for secondment and they therefore die a natural death. Yes Hon. Muga?

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was actually on my feet to second the motion and unfortunately you didn't see me. This is total sabotage of our beloved Governor. Kindly open this matter for the debate and I second.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Let me respond to the point of order raised by the Member. I think we are in agreement that it was never seconded. Kindly let us proceed because the Chair did ruled correctly. Yes Hon. Ojuok?

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek a statement from the relevant department on the status of the County Public Service Board. It is a serious concern to my constituents and so many times they are asking me that and I always lack what to tell them. Protect me Mr. Speaker. We cannot work like rogues.

(Loud consultations)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Hon. Leader of Minority, kindly relax because any Member can stand at any time on a point of order. Hon. Okiri?

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The statement raised by Hon. Oraro doesn't need any secondment for discussion. Kindly open debate on this matter as of importance to this county.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): I am very sorry Honourable Member. I had ruled on this matter. Yes Hon. Owiti Steve.

Hon. Steve: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise on Standing Order No. 42. The standing order gives the Members the leeway to discuss a statement raised by one of the Members if they feel the statement is pertinent to them. The statement sought by Hon. Oraro has been mentioned on this floor severally. This matter is about the frustration the committees are getting as far as our operations in this House are concerned.

Mr. Speaker, the Assembly and parliaments operates on the committees and I think it is not the prerogative of any other office to decide for a committee on how to spend their allocation. If they feel their allocation is still there, they should be allowed to do their work without curtailing their progress.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Hon. Owiti, I want to tell you that you are misleading the House. The Standing Order number you rose on doesn't correspond to your contributions. What is it Hon. Otura?

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to give statement on state of the security in the county....

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Order Honourable Members. Hon. Okiri what is so burning?

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe you have not dispensed on the matters I raised as per the Standing Order. Kindly give a ruling on the matter before we proceed with other businesses. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Hon. Okiri, I had ruled on that matter. Let us proceed.

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The state of security in the county is wanting. A group of people is moving around in my Ward pulling down the structures put up by the various companies doing constructions in my Ward and this is really affecting these companies. I humbly ask for indulgence on this matter and we can even go ahead and discuss this as a motion based on the provisions of our Standing Orders. I therefore move a motion that the state of the county security be debated. I call upon Hon. Ogutu George to second. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Honourable Members, the statement time is over and I want to direct that the request made by Hon. Otura be referred to next week on Tuesday. Yes Hon. Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Chair. Aware that the statement time is over. Last week you directed that the statement from the Chair of Water concerning Nyanas Water Company be brought today and now that the time is over, could you kindly advice.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Thank you Hon. Guya. I direct that the matter be addressed by the Chair of Water on Tuesday next week. What is it Hon. Leader of Majority?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Mr. Speaker, I want to rise under Standing Order No. 38 (2). That is the sequence of proceedings. Given that we have two Bills to discuss, I wish that the order of business be changed so that we have No. 9 to be No. 8 and No. 8 be No. 12. I request the Chief Whip to second.

Majority Whip (Hon. Gard Olima): I rise to second that we change the order of motion so that we start with motion number two in that sequence. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Before we proceed, let me hear your point of orders. Yes Hon. Samo.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to inform the Majority Leader that; you as the Speaker having read motion No.8 and the mover was already on her feet, in matters of proceedings he cannot rise on the change or extension of this motion. That is my request.

Hon. Beatrice Pamela: On appoint of information, I want to inform the House that Hon. Samo is misleading the House that the Honourable Member was on her feet. He is sitting in front and I don't think he has the eyes at the back to see what is taking place. Please stop misleading the House.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Hon. Chair of Liaison, you have been mentioned and I think you cannot see your back. Is it true that you are misleading the House?

Hon. Samo: I was just requesting on behalf of the Majority Leader that we change on what comes first but you have already given the leeway for the first motion to come. At the same time the Chairperson was preparing as you were still consulting with Hon. Seth. I don't dispute what he said.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Yes, Hon. Kanga.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am rising on Standing Orders No. 38, 45 on notices of motion. No notice has been given on the report from the Labour and Social Welfare Committee. The sequence of proceedings requires that a notice has to be given first before we move to

motion. I have been a religious attendee or devotee of this House and at no time did I hear or did I see the Chair of Labour and Social Welfare or any the designees rising to give a notice of motion on this matter.

The table Clerks should give evidence to that effect. We should not take proceedings of this House lightly. It is only yesterday that the then Speaker required that a notice of motion be given on a motion that can be moved without giving a notice. Here is a case that requires that a notice has to be given before we move to the motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Thank you. Being that the Chair for Labour and Social Welfare Committee is on her feet, allow me to give her the opportunity to say whatever she wants to say.

Now this part is deleted and it is not part of the Bill. Part 4, 5 and 6 with all the relevant sections be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Next Mr. Clerk!

Thank you Mr. Chair, we are in part III of this Bill which talks about composition and administration of Counsel. Part 3 has section 7 which has section 1, 2, 8, 9, 10 and 11 be part of the Bill.

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members, as it has been read in part III which talks about composition and administration of Council be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Yes Hon. Owiti.

Hon. Owiti: Thank you Mr. Chair, on part III on subject 7 (1a) I have an amendment which reads; the Governor who shall be the Chairperson in the absence of the Deputy Governor and in the absence of both the CEC shall perform the functions of the chairperson of the council.

