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MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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Special Sitting

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The House met at 3.25 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Mwangangi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. We are starting a little late because you appreciate we had many other businesses in the morning that concern your services in the Assembly and quite a number of important matters pertaining the budget still 2020/2021 which is still under preparation and so Members we can start now and I will ask the Clerk to start.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
CONVENING OF THE SPECIAL SITTING

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, other than welcoming you to this sitting, I want to remind you under the communication on the special sitting, I did 26th June, 2020, so there will be no other communication on the special sitting today; the reason and the basis and also the one for tomorrow. That is just a reminder. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have three Hon. Members that are going to lay Papers but we have four Papers as listed in the appendix. The first will be by Hon. Kisini, the second by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, who I am informed he is in the tent and there will be communication; Serjeant-at-Arms, when it comes for the second Paper to be laid, Hon. Mwanthi needs to be availed here.

Then we have Hon. Peter Mutiso who has two Papers to lay. So we start with Hon. Robert Kisini. And Hon. Kisini, use the sanitizer as you handle that microphone; everybody is a suspect we agreed so cleanse your hands, in case there is anything in the microphone so that you are safe and then handle it as you wish. For the other Members, keep alternating because we also have the other microphones.

REPORT ON REGIONAL AND INTEGRATED STRATEGIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
MACHAKOS COUNTY AND ITS SELECTED 16 URBAN CENTRES

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I come from Athi River but I think I am safe.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today Monday, the 29th day of June, 2020; Report of the Committee on Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources on the regional and integrated strategic urban development plan for Machakos County and its selected 16 urban centres.

Hon. Speaker: Is the Paper signed as it is supposed to be Hon. Kisini? Just show me the signature page from where you stand. Yes, I can see it is signed. Thank you, Hon. Kisini.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

As we wait for Hon. Mwanthi because I was aware he is in the tent and I had indicated the Sergeant at Arms ought to have co-ordinated so that he is near the door to enter; it takes a very short time to lay a Paper.

Hon. Ndawa: Madam Speaker, I am requesting if somebody can hold brief for him because I left him in a hotel somewhere; he is not in the tent at the moment.

Hon. Speaker: Where is the Paper then; which Member sits in the Finance Committee here? Alright Hon. Kisila is holding brief for Hon. Steve Mwanthi.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MACHAKOS FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay on the Table of the Assembly today Monday, the 29th day of June, 2020; the report of Financial Statements of the County Government of Machakos for the financial year ended 30th June, 2019. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisila. So the next two Papers are by Hon. Peter Mutiso. And Serjeant-at-Arms, please be ready to sanitize the microphone for the Member. Point of Order from Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it is the high time we get the right sanitizer; this is the wrong one. This is the right one that will be killing the entire virus.

(Hon. Muendo used a pocket spray can of sanitizer)

(Laughter)

We have the wrong sanitizer

Hon. Speaker: I agree with you; the point is taken by the Table office. Table office, facilitate the proper sanitizer; this is for the dispensers out there. Another point of order, Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: It is just an addition; I am requesting if he can assist us in sanitizing. He uses the available materials. We request him to sanitize for us.

Hon. Speaker: We can see something is coming almost like what Hon. Majority Leader is proposing. Hon. Mutiso, please proceed.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD FOR 2017/2018

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay on the Table of the Assembly today Monday, the 29th day of June, 2020; the report on the operations of the County Assembly Service Board for the year 2017/2018. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: There are two Papers so go ahead Hon. Mutiso.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD FOR 2018/2019

Hon. Mutiso: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Monday, the 29th day of June, 2020; the Report on the operations of the County Assembly Service Board for the year 2018/2019. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutiso; are the Papers signed?

Hon. Mutiso: Yes they are.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutiso. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have notices of motion; they are four as listed in the appendix. The first one is by Hon. Kisini, the second one by Hon. Brian Kisila on behalf of Hon. Mwanthi and---

Hon. Maitha: He has arrived.

Hon. Speaker: Oh! Hon. Stephen Mwanthi; Hon. Kisila kindly withhold your brief. So the second notice of motion will be by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi who is now present and the last two notices of motion will be by Hon. Peter Mutiso.

