

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2015

AFTERNOON SESSION

(SPEAKER'S PROCESSION)

(PRAYERS)

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Mr. Clerk can you take us through the order paper of today

NOTICES OF MOTION

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Members, any member from Committee of trade can give notice of motion. Hon. Bob Ndolo

Hon. Bob Ndolo: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I give a notice of motion on the continuation of a debate on International Saccos. Thank you.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Ongow): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to give a notice of the motion on house business calendar.

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS, MOTION ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE ON INTERNATIONAL SACCOS

Mr. Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): The Chairperson of Trade.

Hon. Maurice Aloo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, a motion of continuation of the debate on International Saccos has been moved and I want to urge the house to continue contributing towards the same.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Members, you are aware that in the morning we suspended the debate to the afternoon therefore we are continuing deliberating. Any member who is ready can start. Yes Hon. Agwanda

Hon. Caroline Agwanda: Thank you, I want to commend my able chair of trade for a well-researched report and I want to request other committees to follow suite. I want to say that in this report, we had recommendations of women, youth but it did not capture the people living with disability and therefore I want to request all the 16 recommendations put in this report should also include the PWDs. If Kisumu County goes by this recommendations, then the county will be so unique and I support it strongly. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Jane Omolo.

Hon. Jane Omolo: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support this report from the Committee of the trade. I think it is a very good report being also a member of

the committee I was privileged to attend this meeting in Mombasa. I want to inform you members the importance of having a sacco and as I stand here I am a treasurer of a certain sacco in Ahero. This Sacco started with only 6 people and right now we are over 180 members. If women can join this sacco, they will see its benefits. We also have bodabodasacco in Ahero. If we just engage ourselves and start one in our County, it is going to be very supportive. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Thank you. Hon. Pamela Awuor

Hon. Pamela Awuor: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this report which has been done well, and I want to say that this is a better way to succeed in the County. Without saccos we cannot do much. It I may report, one time I read in the papers about the bodaboda city in mlolongo areas. They are building houses through their saccos and very soon they will be living better lives. That is to say if we go ahead and encourage our people to form a sacco they can do better without depending on others, they can get money for investment with low interest. This is a great advantage which we can sensitize our people on. Women are better managers as far as financial matters are concerned, they understand financial management better. I would say saccos should be embraced because it is the only way to better life. I support. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Petronila

Hon. Petronila Achieng: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this report and I am very happy that it is coming at this time because it is overdue. When we look at this report, we find that the saccos did not just start yesterday. There are so many questions we need to ask ourselves as a county before this matter picks up. What is the problem, why is it very difficult to have saccos? Like central, they started saccos long time ago. In Kisumu County, we have had so many resources like selling of bricks and also stones being crushed, sand harvesting and they are money generating but still our people have not embraced saccos. My observation Mr. Speaker, I that we have a very bad culture, that people are not coming out to do something. If we want a sacco we need to have money, something that we really want to do. We need to sensitize our people so that it can be embraced. The other problem I see very quickly is that our women go to table banking, get money and then they have nothing good to do with money. We need to save and do good business, above all we need to change our attitudes. I got very discouraged by behavior of our community. As a county we have a big challenge. Those are the areas I wanted our colleagues to help me so that we bring saccos into the minds of our people. Right now we have so many bricks in my area but they are not doing well, we need to improve and make our County a successful County. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Yes Hon. Maina

Hon. Maina Koko: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to support the good achievements that we can make through our saccos. It is unfortunate that I am not aware that we have departments of cooperatives in this Government. I don't know if we have a Chief Officer, because this is one area that ought to have been given a ministry of its own because any

development nation require to pull resources together so that we develop as a group. The lone ranger that we see all the times amongst us is one reason that has made us unable to achieve our objectives. It is very difficult to put up a strong business that is competitive if you do not have resources. A few of us have achieved through saccos but we need to advance and achieve more for our people. I can give you example of my business, we could only get eggs from Nakuru or Uganda. You find in such scenarios, we used to make losses. If we had saccos we would do better. Look at fish, which you cannot stay longer with if you do not have coolers to keep them. This has hinders our ability to do good business in the right manner and therefore in my opinion I would request that even sand collected from Nyakach, or any other places going at a throw away prices because we do not have good saccos which could compete with our competitors. I think something should be done for us to be able to achieve this. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Chief Whip;

