

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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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. Rodgers):Hon. Members, you are welcomed to this afternoon session. Mr. Clerk, can you please take the House through the Order Paper?

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers):Hon. Members, you are reminded to attend a meeting of all Members by KYOC, a meeting to be held at the Acacia Hotel today at 04:00 p.m.

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

STATEMENTS

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I sought for a statement here in the last session of the County Assembly of which your office referred this matter to the relevant Committee which should have been responded to with immediate effect. Mr. Speaker, the Statement I sought was on how some public institutions like the Financial Institutions and Convenient Stores (Supermarkets) should construct washrooms that are PWD friendly. Mr. Speaker, the House ventilated over this matter and stated that we get embarrassed especially when the elderly frequent these institutions while they are waiting to be attended to as clients. When the time has

not attained for this client to be attended to, these cluster of clientele find themselves in dire straits.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday I visited one of the facilities with my colleague Hon. Kanga in one of the Financial Institutions that I don't want to mention here, and we witnessed an elderly lady who could not excuse herself on where to go because she was hard pressed. It came to the rescue of hon. Kanga who instructed his driver to attend to the elderly lady by taking her to an undisclosed place to go and relieve herself. Mr. Speaker, with due respect, advice this House that whenever such a statement has been sought in this House necessary action must be taken, because this is not just a House to raise statements and go unattended. This should be a House that when Statements are sought, then action needs to be taken, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Hold on Hon. Kanga. Allow me to rule on statements made by Hon. Okiri. Hon. Paul, I would request you to allow the Chair to follow this matter and I shall make a proper ruling on Tuesday next week when we shall have our normal sittings in the plenary. Yes Hon. Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am happy that the Chairperson for Water and Environment Committee has just arrived. I have really sort for several statements and you've directed that I be replied on the floor of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I fear that if we go with this trend then it applies that even us ordinary members shall not abide by your directions. I request this responds be availed so that we can discuss these reports. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): Very well Hon. Guya. Hon. Members, you are kindly advised that when a member raises a question then it has to be responded to. I would still request that you give more time so that I present a ruling on the date I had given before. What is it Hon. Guya?

Hon. Guya: Thank you for that Mr. Speaker. I hope it will not be as other rulings and I request if there is a committee which is unable to discharge its duties then you can direct your ruling to other committees which are willing to perform. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Victor Rodgers): That shall be done Hon. Guya. Yes Hon. Kanga.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Am rising on Standing Order No. 42 (2) (a). I want to address a matter of topical concern. While we were about to adjourn and resume this sitting about a month ago, we had an informal sitting before this Honourable House. We were promised that some developments were supposed to be done in this House. The Speaker also did promised us that when we resume, we shall have a new House and with new gadgets.

Am seeing new developments in the form of wooden boxes, these boxes are not yet complete and they are not even furnished. They are tearing our expensive coats. Let the Speaker tell us

why the communication gadgets have not been fixed. We need a comprehensive report on the status of this House. We are getting embarrassed because we had visitors from Kiambu County Assembly. It will therefore be prudent if the gadgets are availed and installed so that we move on smoothly.

Yesterday we had visitors from Kiambu County and you were present. It was an embarrassment to this House Mr. Speaker. It will be prudent if those communication gadgets are availed so that we may be able to communicate effectively. As you know that there are communicable diseases which are air borne and it will be very harmful if I have tuberculosis which is air borne and I am speaking with the same microphone that is being used by somebody who is still healthy like Hon. Obonyo, it will be very harmful to the Hon. Members of this House. This is a Hon. House where the residents of Kisumu County are expecting input coming from us. That is a topic of concern and I also have another one on standing order no. 41 (c).

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Order Hon. Member. Standing order no. 105 (b) states that...

Hon. Kanga: I was rising on standing order no. 42 (2a) and that is why I concluded and now I am rising on...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Could you please read the standing order that you had risen on?

Hon. Kanga: standing order no. 42 (2a) states that;

'A Member may make a statement on a County issue or on an issue of general topic of concern;'

The general topic of concern is the issue of communication gadgets in this House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Order Hon. Member. Do you have the same standing order that I am using?

Hon. Kanga: I have the new standing orders unless they were printed in different areas like River road.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Could you please allow the clerk to read the same standing orders that you are using?

Hon. Kanga: Mr. Speaker, it is standing order no. 41 (2a).

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Just correct that for it is standing order no. 41 (2a) and not standing order no. 42 (2a).

Hon. Kanga: Mr. Speaker, right now I am rising on standing order no. 41 (c). The traditions of this House require that the Leader of Majority do issue statements every Thursday informing the

Assembly of the business before it comes the following week. The Leader of Majority is in this House right now and it will be proper because if you look into the order paper we are likely to transact nothing today and to correct that, it would be in order for the Leader of Majority to give us a chronology of events which will be carried out in the following week. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Thank you Hon. Kanga. Since we have our Leader of Majority or the Person acting on behalf of the Leader of Majority in the House, we will give him the opportunity to respond to the issues that you have raised. What is your point of order Hon. Okiri?

