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SECOND ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION

Tuesday, 22nd June, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly Standing Order No. 32 (2) I want to request that the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): The Leader of Majority, could you please confirm if we have quorum.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, we have quorum. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Mr. Clerk, kindly take us through the Order Paper of the day.

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

PAPERS

THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE KISUMU
COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY 2020/2021

BY

HON. BEATRICE ODONGO

AND

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AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE
CONSULTATIVE FORUM WITH SUB COUNTY AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS IN EACH
SUB COUNTY AND ASSESSMENT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF FARM INPUTS BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND IRRIGATIONS.

HON. VITALIS OTURA,

CHAIRPERSON, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Beatrice Odongo.

Hon. Odongo: Thank you Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriation Committee, and pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Tuesday 22nd June, 2021, the Budget and Appropriations Committee Report on the Kisumu County Supplementary FY 2020/2021.

(Hon. Odongo lays the report before the House)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Budget and Appropriations Committee Report on the Kisumu County Supplementary FY 2020/2021. I want to direct that the House Business Committee to schedule this report for discussion on the Floor as soon as possible.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Next paper to be laid.

Hon. Odongo: On behalf of the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriation Committee, and pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Tuesday 22nd June, 2021, the Budget and Appropriations Committee Report on the Kisumu County Budget Estimates for the FY 2021/2022.

(Hon. Odongo again lays the report before the House)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Budget and Appropriations Committee Report on the Kisumu County Budget Estimates for the FY 2021/2022. I want to direct that the House Business Committee to schedule this report for discussion on the Floor as soon as possible. Hon. Vitalis Otura.

Hon. Otura: Thank you Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Tuesday 22nd June, 2021, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Report on the Consultative Forum with Sub County Agricultural Officers in each Sub County on the Assessment of the Distribution of Covid-19 farm inputs by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigations.

(Hon. Otura tables the report before the House)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Report on the Consultative Forum with Sub County Agricultural Officers in each Sub County on the Assessment of the Distribution of Covid 19 farm inputs by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigations. I want to direct that the House Business Committee to schedule this report for discussion on the Floor as soon as possible.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Beatrice Odongo.

Hon. Beatrice Odongo: Thank you Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriation Committee, and pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a Notice of Motion the Budget and Appropriations Committee Report on the Kisumu County Supplementary Budget FY 2020/2021.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Next!

Hon. Beatrice Odongo: Thank you Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriation Committee, and pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a Notice of Motion the Budget and Appropriations Committee Report on the Kisumu County Budget Estimates for the FY 2021/2022. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Next!

Hon. Otura: Thank you Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a notice of motion on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Report on the Consultative forum with Sub County Agricultural Officers in each Sub County and assessment of the distribution of Covid 19 farm inputs by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigations.

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

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF FUMIGATION UNTIL THURSDAY 24TH JUNE,
2021

BY

HON. KENNETH ONYANGO

LEADER OF MAJORITY

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. I would wish to move an Adjournment Motion from today Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th June, 2021. You are aware that the House was adjourned two weeks ago because of the rising cases of Covid-19 in our county. Indeed, you are all aware that the National Government (Lake Region Economic Bloc) Counties. Madam Speaker, COVID cases are still on the rise, and it is only natural that we continue with this containment measures so that atleast our safety may be guaranteed.

Madam Speaker, I would equally want to inform this House that, the Assembly has already began the process to Fumigate the different areas where our offices are and I believe that this Assembly shall be fumigated probably tomorrow. So, for that reason Madam Speaker, I believe that we can still continue to stay at home. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, we shall resume then session of this Assembly because we have the 1st Proposed Kisumu County Budget Estimates FY 2020/2021 which is very critical and thereafter on Tuesday, 22nd June, 2021 we shall have the Report on the main Proposed Kisumu County Budget Estimates FY 2021/2022 and the Kisumu County Appropriations Bill, 2021.