Chief Whip (Hon. Isaya Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me time to contribute towards this report. According to Joseph Mbuya, the Luos started this issue of corporation long time. In our history, nobody could sleep without food, even if there was a problem in a home, people could bring food from far to the aggrieved family. That was corporation. It started long time ago and people have been cooperating except for now that people have begun to be selfish. If you move to the next page, you will realized that it started when God created male and female and made them to work together so corporation has been there. For us to succeed in this, we must let our people speak in one voice for better understanding so that we also respect decisions which are there. If we do not do this we will not succeed. We must also respect the institutions and respect the laws that we make in order to make proper decisions without arguments. In Jua Kali in 1995, I started a sacco, I got the idea from Oyugis Society and we were contributing 5/ so it is just a matter of discipline. Because in a sacco society, if a member fails to repay, it means the other person will not get loan for development. We are therefore urging all members that for us to succeed in starting saccos we need sensitization and proper of it. You can witness now if you go to stage here, you will see matatus registered under saccos, it means the saccos are coming up. We need to know what we want to do, let us just educate our people to know how to save and control the flow of commodities. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Let Hon. Ayim contribute then Hon. Khan

Hon. Fanuel Ayim: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this report. It is very important to have cooperative societies, a strong one that contribute to the likes of the people. In Early 70s, we used to have KFA and this cooperative became so strong that people thought it was a government institution. I support the recommendation No. 2 which says the County Government should form a low cost capital firm called the County Government Cooperative Society. This will help us in very many ways as a county. We have seen some countries going in business directive with its citizen which is not going well with its citizen. If we can manage to sensitize our people, then we will be helping them because it is a way of giving soft loans to our people. In Luo Nyanza, we have been

taken as lazy, we are not productive but it is just because we do not have these cooperatives and because we have no market to sell our produce. It is true that even the vegetables come from other County. We need to make steady cooperatives which can assist in this. We have talked about fish farming, it is very sad that even the fish we eat around here come from very far. Even if you read the newspaper, fish is exported by the Central Province yet our County is known for fish. Let us put cooperatives that are going to regulate the business around us. I recommend the report to be acted upon and we are going to go very far Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Aslam Khan: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity by rising and supporting this report. But there are some areas where we need to beef up in order to meet the expectations of the people of Kisumu County. How many cooperatives societies are in Kisumu County? We need to go deep and find out, there is no need of building a training cooperative school here in Kisumu at this moment when we do not even have structures. I really want to request the County Government first to come up with structures of Cooperative Societies. Mr. Speaker, if you allow me to mention just a few societies that I know like Kibuye, Coopers, TukTuk, BodaBodas, and many other so societies, they are very many Mr. Speaker. Why can't our Government through the Cooperative society build a structure then we can have a training society in our County, when then are we planning to do this? That is why I say it is not only the human beings who cooperate Mr. Speaker, even the Ants cooperate when they want to solder on, that is cooperation. And I believe this cooperation needs to be brought down to Kisumu County. I remember when I read a book "not yet uhuru" written by the Late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, it was very clear they had lucratic cooperatives spread all over Nyanza.

Chief Whip (Hon. Isaya Onyango): Appoint of order Mr. Speaker

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Granted.

Chief Whip: (Hon. Isaya Onyango): Hon. Khan has said something there which I do not understand, may he translate so that we understand?