Hon. Okiri: Mr. Speaker this is a Hon. House and I did hear Hon. Kanga say that either one of the standing orders was published in River road or one is published somewhere else. Can he clarify or we will be misguided if we are having different standing orders. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kanga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. You had already rectified the mistake when you gave me chance to refer to the substantive order which I was referring to and I referred to standing order no. 41 (a) as you directed. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Hon. Kanga, Hon. Okiri has just reminded this House that you did use unparliamentary word and so kindly withdraw to this Hon. House.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I withdraw and apologize.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Thank you very much Hon. Member. Let us now proceed. Yes Hon. Genga.

Hon. Genga: I want to appreciate my fellow Hon. Member and I think that he is trying to put me up to task. We are all aware that a schedule program running all through from next week was issued by the House business committee last Tuesday and I want to say that if the Hon. Member has no copy then it would be proper for the clerk to avail the copy to the Member. As far as I am concerned all the Hon. Members were given a copy of the schedule that is running through to next week. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Yes Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to give a personal statement....

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Hon. Okumu, do you have a written statement to your personal statement?

Hon. Okumu: You seem not to understand standing order no. 42 which states that;

- (a) 'A Member may request for a Statement from the Committee Chairperson relating to matters under the mandate of the Committee and the Speaker may either appoint a day for the Statement or direct that the Statement be issued on the same day.'

Mr. Speaker, we are just about to go for sports in Nairobi and all Members here do go for practice, can you inform them of the time they are going for sports. But at the event of...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Hon. Member is that a personal statement?

Hon. Okumu: Mr. Speaker, I am still explaining myself. Something happened yesterday to me while we were training.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): What is your point of order Hon. Okiri?

Hon. Okiri: Mr. Speaker, sometimes you do allow me to induct them as a senior Member so that they know the laws. Once a Member has risen up under an order, then you need to sit. When the Member is using 'they' linguistically that is no personal.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Order Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okiri: Mr. Speaker, I am properly dressed.

(Loud laughter)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Order Hon. Members. It is the Chair's mandate to moderate the debate of the House and not the duty of Hon Members to moderate how the debate is done. Hon. Member, remember the chair has ruled that you cannot stand on a point of order when another member is on appoint of order. You let him finish first.

Hon. Genga, what is it?

Hon. Ngeta: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am Hon. Ngeta from Awasi/Onjiko Ward not Hon. Genga. I stand on appoint of information, we are lying to ourselves, the chair may be blind but we are able to know what is going on in the house. A lot of issues are here, Hon. Oraro, Ogutu, Arao are all necked. Where are we heading to? We need to respect this honorable house. Thank you.

Hon. Arao: Mr. Speaker, I know they say you are blind but I ask you that you have to see now if God indeed gave you two eyes. Look at me properly, Hon. Ngeta is doing witch hunting and it is becoming personal, I am properly dressed.

Hon. Muga: On appoint of information, I want to give you an information that most of the members have turned this house to be a dressing room. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Hon. David Arao was mentioned that he did not dress properly. He stood and informed the member who pointed him that he is well dressed. I have confirmed that he is properly dressed. Hon. Ngeta, stop misleading the house, otherwise you will be dealt with accordingly.

Take the microphone Hon. Ngeta.

Hon. Ngeta: Mr. Speaker, can Hon. Paul Okiri stand up and even Hon. Oraro. They are changing their coats in the house.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): I have not seen them change their coats.

Hon. Ngeta: But I have seen!

Hon. Okumu: You cut me short when I was giving my statement.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Rodgers): Let it be personal statement and you should know what it entails.

Hon. Okumu: I want to give a personal statement on order No. 82 (reading). You cut me short when I was giving my personal statement when Hon. Okiri rose on appoint of order and he did not mention the order. He is claiming to be a senior member but he does not understand the standing order. I stood on order No. 42 and I said, yesterday as we were practicing for football something happened that I feel can happen to anybody. I was involved in a small accident as I was playing. During that time we did not even have first aid kit, not even water and anybody to attend to the injury. These Hon. Members even though they are involved in games the biggest role is here. If anything can happen to them that cannot allow them to perform their roles here, we shall have lost a lot. I felt I should inform the house so that the County Assembly of Kisumu prepares for emergency as members are in the field not only when we are playing but even when we are traveling and all the time. We need to have a first aid kit and somebody who is trained so that we are not frustrated. That was my personal statement that you were on several attempts tried to allow me not to say. Thank you.

Next order!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no any other business to transact, the house stands adjourned until Tuesday next week at 2.30 pm.

(House rose at 3.02 p.m)