The Second amendment is on 7 (1b) where it talks about planning and economic planning and replace with the word economic planning and development.

I propose again the 7 (1e) be expunged. Allow me to bring to your attention that there are other Hon. Members of this committee who are holding another meeting and they are destructing me.

Hon. Chair, I also propose an amendment to introduce to introduce a new paragraph (1e) which states that; Secretary of the council who shall be an ex-official member.

I also have an amendment on section 8 (c), immediately after the word ‘committee’ which says private sector committee. Then section 8 (4d) immediately after the word committee we delete it and it should read as; non-state actors advisory committee.

We move to amendments on section 9 (4) immediately after the word Governor delete to be nominated by the council approved and it will now read the Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed by the Governor from among the Chief Officers in the Office of the Governor. I would like to call upon Hon. Ameso to second.

Hon. Ameso: Thank you Chair, I second the amendments.

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members the Chair of Budget and Appropriation committee has put some amendments and I therefore want to put a question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members, this now takes us to part III on the composition and administration of the council with the words that have been amended and I now put a question that section 7 with the relevant sub sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Next Mr. Clerk!

Thank you Chair, we are in Part IV which takes about miscellaneous and section 12 talks about the regulations then we proceed to memorandum of objects and reasons be part of the Bill.

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members, part IV is about miscellaneous and memorandum of objects and reasons. I therefore want to put a question that it be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

Thank you Chair, we are going to part I which was talking about Interpretation be part of the Bill.

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Yes Hon. Owiti.

Hon. Owiti: Thank you Chair, under part I of the preliminary we have an amendment to include the word County which should read as; ‘Chairperson’ means the Governor of Kisumu County. I therefore ask Hon. Okumu to second that amendment.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Chair, I second the amendments.

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members an amendment has been made on part I sub section 2 that ‘Chairperson’ means the Governor of Kisumu County and the ‘Governor’ means Governor of Kisumu County be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members I want to put a question that in part I the Preliminary, interpretation and objects of the Act be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Next Mr. Clerk!

Mr. Chair, we are going to the long title which reads as; The Kisumu County Economic and Social Council Bill, 2018, a Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Kisumu to provide for the establishment of Kisumu County Economic and Social Council as a high level advisory panel to the County Government and for connected purposes be part of the Bill.

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members, I therefore want to put a question that the long title be part of the Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Next Mr. Clerk!

Mr. Chair we are in the citation which is in section 1 of this Bill which reads; This Act may be cited as the Kisumu County Economic and Social Council Act, 2018 be part of this Bill.

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Hon. Members, I propose that the citation be now part of this Bill.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Samo): Thank you Hon. Members for your time and your attention for taking us through the committee of the whole House whereby the changes have been recorded and shall now be reported in the plenary. Yes Hon. Owiti.

Hon. Owiti: Thank you Chair, I now propose that the committee of the whole House reverts back to plenary and I ask the Leader of Majority to second.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): I second.

(House reverting to plenary)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Order Hon. Members. Yes Hon. Samo can you please report back to the House on the deliberations that took place in the committee of the whole House.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention that during the committee of the whole House a number of changes were made in the proposed Bill. In part I which is the preliminary changes were made that 'Chairperson' means the Governor of Kisumu County and the 'Governor' means Governor of Kisumu County; the word 'County' was missing.

In part II which is the Establishment, Powers and functions of the Council, section 5(2) was then rearranged to appear together as a continuation of section 7(1a).

Part III which is the composition and administration of the council; section 7 (1) should now read the governor who shall be the Chairperson in the absence of the Governor, the Deputy Governor and in the absence of both the CEC shall perform the functions of the Chair of the council.

Section 7 (1b), the word planning and economic planning was deleted and was replaced with the word economic planning and development.

Section 7 (1e) was then expunged. A new paragraph 7 (1e) was then introduced to mean secretary to the council who shall be an ex-official member.

Section 8 (4c) that; immediately after the word committee delete representing the interests of the business community within Kisumu County now to read private sector advisory committee.

Section 8 (4d) immediately after the word committee, the interest of non state was deleted to read non state actors advisory committee.

Section 9 (4) was corrected to read the Chief Officer shall be appointed by the Governor from among the CECs in the office of the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to submit that those were the changes that were made during the committee of the whole House. Allow me again to move a motion that this House does agree with the report from the committee of the whole House and I call upon Hon. Ogutu to second.

Hon. Ogutu: I second the changes which have been read by the Chairman of Liaison committee.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Hon. Members, I therefore want to put a question that the report from the committee of the whole House be accepted.

(Question put and agreed to)

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

MOTION

3RD READING OF THE KISUMU COUNTY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL BILL,
2018

The Kisumu County Economic and Social Council Bill, 2018, a Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Kisumu to provide for the establishment of Kisumu County Economic and Social Council as a high level advisory panel to the County Government and for connected purposes is now read for the third time.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Hon. Members, this Bill has now been read for the third time and I want to ask if there are any further amendments. I therefore want to put a question that the Kisumu County Economic and Social Council Bill, 2018 be approved.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): The Kisumu County Economic and Social Council Bill, 2018 has been passed today Thursday 18th October 2018 at 4.45 p.m.

Next order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): There being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourn until Tuesday 23rd October at 2.20 p.m.

(House rose at 4.50 p.m.)