Hon. Khan Aslam: I can translate, it was a title of the book written by the late Tom Mboya, Luos, their habits and their way of life. There was one written by Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, Not yet Uhuru. If you read these books, you will realize that the cooperative movements were within our midst and spread all over Nyanza. They were doing a good job. Mr. Speaker, let us not keep on registering youths and women, I am not against them but what I am saying, instead of them waiting for NGOs Mr. Speaker, let us make us that we have a cooperative that can move. Look at the Cooperative Bank. It was just a movement started by the government subsidies of cooperatives in Kenya. It is among the top banks in Kenya today. Look at KCC, it was started with very few membership and now it has grown. If you go to Kiambu society, you will see even very small societies growing. We must move. We sincerely need to embrace cooperative societies in our County. Mr. Speaker, there was this idea brought about by our Governor Mr. Jack Ranguma about starting our bank within the County, I support that I dear because

it is going to move us a milestone. It is my humble request and believe in this honorable house, if we can make our own laws to make sure we generate from this bank and we be assured that we can access cash from this bank that we want to open. It will also help us know how we can subsidize goods for our farmers' cooperative inputs i.e fertilizers. Mr. Speaker, before I sit we need to train our people and let them participate so that they can learn and train physically rather than involving in issues that cannot help us build our County. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Ongow): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this report but it is sad to note that we talk about weak cooperatives while it is in record that the cooperatives we are talking about actually started in 1975. Some started in 1844. In Kisumu County, we have very many cooperative societies, the most places I have travelled to you find cooperatives not very active. In this Country, there are even very serious sugarbelts and major cooperative societies which used to lendfarmer's money in the olden days are not able to do so because they were split and therefore they have no enough capacity to do so.In the report read by the Agriculture Committee, you realized that a bigger percentage in that report on maize was set aside to be given to local farmers through the cooperatives and out growers. We are aware many of these factories in other Counties are forming very strong cooperatives societies like Nandi, Kericho etc.Being that we have not specified which cooperative societies are weak or strong, we cannot know which one require more financial base.

Hon. Isaya Onyango: Appoint of order Mr. Speaker, there are two honorable members standing, Hon. Maurice and Hon. Majority Leader.

Speaker (Hon..Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Maurice, what is your problem?

Hon. Maurice Ondiek: I was passing!

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Then pass and let Hon. Majority continue

Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Ongow): I was talking of those Cooperatives with stronger revenue base in the neighbouring Counties. If you go to Kericho County, many cooperatives societies are very active and without specifying, we have to make our cooperatives functional. We have Chemelil, Miwani and Muhoroni which have cooperative societies but not active. We must move with speed for us to make decision. It is a common knowledge that entrepreneurs should be able to take risks. Our entrepreneurs are not ready to take risks, you find the small scale entrepreneurs taking loans and taking risks to buy commodities in bulk which makes it cheap. The same people come to our markets here and give the same to ..(interrupted)

Hon. Caroline Agwanda: A point of information Mr. Speaker, Hon. Dianga is not feeling well, he is sweating a lot here.

Hon. Maurice Aloo: I think Hon. Caroline Agwanda is being cheap, Hon. Dianga has not complained that he is feeling unwell.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Dianga how are you feeling?

Hon. James Dianga: I am actually not feeling well am having fever.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): The sergeant at arms can escort you outside so that you seek medical attention.

Hon. James Dianga: No I can just go by myself. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Thank you Hon. Agwanda for your concern. You can continue Hon. Majority Leader.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Ongow): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am also expressing that Hon. Dianga be given proper medical attention. I was an entrepreneur not taking place in our County. You find in small markets, even our mothers are given the same commodities which is a peanut. I want to say our women are being misused those other people who are able to get loans buy these commodities in bulk and make a lot of benefits because of the same business which is being sold by our women. It is high time we start these cooperatives so that we empower women Mr. Speaker, if these cooperatives are well managed all the saccos will be able to do business. We have seen how small traders like fishmongers, fruit sellers are not able to get market to their commodities. Through these cooperatives they will be able to get enough funds to start good business which is going to improve their living standards. If we look at the Jua Kali Sector they are much behind because they are not getting finances to expand their business but through these cooperatives they will be able to get loans and do reasonable business. I listened to the Governors' speech and he talked about having given 7million to the sorghum farmers, if this could be organized through cooperatives, it was going to get a good return and it could benefit many people but because this was just given to specific farmers, it could not help a lot. Recently, the Kisumu County Cooperative bill was withdrawn. I looked at this report, and many issues addressed in this report was addressed to Kisumu County Cooperative which was withdrawn. We need to ask this committee of cooperative to try their level best to make sure that Cooperative which was withdrawn be reintroduced so that we just don't talk about other cooperatives without the bill. Mr. Speaker, I support the report.