Madam Speaker, while we were at the House Business Committee, we did observe that, indeed there are some Business of this House that are very critical. So, probably as we shall convene for the next House Business Committee Meeting, we did consider that probably from next week, we shall go virtual and that may require the Hon. Speaker, the Clerks at the table and probably the

Member who is supposed to Move the Motion. Otherwise, the rest of the Members shall join through Zoom Application/Virtually.

Madam Speaker, those are the arrangements that we are putting in place and still want to beseech Hon. Members that, please let us exercise a lot of caution/care as we interact with our constituents as I had indicated last week because Kisumu has become the epicenter of this pandemic and as Leaders, we must lead from the front. So, I am aware that there are business that may pend which are equally critical, but I don't believe that anything can be as critical as our lives and safety. Otherwise, allow me to ask the Leader of Minority to second the adjournment. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes, Leader of Minority.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to second the Adjournment of this House so that we give room for the Assembly to be fumigated.

Madam Speaker, we are all aware that Corona Virus is a major killer amidst us and if we don't take the appropriate measures, we may fall victims. So, I urge Hon. Members that the one day requested for the adjournment which is tomorrow, let us endorse it so that we again resume our business on Thursday, 24th June, 2021. Consequently, we shall undertake our debates through Zoom. Madam Speaker, I second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Members. Hon. Members, the Motion on the Adjournment of the Assembly to Thursday, 24th June, 2021 has been brought by the Leader of Majority and seconded by the Leader of Minority. I therefore open it before this House for debate.

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

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Madam Speaker for according me this opportunity to contribute to this debate.

Madam Speaker, as much as I am in concurrence that we need to adjourn this Assembly, but it beats logic because we just had a break for almost two weeks which I believe that the fumigation exercise that is being advanced ought to have been undertaken during that period. Madam Speaker, opening the House and closing again due to the fact that it is going to be fumigated beats logic. The leadership ought to have given a better reason why we need to adjourn the House other than for fumigation purposes because we have had a whole two weeks of which fumigation would have been done. That is not a clear reason. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): So, you mean we should not adjourn?

Hon. Atieno: Madam Speaker, I am confused.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Member, are you for or against it?

Hon. Atieno: Madam Speaker, I am not for it because the reason given is not satisfactory. But I support the Assembly being fumigated.

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

Hon. Guya: Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I want to agree that there are rising cases of Covid-19 within the county. We don't need to take it lightly. But I want to agree with what Hon. Atieno has just said. We were here and we adjourned due to the rising cases of Covid-19 within the county and including the County Assembly of Kisumu. During that time, we believed as members that all the necessary steps were being put in place. Little did I know that until today, nothing has happened in this Assembly in the form of fumigation? My question is; is the leadership of the House and the Assembly putting our lives at risk by bringing us back here while the Assembly has not been fumigated?

Two weeks is not a short time. We have sacrificed. If you even look at what we have lost in terms of sitting allowances, it is too much. If you look at what we have lost in terms of the business of this House, it is too much. We did not come here to adjourn; we came to transact the business of the House. Surprisingly, we here on Tuesday, you want us to adjourn tomorrow Wednesday, come back on Thursday and again adjourn we go to Zoom – what business are we doing in this House?

Madam Speaker, I would have wished that we transact this week; we have Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday – why not use those days that we will not be here to fumigate the Assembly? If we are talking of risk, we have already put our lives at risk by bringing us in a House that is not fumigated.

Madam Speaker, I therefore want to oppose this adjournment and fumigation is to be done then that should happen been carried out on Friday when we shall not be here. Not unless the Leader of Majority wants to tell us that there is no business in the House to transact. If there is no business, he need to come out clear and inform Hon. Members that, there is no business to transact please go back home. Mr. Speaker, I travelled all the way from Nyakach to come and adjourn this House. I would have stayed at home and do other things if there was no business. So, Madam Speaker, I am sorry but I want to say here that I oppose the adjournment of the House today. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): I hope the mover of this motion is noting the sentiments of the Hon. Members.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ojuok, the floor is yours.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Madam, Speaker. I would like to say that I would be really comfortable with that fact that it is a bit risky considering the movement of some of our Hon. Members that I would prefer that I am away for the recess and I would support the adjournment of the House if that is the only way to do away with this problem.