REPORT ON REGIONAL AND INTEGRATED STRATEGIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MACHAKOS COUNTY AND ITS SELECTED 16 URBAN CENTRES

Hon. Kisini:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Section 104 of the County Governments Act, No.17 of 2012 provides that a County Government shall plan for the County and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly;

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that urbanization has, in over time, altered the local economic development landscape in which urban centres compete;

Changes precipitated by urbanization have necessitated the need for regional and integrated strategic urban planning development in order to exploit assets and resources of the urban areas and their neighbourhoods;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of the committee on Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural resources on the regional and integrated strategic urban development plan for Machakos County and its selected 16 urban centres.

It is signed.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisini. The next Member is Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MACHAKOS FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Section 166 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act requires every accounting officer of a County Government entity to prepare a report---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, I think the mask is....just drop it a little bit we will allow you because those near you are masked that you cannot be a risk to them. Please start again.

Hon. Mwanthi: Yes, Madam Speaker. I had even sent someone to go and get me a lighter one but they have not yet come back.

Hon. Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Mwanthi:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Section 166 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act requires every accounting officer of a County Government entity to prepare a report for each quarter of a financial year in respect of the entity and submit the report to County Treasury;

Aware that the County Treasury should consolidate the quarterly reports and submit them to the County Assembly not later than a month after the end of the quarter;

Further aware that the County Treasury submitted a consolidated Report and Financial Statements of the County Government of Machakos for the financial year ended 30th June, 2019 (FY 2018/2019) to the Assembly for consideration;

Noting that the County Assembly Standing Orders defines the mandate of the Finance and Revenue Collection Committee to include all matters relating to the management of county public finance and revenue collection;

Aware that the committee analyzed the report of submitted by the Department of Finance and Economic Planning and made recommendations;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of Financial Statements of the County Government of Machakos for the financial year ended 30th June, 2019 (FY 2018/2019) as tabled by the Finance and Revenue Collection Committee.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Steve Mwanthi. The next notice of motion Hon. Members as I had read earlier is by Hon. Mutiso and there are two notices of motion.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD FOR 2017/2018

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

That aware that the County Assembly Service Board is established under Section 12 of the County Governments Act, 2012 as read together with Section 8 of the County Assemblies Services Act;

Aware that the Board consists of:

- a. The Speaker of the County Assembly as the Chairperson;
- b. Two members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of members in the County Assembly; and
- c. One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in Public Affairs, but are not members of the County Assembly.

Acknowledging that Section 36(1) of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 provides that within three months after the end of each financial year, the Board shall prepare and lay before the County Assembly, a report of its operations during that year;

Further aware that Section 36(2) of the Act stipulates that, the annual report shall in respect of the year to which it relates, contain:

- a. The Activities the Board has undertaken;
- b. An evaluation on the extent to which the values and principles referred to in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution are complied with in the public service;
- c. Information relating to performance of the service and attendant challenges; and
- d. Any other information that the Board may consider relevant.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this House discusses and approves the County Assembly Service Board operations report for the year 2017/2018.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It is signed.

Hon. Speaker: Go ahead to the next notice of motion.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD FOR 2018/2019

Hon. P.J. Mutiso:

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Aware that the Board consists of:

- a. The Speaker of the County Assembly as the Chairperson;
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- c. information relating to performance of the service and attendant challenges; and
- d. Any other information that the Board may consider relevant.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this House discusses and approves the County Assembly Service Board operations report for the year 2018/2019.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutiso. Hon. Members, I have noted that although in the appendix there is supposed to be the notice of motion on the motion by the Hon. Majority Leader for shortening of time for maturity of the Bill that you are going to discuss, I will be asking the Hon. Majority Leader to be given the Notice of Motion at this point because if we do not do it at this point there we will mix up issues.

It must have been left out inadvertently.

(The Speaker consulted with the Clerk at the Table)

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: It is on House Business Committee membership. So, Hon. Majority Leader, I hope you prepared the Notice of Motion for him. Before we discuss the Motion, you read the Notice of Motion.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 151(1) provides that the House Business Committee should be appointed at the commencement of each session;

Aware that the Committee is crucial in determining how business is debated in the House and in preparation of the Assembly Calendar;

Noting that the House Business Committee Membership should reflect relative majorities of seats held by each of the Assembly parties in the Assembly;

Aware that the nomination should take into consideration of interests of Independents and aware that parties have nominated members to serve in the House Business Committee; Aware that the Assembly parties have concluded nomination of Members to the House Business Committee;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that, pursuant to Standing Order 151(1)(e), the House approves the appointment of the following members to the House Business Committee for the Fourth Session of the Second Assembly of Machakos County in addition those members specified under paragraph 151(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d);