Hon. Lydia Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the report that is before us this afternoon and I want to say that the report is good, well structured and it has all the challenges and recommendations and I believe it is going to help us a lot as far as matters of cooperative is concerned. I am supporting this report because they have realized that women form a great asset as far as economic growth is concerned. These people have realized that when the women and youth are given the opportunity they are going to go very far. Even if you look at this Assembly you will realize that the women leadership has done a lot as compared to others and this one tells you the power of

women. I want to say that we have an industry that is lying idle in Nyakach which is brick industry. If you go to the ground you realize one brick is sold at 5 – 6/-, when you move to katitio you get it is sold at 10/ and when you then reach Kisumu it is sold at 15/. Supposing those people had a cooperative that is manning all these their lives will change. I believe if we become serious with some of these issues we will help our youths to reach a certain level. Yesterday when I was watching lolwetv, I saw a woman from this County doing a business of pot making and when she was being interviewed I realized she was doing a good job. Such women should be empowered and can even train others because when asked she said she was willing to train interested women. This will go hand in hand in improving productivity and even reduce poverty index that is very high in our County. The report has also realized that if we take serious business, we can lead to micro-financing business which will give grant and they would move far.

Let us also enhance training institution where we can train our people and share knowledge which can be done during trade fairs. I want to have a lot of potential opportunities in many field and as much as we are complaining about unemployment amongst the youth, this can only be realized when there is sensitization programs. This way they will realize their potentials. Otherwise I want to commend the committee and let all that are in the report be implemented. Many at times we have passed reports and bills but they are never implemented. Otherwise thank you.

Hon. Caroline Ogot: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank you for this opportunity you have given me to commend the good work of this committee. I am impressed by whatever is in this report because it enhances this particular group that I am passionate about. Women are the bedrock of cash flow in this County. Women work in sun, women work in rain, women work in very difficult situations but at the end of the day they are not succeeding. Cooperatives have been there but they are not working. Reason being, that most of these cooperative groups are headed by men. The women shy away when they cannot give their proper input or sit in decision making tables so that their voices are heard. I am talking about a situation where a signature has to be appended in a cheques and a woman is involved. A number of times, women have been neglected and they are not able to access loans, reason being that most women have been left behind, they are only able to access the property that is there like land which they cannot control so when it comes to loans from the cooperative societies, at the end of the day it is the man who steps forward to receive the proceeds so it has discouraged women. The cooperative societies that have been there before has contributed a lot to the domestic violence. There has been situations where women have worked hard saved, but the man now wants to control money, spending it carelessly not having family at heart, in such situations, women have been bitten. They have shied away. There are situations that a lot of businesses which have been controlled by middlemen. If we could have cooperative societies headed by women...

Hon. Willis Ogonyo: Appoint of information Mr. Speaker Sir?

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Granted

Hon. Willis Ogunyio: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think the Hon. Member should speak as a legislature. These issues are very clear and she should know that a third of the officials in any cooperative society is a lady and it an issue which has been handled from time to time and I do not know why she is misleading the house. The requirement is that for every 10 men, there must be gender and the treasurer must be a woman.

Hon. Lydia Odhiambo: Appoint of further information?

