

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

The House met at 10.22 a.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good morning, Hon. Members. Mr. Clerk, are we having quorum? We do? Thank you.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**  
**ADJOURNMENT TO MEET THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, I have a brief communication that I wish to make to you. Hon. Members, on the 18th September, this year, I communicated to you that the County Commissioner had expressed a wish to meet you because of matters of security and other matters in the county and he had proposed to meet you on 26th of September; that is tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

However, two days ago the County Commissioner called me and told me that he was seeking your indulgence that we bring forward that meeting to today at 11.00 a.m. because he had been called urgently from 2.00 p.m. today to Embu on a regional security leaders meeting and he did not want to miss the meeting with you tomorrow because that meeting in Embu is going to go through tomorrow.

So, Hon. Members, I feel we needed to indulge him and for that reason, we are going to transact matters this morning very briefly then adjourn possibly at quarter to 11 a.m. so that we can have the meeting with the County Commissioner and his team of security in the county in the new Assembly block and then after that Hon. Members, you will be able to proceed with our business this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

So, Hon. Members, at the appropriate time, you will notice that I will be adjourning the House and the main reason is because you will have to go and deal with matters of security that are proving to be a thorn in the flesh in this county with the head of security that is the County Commissioner. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

**MOTION**

SELECTION, EQUIPPING AND STAFFING OF MODEL ECDE CENTERS IN EACH WARD

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by the Hon. Angela.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker that aware that early childhood education plays a critical role in a child development hence it should be emphasized:

New researches on early childhood programs continue to emerge;

Recent research demonstrates that the pre-kindergarten programs have had positive effects on children readiness to learn there is also some evidence of improvement in the children health and safety and there have been increased calls on state policy makers to expand public investments in early childhood education; Madam Speaker, aware that ECDE classes' construction project was initiated in the year 2013 and up to date the project has stalled despite constant funding in the previous financial years;

Recognizing that educational and social welfare committee conducted field visits in ward to access the classes and in its report, the committee established that the classes were on a deplorable state with cracks, sagging ceilings and broken down windows panes;

Further aware that model ECDE centers with high operational standards in terms of infrastructure and high quality of education once set up in each ward will serve as thresh hall for consequent ECDE centers to be set up in the county;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move a motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the department of education selects, equips and staffs one model ECDE center in each ward.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to call upon Hon. Hellen Ndeti to second the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Hellen Ndeti.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Madam Speaker, I second the motion.

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

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Members, at this point this motion has become a property of the Assembly and Hon. Members you remember I indicated that we may have to adjourn at one point for the reason that I communicated.

It is prudent that we don't start a debate half way and then we stop without concluding and for that reason Hon. Members this motion is referred back to the House Business Committee for balloting and it will proceed from where it has stopped once it is balloted.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members at this point I can see it is like 25 minutes to 11 o'clock and the House stands adjourned Hon. Members to resume at 2.30 p.m. on the 25th day of September, 2018. Thank you.

The House rose at 10.33 a.m.