1. Hon. Moses Mitaa
2. Hon. Hellen Ndeti
3. Hon. Rozina Kanini
4. Hon. Patrick Kituku
5. Hon. Justus Katumo
6. Hon. Fredrick Muthoka
7. Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku
8. Hon. Joshua Muli
9. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva
10. Hon. Irene Mbivya
11. Hon. Judas Ndawa

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is signed.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SHORTENING THE TIME FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL 2020 (KENYA GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT NO.4) (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILL NO.2) FROM SEVEN DAYS TO THREE DAYS

Hon. Speaker: Under Order No. 8 is the motion that is as read out and it is by Hon. Mark Muendo, Majority Leader. This is a procedural motion so we did not need to do a Notice of Motion unlike the other one of House Business Committee membership. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, that aware that Section 8(1)(c) of the County Governments Act, 2012 bestows the responsibility of approving the Budget and Expenditure of the County Government on the County Assembly;

Aware that the County Executive submitted the Budget estimates for the FY 2020/2021 to the Assembly for approval on 29th May, 2020;

Noting that the Machakos County Appropriation Bill, 2020 (*Kenya Gazette Supplement No.4*) (*Machakos County Bill No.2*) was published on 26th June, 2020 and aware that Standing Order 116 requires that an Appropriation Bill, on publication, should be allowed in the House after seven days;

Aware that seven days will lapse on 3rd July, 2020 and the Bill can be introduced in the House at the earliest on 4th July, 2020;

Aware that the bill is late for approval;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that pursuant Standing Order 116 this House resolves to shorten the time for introduction of the Machakos County Appropriation Bill 2020 (Kenya Gazette Supplement No.4)(Machakos County Bill No.2) from seven days to three days to ensure the Bill is approved in time.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. The seconder of your Motion?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request Hon. Kamitu, the Minority Leader to second my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I stand to second the Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader and Minority Leader. Hon. Members, do we have Members who have objection to the Motion? Hon. Maitha, I saw you pulling your mic very quickly like you want to say something.

Hon. Maitha: Sorry, Madam Speaker, I wanted a clarification on another point of Order; that the House Business Committee party suggested Hon. King'ori so---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha, it is not like you to do what you are doing now. When we get there do what you are doing now. Thank you. So, Hon. Members, I was asking about the Motion for shortening the period for introducing this Bill before this House. Is any Member objecting? Hon. Ndawa, your hand was up.

Hon. Ndawa: I am not standing to oppose; I am standing to say that the Appropriation Bill is late and we need to pass it as soon as possible. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. It is good that some of these things go on record, Hon. Members, because you know you are legislating and you are doing a money Bill so everything we do about it should be procedurally correct. So it is good we have head from Hon. Ndawa and Hon. Kisila had something to say.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, I am standing to support the Motion but I just want to request the committee to kindly give us the document in good time so that we can peruse before we debate it.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisila. Any other Member who has a comment to make?

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

BILL

First Reading

THE MACHAKOS COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020 (KENYA GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT No.4)
(MACHAKOS COUNTY BILL NO.2)

*(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time - Ordered
to be read the Second Time tomorrow)*

MOTIONS

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this is the Motion by Hon. Majority Leader Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 151(1) provides that the House Business Committee should be appointed at the commencement of each session;

Aware that the Committee is crucial in determining how business is debated in the house and in preparation of the Assembly Calendar;

Noting that the House Business Committee Membership should reflect relative majorities of seats held by each of the Assembly parties in the Assembly;

Aware that the nominations should take into consideration of interests of Independents and aware that parties have nominated members to serve in the House Business Committee;

Aware that the Assembly parties have concluded nomination of Members to the House Business Committee;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that pursuant to Standing Order 151(1)(e), the House approves the appointment of the following Members to the House Business Committee for the Fourth Session of the Second Assembly of Machakos County in addition those members specified under paragraph 151 (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d);

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7. Hon. Annastacia Mutuku
8. Hon. Joshua Muli
9. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva
10. Hon. Irene Mbivya
11. Hon. Judas Ndawa

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Who is seconding your Motion?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request Hon. Mueni to second my Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mueni.

(Applause)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, I invite you to debate the Motion. Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the list with an amendment as far as Jubilee Party is concerned. When we met the other time, we had proposed Hon. Mbivya to be a Member of that Committee but she told us that she is busy elsewhere and we suggested that Hon. George King'ori be in that committee and I wish to sincerely request that Hon. King'ori be included instead of Hon. Mbivya. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Maitha. Do we have Hon. Irene Mbivya here or in the tent? Hon. Mbivya, there is a proposal from the Jubilee Party that you be replaced by Hon. King'ori because you indicated that you will be tied elsewhere. Is that the position?

