

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS
OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 29th November, 2022

The House met at 3.24 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 29TH NOVEMBER 2022

Hon. Speaker: May I call upon the Minority Leader to proceed and read the Statement.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met today, 29th November, 2022 to prioritize business for the House pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(6)(d). The Committee balloted and re-organized business as follows:

Tuesday, 29th November, 2022
Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

- a. Motion on approval of report of Select Committee investigating the proposed removal from office of the Chairperson, the Secretary and two members of the County Public Service Board of Machakos by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Chairperson of the Committee. That is continuation of business that was here in the morning in the plenary.
- b. Motion on the Petition to the National Assembly on establishment of Ward Development Fund to be moved by the Majority Leader.
- c. Motion on development of an Agricultural inputs distribution and issuance policy by Hon. Charles Mbuva, MCA-Kangundo West Ward.
- d. Adjournment of the House by Hon. Majority Leader Nicholas Nzioka.

MOTIONS

APPROVAL OF REPORT ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL
FROM OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY AND TWO
MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF MACHAKOS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I would like to bring to your attention that you had earlier requested for more time to read the report. The House business has considered the Motion and noting its nature balloted for its continuation this afternoon. I want to believe that you had an opportunity to go through the report therefore I want to invite you straight to debate this motion. Members, it is your floor to debate the motion.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Point of Information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. As requested during the morning sitting, members requested to be given ample time to through the report of which I believe Members have gone through it. So I would suggest that since Members have gone through it, you allow the Chairperson to take us through the recommendations so that we can have the highlights of the contents. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think that is very important. Mheshimiwa Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. maybe I would like to seek your guidance; in the morning, the Majority Leader requested for extension of the morning sitting which you granted at the same time so would you guide us why the business was terminated before even the time was concluded and the report was still being read. That has never happened anywhere in our parliamentary setup. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Point of Information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I requested that Members be given the report to read, and also for the re-balloting of the business for this afternoon. So I am just informing the Member that it is on my request for members to be given the reports to read on their own and the House Business Committee to re-ballot, that the Speaker was able to..... Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Mwonga.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, your ruling was very clear, that the Majority Leader had requested for time for Members to go and read the report. When you have opened for the Members to debate, none has raised his or her hand which means these Members have already read the report.

(Applause)

It is my request to go to the next step on this report. When the Majority Leader is saying that we be the mover of the motion, reads the recommendations; what for and the Members have read the report? Let us not waste a lot of time. Let us go to the next stage. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Maybe the Hon. Member could clarify that point.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will not go that route. I will just go direct to contribution on the business before the House because I have read and I have understood the business. Hon Speaker, I will start by saying that I totally agree with the report as presented to us by the Select Committee. Again, Hon. Speaker, the reason why I am totally agreeing on the report, the issues raised here are pertinent issues and Hon. Speaker, we have two issues here.

We have criminal element and we have civil element. Hon. Speaker, when we talk about these board members and the Secretary to the board, Hon. Speaker, it is the duty of every Kenyan assigned certain tasks to do his/her duty with what we call due diligence. There is no way one will assume that he can do or you can manage the affairs of this County Assembly as if it is a personal business.

Hon. Speaker, the board before the House now is a board which is mandated by the County to manage the affairs of the human resource in this County and Hon. Speaker, from what we have read from the reckoning from the report, some board members are trying to harass some of our employees sexually which is against the Constitution of this country.

Hon. Speaker, the issues here, it is clear that there is a gross violation of the Constitution. If you are supposed to employ people, it is mandatory that you must advertise; you must give out an advert so that members can be able to read and know that you have the intention to employ. Then step No. 2 Hon Speaker, those interested will be given time to apply. Then from the other step is the issue of shortlisting; you check whether this person has what is required and then from there, members of those who are interested will be called for interview.

Hon. Speaker, we have seen from the report that these procedures are not followed by the said board and that is why I am standing here firmly to say that today the board must go home because they have not done what they are supposed to be doing.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, the other issue that I am raising here is that the issue before the House, 80 per cent of it lies and what we call tort. Hon. Speaker, a tort is a civil wrong and in law of tort, we are concerned with three things; defamation, trespass and negligence. Hon. Speaker, I will not to talk about trespass and I will not talk about defamation; I will just dwell on the issue of negligence. Hon. Speaker, negligence is either by omission or commission. You are given a certain task to perform, and you will fail to do that task that is negligence. You are given a certain task to perform, and you do it and you do it wrongly, that is negligence.

Hon. Speaker, I have seen that the committee recommended that these people be removed from office, I am also recommending that have the removing from the office they must be prosecuted for the mistake that they did in office. We have seen a lot of resources have been paid to people who have not worked and that one means that the county is losing a lot of resources. These people need to be surcharged for the allowances that they drew which were not qualified to draw such allowances. Hon. Speaker, I totally agree with the report.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, I wanted to go on record. This morning, some Hon. Members from this House, we are dishing out monies to other Hon. Members trying to bribe them so that they can shoot down the motion.

(Applause)

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker, when I was elected by Matuu residents, they did not send me here to get me bribe from anybody. I must do my work and I cannot request for consideration for something that I am paid for. Hon. Speaker, that is a very big shame to those who are trying to bribe us with Ksh. 200,000. You are trying to offer me Ksh. 200,000 for what? I am satisfied with the little to salary that I get from this Assembly. So the little to the Ksh. 200,000 that you are, that you are giving us, take it to whoever gave you or you take it to your wife and forget about these Hon Members.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, if we don't take charge, the reputation of this House is going to be tarnished and we are not going to allow this. Hon. Speaker, I support and request Hon Members to agree with the report so that we can move to the next step. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Mheshimiwa Kavyu, you want to say something?