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Granted

Hon. Lydia Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the house that Hon. Caroline was very right. Most of this times we make rules but we do not implement them. I went to a particular place and I realized there was only one lady amongst ten men in a particular group and even in this house, look at the liaison committee, how many women are there verses men?

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Auko!

Hon. Joshua Auko: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform Hon. Ogot that you said middlemen not middle woman but I want to say that a woman is also a man with a wo (laughter)

Hon. Caroline Ogot: Mr. Speaker Sir, as you can see the men are now really on me because I have spoken the fact. Let me continue, middlemen, the word here is men not women. If we could have more women on decision making tables, then this thing will succeed. Another thing is, the third gender rule shouldn't just be on paper but practicable. In a situation where you choose women who are not literate to understand what is going on is not applicable so what I am suggesting, is this, on top of what the chair had indicated as the key, that we should have some of the institutions like youth polytechnics. The disadvantage is that we do not have these youths registering to these institutions because either it is boring, predictable or of no use. If we could use of these institutions to have women and youth to have skills to enhance their productivity on financial management.

My final say, I want say that the women and youth could be better collectors on trade along the lake but because we do not understand, we are not able to solve their issues, they require to generate their own revenue collection to enhance their business, they will manage their issues, this way we will have a better County. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Chairperson of Liaison Committee!

Hon. John Kadede: Thank you Mr. Speaker, As much as I am a man, I sincerely congratulate the last speaker. If you look at this report, it clearly states that in Italy and Japan where the cooperatives have succeeded, 95% membership of those who are controlling these sectors are women. If you come to our County, the truth of the matter is, even if we take a set-up of our homes, if a man wants even 10,000/- , the only place you can easily get that amount is from your wife not even your brother.

Hon. Fanuel Aim: Appoint of order

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Granted

Hon. Fanuel Ayim: I don't understand Hon. Kadede. Is he saying men do not have money or what?

Hon. John Kadede: What I am trying to say is that this report is good but what about implementation. We should go down to the village and see how we can turn these women groups into cooperatives. We should see a way of going about this and even asking men to join these cooperatives formed by women groups. The truth of the matter is what is a cooperative? A cooperative is a group of people coming together with an aim of pooling resources together to lead a better future. This is where we are at a loss. Our people do not mind coming together to build a unity. Hon. Ongow said here that unless we think of this on a serious note, it will not work. It affects us everywhere. We the people of this region have refused to come together and work as a team. What I would request, we have a ministry charged with this responsibility. Let us request for expertise and organize teams that are willing to form a cooperative so that they start teaching our groups. As I am seeing we will be time bad. What we are seeing on the paper that the County would want to set aside money for cooperative, yet the funds are not there. Mr. Speaker, we have the youth fund, uwezo fund. But people fear that if they take loans, their assets will be taken. This is what we call the fear of unknown. Let us start thinking of starting serious cooperatives in our areas. I am sure, even us as MCAs, if we start these cooperatives, we will be sure of our coming back because they would see us as people who are working towards their better lives. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Yes Hon. Ogunyo

Hon. Willis Ogunyo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this report. As I said last week we need to have a sustainable cooperative societies. As I can see most of us do not know their responsibilities in this house. We need to initiate certain projects. Mr. Speaker Sir, happened to have travelled to Israel. What we saw there, saccos are real and are manned by women and men and actually the percentage of women was much higher. In the vision 2030, we should embrace the vision of this cooperative movement and come up with societies which can sustain the lives of our people. I know we have issues of bad roads, health, various items in our areas but we need also to address issues of cooperative. We need to come up with active cooperatives which can pay our farmers atleast even 30,000 per month which can pay fees Mr. Speaker Sir. I propose in my Ward Mtwala Cooperative Society but the process of registration was down because the cooperative officers were sleeping on their jobs. I want request this house as Hon. Kadede had requested that we move in as representatives of these wards to initiate these projects. We shall have more money for our people than letting them rely on individual loaning which is more expensive. How would we succeed if we do not even have ways of generating revenue which could attract our County? Going on development issues without addressing revenue enhancement is a process that can only be achieved if this County and as members of this Assembly work together for the cooperatives to be formed. These are the levels which should be addressed. Right now ladies are managing their poultry farms very

well so we need to encourage them not just men eating eggs. That being the case, I want to propose that we pass a policy that will enhance the growth of Cooperative society, let us come up with a motion on how this can be achieved. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Marlin