Hon. (Ms.) Mwende: That is correct.

Hon. Speaker: It is correct? Thank you, Hon. Mbivya. So, the list will be amended to have Hon. George King'ori under number 10 in place of Hon. Irene Mbivya. Members, you notice I did not throw it to the House because that is a Party house, Party issue so I talked to the Members of the Party and the Member who is affected. So, the correction has been effected, Hon. Maitha. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to support the proposal of the Members who have been proposed to be in that House Business Committee and I will make a humble request to the respective Assembly Parties in this House. This report ought to have been passed by February this year; we are now on the 29th of June. So, Madam Speaker, as you are aware, the list came here some months back and one Assembly Party disagreed with the list so I am making a humble request that every Assembly Party ensures that it puts its house in order to avoid these delays. That is the only point that I just want to make. Otherwise, I support the report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Mutiso.

Hon. P.J Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the proposal of the Members who have been proposed in that Committee and I also request the other Committees to follow suit as you have seen that Members rotated in that committee because I think the previous Members who were in that committee joined when we came to this Assembly and we can see there are changes now. So, I request the other Committees to follow suit. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutiso. Hon. Kalumu.

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Madam Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: So, do I say Hon. Kioko instead of Hon. Kalumu in case later somebody later says I called for Hon. Kalumu but a Mister or Hon. Kioko spoke. Which is which? Is Kalumu also your name?

Hon. Kalumu: It is also my name.

Hon. Speaker: So, that is Hon. Kioko Kalumu?

Hon. Kalumu: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, thank you.

Hon. Kalumu: I stand to support the Motion of today bearing in mind that Madam Speaker whoever came here is equal to each other and also I would like to say that everybody who managed to be a Member of this House has an equal opportunity to each and every committee of this House and that is why I am not putting any objection of any Member because equity should be served.

So, I would also like to support the sentiments of Hon. Mutiso because we have seen rotation in one committee; it would be prudent if the same is followed so that we can see if we can make this House as vibrant as it was before. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kalumu. Yes, Hon. Majority Leader maybe you need to respond or contribute and also respond to what Hon. Kalumu and Hon. Mutiso have raised.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me say the issue of delay in this House Business Committee was not caused by our Party but it was because when you ordered our Party to give the new names of which we did, then the COVID-19 checked in. So, the delay is on the COVID-19 there was nothing going on in our Party. Madam Speaker, let me say, yes, I agree with Deputy Whip and Hon. Kioko of Yatta that, when we joined this House, we did not know how people are gifted in terms of performance and we now know the best people in certain committees.

I would like to say some of the committees in future in my house that is the Wiper Party, very soon we are going to do a lot of changes to suit people with their careers.

(Applause)

It is very important, it will not be witch-hunting, I cannot be a mathematician and I cannot know everything but we know people who are capable in these committees. Madam Speaker, three years have gone and let us say all the Members here are equal and let me assure every Member here to know and trust every Member who is in this House.

When we do that we would like to consider a few things like the committee of Finance, the committee of Budget, the committee of Agriculture, we must look for people who have that kind of knowledge in that area. It will not be witch-hunting but to get the right people who can understand the figures, the right people who can understand agriculture, and also the committee of education.

Although we have a very capable chairman who is a teacher but we would like to have two more teachers like Hon. Johana and others who can contribute better because they have been into a class and also Hon. Ngunga. Those will go on that line and that is what I propose for us to make better use of the committees. When we do that it will not be witch-hunting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Nziva. I will come to you, Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Hon. Members present. I wish to also support the Membership of the committee as you realize Members that House Business is like the mother of all committees because without any business, I do not think whether Members can conduct any business without a House Business Committee. So, I wish all the Members all the best as they take their mandate envisaged in our Standing Orders. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nziva. Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the approval of Members into this very important business committee in the Fourth Session of this Assembly and tell the new Members that this is a very important committee and therefore, I would also urge immediately the House Business Committee should sit down and prepare the calendar of the year. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader. Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to appreciate this great House leadership for their noble idea. Secondly, I want to appreciate my political leadership, Minority leadership from *Chap Chap* for giving me another chance to serve the House Business Committee. I sincerely want to say that, I am ready to serve this committee diligently through the leadership of my party, *Chap Chap*. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Annastaciah; we can really feel the gratitude oozing out of you in the manner you have put it. Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: I stand to support the Motion and I would like to emulate what Jubilee has done. I think Jubilee has set up a very good example of how we are supposed to work with each other. If a Member feels they are busy or they cannot be able to handle a committee, let us live it to the other Member and I want to commend *Mheshimiwa* Irene Mbivya for setting a very good example of how brotherhood and sisterhood should be enhanced in this House.

