



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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House met in the Main Chamber at 09:00 a.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren Muga) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Good morning Hon. Members and welcome to this session. I would like to ask the Clerk take us through the business of the day.

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

MOTION

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF CHILDREN, CULTURE, GENDER AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES ON THE BENCHMARKING TRIP TO MOMBASA COUNTY**

BY

HON. RASHID MIRUKA

CHAIRPERSON

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Madam Speaker,

REPORT

Hon. Oiko: I rise to second the report for deliberations in the Assembly.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. The Benchmarking report from Children, Gender, Culture and Sports Committee has been moved and seconded by Hon. Rashid Miruka and Hon. Benny Pete respectively. I now want to open it for debate. What is Hon. Olale?

Hon. Olale: Thank you Madam Speaker. I was a member of this committee when this team was traveling to Mombasa and I can see several names that are not Members of this committee and mine is omitted. This committee had a lot of co-opted Members. It is very sad to names that are not of the committee in this report. This report has been tabled without the involvement of Members. This report has not been signed by the Members of the committee. I need your advice if this report meets merit to be discussed in this House. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Olale. Yes Hon. Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Madam Speaker. This is a Point of Information. Our committee is a combative committee and we don't deal with absentee members. If you don't find your name anywhere then blame your Membership. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): I believe you are well informed Hon. Olale.

Hon. Olale: Thank you Madam Speaker. This is not being absent for the committee duties. This is about people who travelled to Mombasa. We want to know who was in Mombasa and who was not. I was there and my name has been captured. Let the Chair for Sports explain that. Let us not do things that will complicate other people's lives. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Can you respond to that Chair for Sports.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am going to be very categorical. In the meeting that was adopting the report, the Honourable Member was not there. The Members who travel to Mombasa and adopted this report are here. They are here to oppose or support this motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Leader of Majority. The floor is open for debate.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. Indeed the Standing Order say, the report having been adopted by majority of Members shall be signed by the chairperson it also goes further to say the minority views shall also be captured. The question is, what is the evidence that it has been adopted by the Members? How do you prove that the majority of the Members have adopted it?

In my considered opinion. I want to believe that the Membership must signed as a demonstration that the report has been adopted. Then at the end of it is the Chairperson shall sign. That is the procedure. I am saying this because we want procedures followed and we adhere to the strict meaning of the Standing Orders. This is just on the basis of interpretation of what that Standing

Order means. I have not given opinion whether I support or oppose. I just want us to have a clear perspective of Standing Order 182 (2). Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What your position then?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Madam Speaker, we have started a debate on this.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Madam Speaker. The Leader of Majority is referring to Standing Order 182 (2) *the select committee report having been adopted by the Majority of the Members shall be signed by the chairperson on behalf of all the Members*. That is what he is referring to and Hon. Rashid has just signed this report. Madam Speaker, let us not waste a lot of time on that. We need to debate.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Madam Speaker, when a Point of Order has been raised, before you move then you need to give your verdict. That is the procedure.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Atieno?

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Madam Speaker. Standing Order 182 (2) *the select committee report having been adopted by the Majority of the Members shall be signed by the chairperson on behalf of all the Members*.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Atieno. Yes Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Madam Speaker, you know sometimes you just need to synthesize simple English language. What is the evidence that the report was adopted by the majority of the Members? The evidence is, it has to be signed by the Members. These are procedural issues.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): The Members of this committee are in the chambers and they have not complained that they didn't adopt the report. Why do you want to mislead the House?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): I rest my case.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Yes Hon. Olang'o.

Hon. Olang'o: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the report and I want to inform this House that I was in Mombasa and the report captures all the issues that were discussed. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Yes Hon. Obonyo Jenifer.

Hon. Obonyo: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the report. Indeed we went to Mombasa County Assembly and I can see the Chair has signed the report on our behalf. I support. Thank you.

Ninasima leo hii kuunga mkono repoti hii. Asante.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to support the report brought by the Chairperson of Sports. The main reason as to why we go for benchmarking is to come back and help the people of Kisumu County. I want to say that the committee has really done a very good report; they had their findings and recommendations. If we look at what other Counties are doing to make their Counties grow, Kisumu County is going to be better than those other Counties. I want to say that I am very happy because I am now a Member of this committee. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Ogutu.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Madam Speaker, I have the report here with me and when I look at it, I would say that the report has not met the procedural requirements to be brought in the floor of this House. This is a House of procedure and there is no way where a Chairperson can sign a report on behalf of Members. For the report to be complete, it has to be signed by all the Members who were in Mombasa.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Beatrice Odongo?