Hon. Marline Akinyi: Mr. Speaker, before I call the mover to reply, I want to say that in this report I read a paragraph which said, God said, “let us” meaning if God cannot do it alone, it means man can also not do it alone. So let us sit and form cooperatives for Kisumu County. Secondly, I want to say that for us to succeed, there must be people working together towards the achievement of a noble cause. In Kisumu County, long time ago we were best in fish industry, cotton industry, sugar and rice. All these cooperatives are no longer active. I want to say that women have been proved to be good managers. I want to plead that let us allow women to be managers of these cooperatives not just being Treasurers.

Lastly I want to say that some recommendations in this report do not need to wait for the bill to pass. We can just start implementing. Last week I launched a cooperative society in my ward and I want to say that we have a very competent cooperative officer in the County who worked so hard towards the success of starting this cooperative society. I want to urge members to take lead because registration only take like three weeks. Thank you very much.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Benta

Hon. Benta Ogola: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that the report before us has been well deliberated on and I now just request the mover to reply.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): The Chairperson of Trade!

Hon. Maurice Aloo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me first take this opportunity to thank all Members who have contributed towards this report. If you listened to the members carefully, all the ideas that can make the cooperative work was utilized. From this report we realize that where cooperative societies have done well are women and I want to urge the women fraternity in this house to take up this report and own it. I want to believe that we have many cooperative societies within Kisumu but the problem is only the leadership. There is a saying that Africans in position tend to care more about themselves, friends and families. If we could have a changed attitude so that we only think about the community then it can be well. The cooperative matters is important to note that the success of the community is also a success to all. It requires participation, corporation and the concern so allow me to thank Hon. Members and finally I want to challenge the women leadership in this Assembly to take up the matter. We can translate what other Counties are doing and make our cooperative societies the best for development. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Hon. Members, the chair for trade has replied his report, it has been discussed exhaustedly and I now put the question that this house now adopts this report, will as many are of the opinion say aye

Hon. Members: Aye

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Will as many are of the contrary opinion say nay?

Silence

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): The ayes have it. The Committee of Trade to liaise with the Executive so that the Cooperative Society Bill be introduced again in this house, taking the concerns raised in this house to be as tabled by the Chair for Trade on the summit which took place at Nyali Beach Hotel in Mombasa. Next order.

Clerk to the Assembly (Mr. David Ochieng): Order Paper No. 9: Adoption of House Business Calendar

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Majority Leader!

Majority Leader (Hon. Samuel Ongow): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to move a motion to adopt the annual calendar 2015. This is a very important calendar just as any calendar would be important in this Assembly. After the adoption of the calendar it should be gazetted and it will carry us for the whole of this year. Many a times you have heard members get confused whether when Assembly is going to re-open, if it is gazetted. Once the calendar has been approved and gazetted it is valid so members should note this so as not to get confused next time. The house and the general public can only be reminded of the date of re-opening. This is the County Assembly of Kisumu calendar of 2015.

CALENDAR OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY 2015

This is to notify for general information that pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, and by a resolution made on 4th March 2015, the County Assembly approved the calendar for the Assembly (Regular Sessions) for 2015 as set out in the schedule.

