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THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION

Wednesday 26th October, 2022

House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Akoth Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Good afternoon Honourable Members, I have the following **c**ommunication on amendment on the timeline for submission of the Response on a statement raised by Hon. Zacharia Okoyo, MCA, Central Kisumu Ward.

Honourable Members, take notice that I had made a direction in regards to the Statement sought from the Chairperson of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources by the Hon. Zacharia Okoyo MCA Central Kisumu Ward, that a response in form of a report on the said Statement be submitted to this Honourable House within 7 days.

Honourable Members, I wish to amend the timeline of submission of the report and direct that the Chairperson of the Committee on Water and Environment and Natural Resources report back to this Honourable House within 14 calendar days because they need to do some exhaustive consultations. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next order!!

STATEMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Mildred Biko Ajumbo, MCA Central Seme Ward.

Hon. Biko (MCA, Central Seme Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) (a) and (b), I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources on the contamination of and possible pollution of Lake Victoria that has so far resulted to loss of aqua-life and livelihoods by over 25 farmers in Othany and Asat beaches in Central Seme Ward. The polluted lake waters that has increasingly become contaminated and unsafe for domestic use and fishing has resulted to death of over 5000 fish in over 41 cages resulting to total loss approximately valued at ksh.25million.

In the statement, the CECM should;

1. Give details of the exact cause(s) of the pollution and contamination of the Lake Victoria waters along the Kisumu pier that resulted to pollution of fishing cages and destruction of aqua-life in beaches in Central Seme and its environs
2. Give details of the specific sanctions that shall be taken to caution the authorities, institutions or individuals whose actions of commission or omissions may have caused the pollution and contamination of the lake waters resulting to the loss of over ksh.25million by fish farmers in Central Seme.
3. Explain plans of retribution and or compensation that shall be meted against the agencies or individuals found culpable in order to cushion the over 25 fish-cage farmers from the over ksh.25million lost due to this unfortunate incident.
4. Explain the mechanisms that the department in partnership with relevant authorities, has put in place to decontaminate the polluted lake waters and preventive plans to counter any future similar happenings in order to make the water clean and safer for aquaculture, domestic and related use.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you Hon. Ajumbo. I however want to take notice that the Statement is same in context with the one that was sought in the morning by Hon. Member representing Central Kisumu Ward, Hon. Okoyo and the same

concern was also raised by Hon. Pete Oiko of Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward. Hon. Members I would want to direct that the committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources to take note of the two statements, work on them together and report back on the date that was earlier directed. Thank you Hon. Members.

(Hon. Oraro rises on his feet)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): What is your point of order Hon. Oraro?

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Madam, Speaker, listening to the Statement raised by the two Honourable Members, as a House we need to petition the Area Member of parliament to assist us get the gist of this matter.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, Manyatta B): Thank you Hon. Oraro. You remember that Hon. Oiko had the same concern and I had earlier directed that the statements be brought formally to the floor and committed to the Standing Committee of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries without annexing it to the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

Honourable Members, I request that we allow the Joint Committees handle the Statement even though you are raising very pertinent issues and concerns on the death of fishes on Lake Victoria, I would seek the leave of the Speaker so that Hon. Pete be given chance to raise the Statement that is being raised by other members that they present it tomorrow so that we can direct it to a substantive committee of fisheries. Thank you Hon. Members. Hon. Pete.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): Yes Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, I have given a direction and I have allowed it to…

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, I will do it tomorrow.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you. Hon. Oraro, are you satisfied?

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): (*Inaudible*).

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Oraro, we are not opening debates on the matter, I have given direction on the same. So, kindly, why don't you just be patient so that we allow Hon. Oiko to raise the statement tomorrow and then we direct it to the relevant House Committees.

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): *Inaudible*… concern on issue like the *inaudible*

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you Hon. Member…

(Hon. Pete rises on his feet)

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): On a Point of Order Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Oiko, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): On what is being raised by Hon. Kelvin Oraro Madam Speaker, we can discuss this matter on our own, and then there is a leeway of petitioning our MPs to raise it at the National Assembly and the Water and Natural Resources Department also has the leeway to contact the other government agencies concerned with the Lake Victoria. For instance; the office of the Director of Fisheries, Kenya Marine and Fishery Institute etc. and those are the areas that shall get us the answer. Thank you.

(Hon. Adega rises on his feet)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Adega, you are on your feet. What is it?

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Sorry Madam Speaker, I have a point of order.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Which Sanding Order are you referring to?

(Member not audible)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Hon. Oraro and Hon. Oiko had the same concern and I had earlier directed that the Statements be brought formally to the floor and committed to the Standing Committee on Fisheries without annexing it to the Standing Committee on Water, Environment and General Resources.

Hon. Members I want to ask that we allow, even though Members are raising very pertinent issues and concerns on the cause of death of fish on lake Victoria, I would ask and by the leave of the Speaker, give Hon. Pete to raise the same statement or concern that is being raised by Hon. Biko that they raise it tomorrow so that we can direct it to a substantive Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, thank you Members.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Oiko, I have given a ruling on that matter and I have allowed that you do it tomorrow.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): What is it Hon. Adega?

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Madam Speaker kindly guide me. What we are discussing is a serious matter and as you have been given directions for the committee I am just supporting that since you are all aware when I filed a petition…

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Adega you are out of order. Hon. Members the concerns being raised by Hon. Oraro are genuine but will be addressed and the directions that he is seeking or advising the statement to take will be informed by the report of the said committees. So, why don't we be patient we get the report from the committees then that report will inform the next way forward? Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Thursday, 27th October 2022 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

(House rose at 02.49 p.m.)

Addendum

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