Madam Speaker, considering the name of the Assembly. MCAs are taken to be fools and considering that all these things like the adjournment and the reasons for that are going into the annals of history. Somebody would one day look at them and see the way we are doing things and wonder. This is because last time we were talking about not gathering, but we are saying that we are going out to do some civic education. Again, somebody will look at that because some of our constituents were questioning that issues of going out to do sensitization but today we could have looked for a better reason.

Madam Speaker, I would say that, I believe that we are just being lethargic because I know the kind of people and sharp brains that are in this Assembly. They simply decided not to think and it is not that they cannot do it, but they just decided that they are going to craft a very heavy reason for this House to adjourn, honestly. If somebody would walk in and see that we resolved such a motion. Madam Speaker, I would like to say that, it is the way the Members are not putting the leadership to task or accountable. They have reached a point when they want to complete this leave so that by the time they are coming back, they know that nobody is going to oppose anything because we are just going to say yes. I know the only Member who has always stood for the right thing is the Leader of Minority whom I would have expected him to overwhelmingly refused to second this motion for adjournment.

Madam Speaker, I would recommend that, if it were possible, if it is not possible then fine, but if it were possible we adjourn. Madam Speaker, can we find a way on how we are going to start thinking because I am very sure that, people sat down and did not think about the business of this House and they found themselves in a situation where they did not have business to transact and looked for some flimsy reasons to adjourn. Madam Speaker, there is a possibility that, after this, they are not going to look for any more reasons how they are going to transact the businesses of this House.

Madam Speaker, we are the leaders of this House and going by the pandemic rising numbers that continues to worsen, let us not think that we will only sit here....

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Order!! Order Hon. Ojuok. I believe that I heard you say that the numbers are rising?

Hon. Ojuok: Yes the numbers are rising.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Is that true?

Hon. Ojuok: Madam Speaker, that is true.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Member, but if the Assembly want to undertake fumigation you are not for it?

Hon. Ojuok: Madam Speaker, you have just been informed that, we adjourned for two weeks and we have just resumed and we are again being informed that we are adjourning because we are going to fumigate the Assembly. Unless this House was rented to Uasin Gishu County during our absence and they were transacting businesses in this House and if we can be told the amount of money that we raised during that time. Madam Speaker, I am aware that this House was empty and it is the time it would have been fumigated. Madam Speaker, which is the only reason. Madam Speaker, that tells you that even when we were adjourning, the Assembly had no plans to do fumigation.

When we reached here there were no plans for transacting any business; so I am just requesting that as we adjourn the leadership should go back and task themselves to lead this House well. We need to give this County direction and it is not only the Governor that we sit and look at to tell us what to do.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What if the supplies brought the fumigation materials late?

Hon. Ojuok: That is poor logistics which is part of the failure.

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

Hon. Guya: Madam Speaker I just want to notify you that there is no quorum in the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): There is enough quorum.

Hon. Guya: Madam Speaker, I want to notify you that there is no quorum in the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Majority Leader can you confirm to me if we have quorum in the House.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker we have quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Let us proceed. Order Hon. Guya!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Beatrice Odongo.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Order Hon. Members!

(Loud consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Beatrice Odongo.

Hon. Beatrice Odongo: Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

(Loud consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Order Hon. Guya! Hon. Beatrice Odongo approach the Chair.

(Hon. Beatrice Odongo consulting with the Speaker)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Proceed Leader of Majority.

(Loud consultations)

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Members and I would wish to call upon you that the House stands adjourned. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): There being no any other business to transact, the House is adjourned to Thursday, 24th June, 2021 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

(House rose at 3.16 p.m.)

Addendum

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