SCHEDULE

PART I: SITTINGS

PERIOD

DAYS

Third Session, First Part

Tuesday 10th February to Thursday 2nd April 2015
morning and afternoon, Thursday afternoon

Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday

Third Session, Second Part

Tuesday 16th June to Thursday 4th June 2015
Morning and Afternoon, Thursday Afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday

Third Session Fourth Part

Tuesday 15th September to Thursday 3rd December 2015

Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday
Morning and Afternoon, Thursday
afternoon

PART II RECESS

Third Session, First Part

Short Recess

Friday 3rd April 2015 – Monday
14th April 2015

Third Session, Second Part

Short Recess

Friday 5th June 2015 – Monday
15th June 2015

Third Session, Third Part

Long Recess

Friday 14th August 2015 –
Monday 14th September 2015

Third Session, Fourth Part

Long Recess

Friday 4th December 2015 to
Monday 8th February 2016

Mr. Speaker if this is approved will be the calendar of this year and I request the Deputy Minority Leader to second.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Joshua Auko): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the adoption of the County Assembly Calendar 2015.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): The Leader of Majority has read the motion of adoption of the Kisumu County Assembly Calendar 2015 and has been seconded by the Deputy Minority Leader and I pose a question that now members can contribute. Hon. Chief Whip.

Chief Whip (Hon. Isaya Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to thank the majority leader for the detailed information that he has given the house. Mr. Speaker, as you can see, this will require a lot of proper planning so that we do not mix things. Let us now respect the calendar because we have known according to the record. Our Executive should be aware of our calendar and let us pass our bills as the cooperative bill so that we do not drag behind in implementation process. I would suggest that, we should work with decorum, as members respect the precincts of the Assembly the people working within it should also be working with decorum but you find some just walking without ties. We should respect the law. Mr. Speaker, let the law be observed by all. I dont see why people should not be in the required attire. Otherwise I want to thank the Majority Leader for the Assembly calendar. Thank you.

Hon. Salim Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is to thank the Majority Leader for having brought this calendar which will guide the business of this house. It is important to have this so that we do not keep on asking when we are resuming the house or when we are going to recess. It

saves us from unnecessary argument whether we are supposed to go on recess or not. This is pure business and we must respect it. Thank you.

Hon. Caroline Agwanda: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the County Assembly Calendar tabled by the Leader of Majority. I want to say that the calendar we have set here is going to help us achieve the goals we tend to achieve in 2015. It will also help us identify what we did not achieve, it will also help us get results and develop some legislations that is going to assist us in this House. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Pamela Awuor: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to support the Calendar but I want to request that the temperature of this house be made conducive for us because it is very hot and something should be done. Thank you.

Hon. Jane Omolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to add something on top of what Hon. Pamela has said, I know we will not be in this house for long but I request that something should be quickly done so that the temperature of the house is corrected it is very hot especially in the afternoon. Thank you.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Anybody to call for the mover to reply because it seems the members are satisfied with the report.

Hon. Petronila Achieng: Now that this matter has been exhaustively discussed, I rise to call the mover to reply.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Ongow): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank this Hon. House for accepting to adopt this calendar which is going to take us throughout this year without amendments. I must thank the Hon. Members for being there for the people of Kisumu and this calendar is going to form part of our planning. I am happy that many Hon. Members have sat to see the tabling of this calendar, I had thought that it would miss a quorum by the fact that time is late and members are now tired. What we have in the calendar, Mr. Speaker, we will make sure that your office and my office will ensure that it goes as planned. There is allocation in the budget for the items members are asking here and it is sad at times to see if those votes have been spent and nothing has been done. I want to promise that those pledges are met and we want to ensure that the complaints will be looked into. Thank you.

Hon. Maurice Aloo: Appoint of information, I have heard Hon. Members complaining about the room temperature and the majority leader has also talked of the same, I want to give my input that the background is technical this room require air conditioners Mr. Speaker. I heard technicians saying so.

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): It has been discussed and exhausted and I now pose a question that the Kisumu County Assembly Calendar for 2015 be adopted, will as many are of the opinion say aye?

Hon. Members: Aye

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): Will as many are of the contrary opinion say nay?

Silence

Speaker (Hon. Samuel Ombogo): The ayes have it. This house stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

Adjournment

House adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30 pm

(Speaker's Procession)

(End)