Hon. Beatrice Odongo: I want to inform the Hon. Member that the issue had been solved through the Standing Orders and we are now debating on the report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ogutu, what you are saying has been overtaken by events.

Hon. Ogutu: Madam Speaker, I think it is not fair for you to judge what I am saying to be out of order. In fact am debating on the report. What the Hon. Member is saying is quite different from what I am saying. For a report to be complete it has to be signed by all the Members who were in Mombasa.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ogutu, we sited the standing orders and had a resolution that we debate on this report. Which standing order supports what you are saying?

Hon. Ogutu: Madam Speaker I am not talking about the Standing Orders but I am debating on the report. This is a report which cannot be accepted in this House because one day somebody

else will come with a report which is not authentic the way this is. Let us send this report back so that those who attended that particular trip should sign it to be completed and brought back to this House for discussion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Are you supporting the report or rejecting it?

Hon. Ogutu: I am rejecting it.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Yes Hon. Jagongo.

Hon. Jagongo: Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to support the report and I would like to urge the Members of this House that it is important to discuss the report and not the signatures because if we take 30 minutes to support the signatures then it will not help us. So we need to support the report and not the signatures because the standing Orders is clear on the issues of signatures. I want to say that the report is very well covered and I would want the County Government of Kisumu to implement some of the things that are here in the report. We only have one stadium in Kisumu County unlike Mombasa where there are almost 4 stadiums. As Members of this County, we need to nature talents in sports. Recently, we were in games at Eldoret and we saw how our men and women participated so well in the games. In order to do this, we need to urge the Executive to at least have one stadium in each sub county. If we do that, we will encourage sporting activities in Kisumu County.

Another thing is the issue of culture; we are not doing so well in Kisumu County to adhere to the cultural activities. I know we have cultural sites and I am happy that we are working towards that so that we can have cultural sites that are active. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support this report. If you look at the committee mandate, is to make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible including recommendation and proposed legislations. On that note, I want to say that I was one of the delegates Members who went to Mombasa and now what is in this report here is factual. Notwithstanding the signatures, what should be here should be the authenticity of the report. When we were there, we discussed a lot and we were told that they have 4 stadiums. That shows that they are moving towards sports. Madam Speaker, we also learnt about the way the Coast people are preserving their culture. We had challenges and we did some recommendations that can be seen in the report and eventually we came back very happy that we need to improve and sports culture and especially the children's issue. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Hon. Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Madam Speaker, looking at the mood of the House, I would like to call the mover to reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, I am very happy that the Mombasa report is adopted this morning and I want to say that we are here for a purpose not to politic for the sake of it. A time has come that we must know that we should learn from good practices to move on. What we learnt when emulated by the great County of Kisumu then we will move a step higher. Kisumu County is a home of many talents. This is where we have the greatest lady; Lupita Nyong'o, the famous Oliech and many others. If we could have youth development centres, it will create a lot of opportunities for our people. I want to say that what we learnt in Mombasa when put in practice then that will be so good. We realized that within the short spell that have been during this short term of devolution, they have organized and built more stadiums as was read in the report. If we could have some funds and prioritize to have more of our stadiums to be rehabilitated we would keep our youths very busy. You remember that our culture is going down and we really learnt that Mombasa is preserving their culture very well. If we could do that then some of the good practices in our culture would still be maintained. I would like to say that if we can adopt this and as well negotiate with other organizations, we would raise enough funds that would support us to do well to our youths. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Miruka. Hon. Members a report from the committee of Culture, Children, Youth and Community Services on benchmarking to Mombasa County has been moved by Hon. Miruka, seconded and discussed by the House. I therefore want to put a question on the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Members, the report is hereby adopted and I therefore say that the Clerk should communicate to the relevant department on the recommendations herein. Thank you.

Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): There being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned to today Wednesday 16th October 2019 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 10.00 a.m.)

Addendum

Hansard Reporters

Zablon Otiende – In-charge

Fanuel Okode - Reporter

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