

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

SECOND ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

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

(The Speaker (Hon. Oloo) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oloo): Good afternoon Hon. Members?

Hon. Members: Good morning Mr. Speaker!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oloo): Welcome to this morning session. Can the Clerk please take us through the business of the day?

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oloo): Hon. Members, I have a communication to make to you that I have received with regard to the removal or the purported removal of two Members of the Assembly Service Board. The issue in regard to the Membership of the Board that I have since had and I was part of it, the ODM party summoned its membership beginning with the leadership, nominated MCAs and elected MCAs and had a lengthy discussion on a myriad issues that had come in relation before the Assembly including this issue of the County Assembly Service Board. In that regard and owing to the view advanced by the ODM party, I have decided to give the party a chance to try and come up with an amicable settlement as to regard with this issue. Consequently, I opt to give dialogue a chance before making a ruling on this matter. In this regard the ruling stands held until the party option is finished with.

The second ruling that was due to come from the Chair was one with regard to the quarterly reports that were tabled before this Assembly. Hon. Members, I have noted with concern that previously such reports have been committed to the committee of Finance, Cooperative, Trade and Enterprise Development that appears to have been the tradition in this Assembly. However, when I look at the Standing Orders which is the principle rule that governs our conduct, I find myself at a cross road as to what could have informed such decisions. To it, the mandate of Finance, Cooperative, Trade and Enterprise Development is under our standing orders that all matters relating to cooperative movement, microfinance institutions, empowerment of registered women and youth groups, insurance proposed loans and advances by the Executive, Trade development and regulations including markets and Trade licenses excluding regulations of professions fair trading practices. When you come to standing order no.189 (2) (3) which talks about the County Budget and Appropriation Committee and it states that;

‘(2) The functions of the committee shall be to-

- a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matter related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County Budget;*
- b) Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly;*
- c) Examine the County Budget policy statement presented to the County Assembly;*
- d) Examine Bills related to the County Government budget, including Appropriations Bills; and*
- e) Evaluate taxes estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.*

(3) the County Budget and Appropriations committee constituted by the Assembly immediately following the General Election shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the County Assembly term.’

Having looked at the provisions of our standing orders, we must be built to make a statement that if we may have in the previous rulings or announcements committed matters of budgetary relevance or estimates that have got budgetary consequences within the County Assembly to a committee other than Budget and Appropriation committee then that must have been done in error and continuing with that error does not serve any purpose at all. I have equally looked at the composition in terms of membership of those committees and I have arrived at one inescapable conclusion that the majority of our Members in the Budget and Appropriations committee also constitute Members in the Finance, Cooperative, Trade and Enterprise Development committee.; going forward I do consequently rule that previous mistakes should not be used to bind this Assembly. In that regard the quarterly reports are precisely within the domain of the Budget and Appropriation committee. Yes Hon. Pete.

Hon. Pete: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The quarterly financial reports relate to the expenditure of the County Assembly for that period and the watch dog committee that is supposed to interrogate the expenditure of the...

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oloo): There being no any other business to transact, this House now stands adjourned to tomorrow Thursday 4th October 2018.

(House rose at 3.20 p.m.)