I wish other Members can emulate the same and if you have two or three committees and you feel there is one committee that you are not able to attend, please give it out to your brother or sister. It will go a long way in helping.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisila.

(Question put and agreed)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I may just echo the sentiments expressed by the general membership of the House, that this is a very critical committee and it has missed in action for a short while; we all understand these circumstances and so I am asking the secretary, the Clerk Assistant Mr. Dominic to make sure you call the meeting immediately so that we can plan the business of the House and I am sure that the Majority and Minority Leaders and their respective Chief Whips that they are going to take action as soon as possible to populate the other committee so that now we are settled as a House and we go forward doing the good job that you have always been doing. So Mr. Clerk, proceed.

REPORT ON REGIONAL AND INTEGRATED STRATEGIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MACHAKOS COUNTY AND ITS SELECTED 16 URBAN CENTRES

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members under this order we have the motion by Hon. Robert Kisini. Hon. Robert Kisini?

(Hon. Kisila spoke off record)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila let us have you on record. You have a point of order.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, I have looked at the document which my chairman is about to present; it is a very lengthy document and having the fact that some members of this Assembly are members of the Budget committee and they are about to go or burn the midnight oil to be able to bring the document tomorrow to the Assembly, I request if my chairman can go straight, with your permission Madam Speaker, to the recommendations so that we can quickly do away with this business and allow Members even to digest on the budget which is coming tomorrow. Hon. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, that is a proposal by Hon. Kisila that we do not go through reading the paper we go to the recommendations. That is what is Hon. Kisila is proposing he is citing the exercise of the budget FY 2020/2021 that is being undertaken by the budget committee Members a number of whom I see cited here including the chairperson, he was here a few minutes ago. So I want to have the view of the Members on that proposal and Hon. Majority Leader can start.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, as what the Hon. Member of Mwala/Makutano is saying Madam Speaker, as you know, yesterday, not yesterday but on Friday, we were to go to the tents and interrogate the budget and when we went there we found the Hon. Member off Mwala/Makutano had convened a *Kamukunji* instead of interrogation of the budget therefore we did not interrogate it as directed---

Hon. Speaker: That *Kamukunji* I am instructed was convened by the Minority Leader so it is okay.

Hon. Muendo: Okay. Thank you but the chair was Makutano/Mwala Hon. Member---

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: The laughter...please delete that laughter.

Hon. Muendo: Madam Speaker, my suggestion is this is very crucial, the budget is very crucial for these members. We have not seen what is contained in the budget, tomorrow we are going to have the budget in the House and Madam Speaker, my request is that this report of Hon. Kisini not only we go to the recommendations, we have not seen it. This is very crucial for the people who come from urban towns and also we want also to consider when you see other towns coming to that level and it is very important we look into it thoroughly.

So, Madam Speaker, my request as Majority Leader in this House, is we shelf the report on environment...the one of Hon. Kisini and we get chance to look into this budget which is coming tomorrow. Madam Speaker, as of now most of the Members have not seen that budget and Madam Speaker, we do not have time if it is tomorrow I request, my humble request is let us lead with the budget we scrutinize and see all our monies which we require for development is in the right place. Thank you, Madam Speaker. That is my humble request.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, thank you. Hon. Whip Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for granting me the opportunity to also give my input. I stand to support what Hon. Majority Leader has stated. Madam Speaker, with your permission we can go through this report on Thursday since we will be in the assembly because it is important

also we see the whole report especially Hon. Members who come from the areas which have been mentioned. We will really want to know what is contained in the report. So Hon. Speaker, with your permission let us debate it without hurry on Thursday. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Whip. Hon. Betty, you come from Masii and you want Masii to be an urban area.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Yes, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, noting that we have very serious businesses within our mandate to work them out, it was my humble request if we could go through the observation or else the recommendations for the report concerning the environment, land and energy so that everything that you are talking about here it is about our people, it is about Machakos County, it is the importance of our county.

So it would be my humble request, Madam Speaker, through your indulgence if we could go through the recommendations. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty. Hon. Muthoka.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support what Majority Leader has said because there are 16 new urban centers like Mitaboni is in. I would like to know what they have said about it. So we should debate this report when there is time. So I think we can do it on Thursday. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Muthoka. Hon. Ndawa I can see you; why do you need to stick? You are not in class saying Teacher Teacher me! Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand again to support what the Majority Leader has said with just an addition to it. I think when you look at the report which has been posted on the wall, it is affecting very many centers which need to be upgraded. There is a whole list of issues which have been raised there, I was requesting that the House be given time, Members be given time to go and read the report, internalize it and then on Thursday without wasting time the Hon. Chairman just comes and reads the recommendations and when the House is just being told about the recommendations and adoption they have already read the report and they have already internalized what is inside the report.

So I Thursday there will be no reading of the report. The Hon. Chairman will just come and do his recommendations and then from there we can adopt the report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I want to see the members of the tent; if there is a member who wants to make a proposal. Hon. Members, in the tent, the proposal is that because of the importance of this motion by Hon. Kisini, we shelve it because we have this big elephant in the room that is the FY 2020/2021 Budget Estimates and the deadline for considering them is tomorrow. So, Hon. Members are proposing that we shelve this report which is again also very important so members can go through it and we address it on Thursday.

Do we have any member in tent who is objecting to that proposal? By hand up any member who is objecting the proposal? Any Member who is supporting the proposal; by hand up. Thank you, Hon. Members I have felt the views from the membership there. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am one of those who are affected and who are interested people. Madam Speaker, as you are aware, a Statement was sought in this House some months back last year and Madam Speaker, when we went through that Statement, the House resolved that there was need to have new municipalities and when we are following up

with the executive to find out what is holding these new municipalities, Madam Speaker, the response we are getting from the County Secretary is that we cannot have municipalities unless we have passed the report we are holding here.

So, Madam Speaker, I am kindly requesting and pleading to my Majority Leader and everyone kindly and I am using the word kindly, this report is long overdue. The committee on environment has been working day and night to ensure that they come up with the report. When the House Business Committee was balloting the business for today, they gave it No. 1 so there was a reason for having business listed No. 1.

So, Madam Speaker, I was requesting that we go by the proposal of Hon. Kisila, we read the recommendations then from there you propose the question and if it is possible you instruct us maybe to go and see and peruse the report and in case anyone has issue he or she can also liaise with the committee to have his or her sentiments considered. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members...thank you, Hon. Ndawa. I had heard the views of the Members in the tent and they are quite a number. I have also heard the views of the Majority Members here who are of the view that the report be deferred to Thursday so that you read and understand and because you have this pressing business of the budget which you need to finalize on, the request that we defer makes sense.

However, Members I do direct that the Hon. Member Kisini moves the motions, it is seconded and then the reading and the debate will be on Thursday. That way the report will become property of this House. He cannot withdraw it; it will be property of the House. Hon. Kisini please proceed quickly, read the motion get the person to second you and I will propose the question but the... I will give the directions after you read and you get the seconder but the idea is to defer it to Thursday.

Hon. Kisini:

Hon. Speaker. that aware that Section 104 of the County Governments Act No. 17 of the 2012 provides that a County Government shall plan for the county and no public funds shall be appropriated outside the planning framework developed by the county executive committee and approved by the County Assembly;

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that urbanization has in overtime altered the local economic development landscape in which urban centers compete;

Changes precipitated by urbanization have necessitated the need for regional and integrated strategic urban planning development in order to exploit assets and resources of the urban areas and the neighborhoods;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the committee on environment, lands, energy and natural resources on the regional and integrated strategic urban plan for Machakos County and its selected 16 urban centers.

I request Hon. Helen Ndeti, who is committee member of environment, to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Kisini. Hon. Ndeti.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am a member of the committee and I am happy to second the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members remember I indicated that we want to make the report property of this House. Ordinarily, I would have had the Hon. Member read then I propose but now I am going to propose; I have consulted with the Table Office here. I will propose the question and then when he comes...we are not being recorded now.

Are we being recorded? So, what I will do is I will propose the question and then when we come, the Hon. Member will start by reading and I will still propose the question again. We want to get the report to be part of this House.

(Question proposed)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, at this point the House stands adjourned we will defer the further processing of that motion to 2nd July, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. Thank you, very much Hon. Members.

The House rose at 4.33 p.m.