(Loud consultations)

Mheshimiwa Maitha.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a House of procedure; a motion was brought before this House extension was sought and it was granted, a report was brought in the floor of the House this morning. An extension for the same for Members to read and understand was brought and it was granted and we have gone through the report, Madam Speaker. The reason as to why these reports are circulated is for members to go and read. The only issue that is pending before this House Madam Speaker is to adopt the recommendations by the committee.

We cannot go ahead as requested by Hon. Mwonga to go and proceed with the other business of doing what is ahead. We have first to expedite on the issue of adopting the report the recommendations of the committee. So without much ado, as the Hon. Member has already said reading the mood of the House, Madam Speaker, let us give the mover of the motion even before we give them mover the motion---

(Applause)

Standing Order 65 is very clear. Let the mover come and read the recommendations. The accused have a right as per our Standing Orders to respond to the same, and I want to thank one Hon. Chairman for the County Public Service Board for finding it wise to withdraw and avoid discussion of his name before this House, Madam Speaker. One book written about Africa's enigma; in Africa, we prefer exporting cotton and buying new made clothes. We prefer exporting local, the coffee and the import processed coffee at a very high rate.

The Hon. Chair for County Public Service Board decided to save tainting of his name before this House for discussion by withdrawing his name. I salute him and the rest who accepted to have their names discussed here, I now request that the mover of this motion comes

and gives us the recommendations we adopt them for we have gone through the report and then we do the necessary. We cannot go ahead before adopting the report, Madam Speaker. I supported the report because I have read it and it clearly outlines the ills that this county has gone through.

We have been speaking about this issue way back from the First Assembly, the Second Assembly, we cannot make a mistake, Third Assembly or the beginning or the inception and go ahead and accept the same to continue. I support this report and request your indulgence. Madam Speaker, you call the mover of this motion, give the recommendations, once the recommendations are adopted by the House, then the complainant or the accused can come here to reply if not, we proceed to the next motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Mheshimiwa. I would request the mover to come actually and give us the recommendations.

(Applause)

It is important we have the recommendations read out.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K):
RECOMMENDATIONS

The Select Committee, having executed its mandate under section 58(5) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Standing Order 62 of the County Assembly of Machakos Standing Orders has found out that:

- (1) The Charges of serious violation of the Constitution, County Governments Act, 2012, Public Officers Act 2012 and other laws and gross misconduct to have been substantiated and recommends to the House to:
 - (a) Approve the removal from office of Mr. Onesmus Muia Mutisya, Secretary of Machakos County Public Service Board;
 - (c) Approve the removal from office of Ms. Cecilia Mbinya Sereka, Member of the Machakos County Public Service Board; and
 - (d) Approve the removal from office of Ms. Stella Ndinda Muthoka, Member of the Machakos County Public Service Board;
- (2) Further, the committee recommends:
 - (a) That all irregular promotions be revoked.
 - (b) All beneficiaries of irregular recruitment and promotion be surcharged accordingly.
 - (c) Adhere to ALL recommendations of the Second Assembly contained in a report tabled and approved on 4th May, 2022 on allegations of corruption, abuse of office by some members of the CPSB.
 - (d) Further investigations should be carried out for all recruitment and promotion done from the financial year 2021/2022 up-to-date.
 - (e) The CPSB should be held accountable for malpractices contrary to Section 22 of the Public Officers Ethics Act, 2003.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), I call upon the persons being removed from office to answer issues raised in the debate and also in the report. For each person, I want to allocate five minutes. We start with Mr. Onesmus Muia Mutisya followed by Ms. Cecilia Mbinya Sereka and finally Ms. Stella Ndinda Muthoka in that order.

(Silence)

Are they available? But they had been invited? Okay. In their absence, I proceed and assume there is no response because they are not present. I now call upon the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members. Madam Speaker, this report has all information required by anybody or any person who feels aggrieved. It is a good report I can stand and say it is the best. It has recommendations that are touching on the Second Assembly of this House which required this County Public Service Board to be reporting to this House within 60 days which it did not do.

The same board was required to report to this House within 30 days on recommendations of the Second Assembly and it did not report anything to this Hon. House. It is a board that has been working on its own and probably having their own reports and has never submitted documents required by this Hon. House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Hon. Members, Section 58(5) of the County Governments Act 2012 provides that, members of the Board may only be removed from office—

- (a) On grounds set out for the removal of members of a constitutional commission under Article 251(1) of the Constitution; and
- (b) By a vote of not less than seventy five percent of all the members of the county assembly.

Hon. Members, pursuant to this provision of this Act the voting on this question will be by roll call voting. Standing Order 69(4) provides that when the doors have been locked and the bar drawn and names of the tellers have been announced, the Speaker shall put the question again and direct that the Clerk to call out the names of the Members in alphabetical order in the presence of the tellers.

Further, Standing Order 69(5) provides that, when called out, each Member shall, thereupon rise in his or her place and declare assent or dissent to the question in the following manner “I vote Yes” or “I vote No” or “I Abstain” or use appropriate Kenyan sign language.

DIVISION

(Question put and the House divided)

Hon. Speaker: When now voting because we are about to start voting you will vote three times; mention the name of each person then vote. Stand up and vote three times; say yes, yes, yes or no, no, no for so and so. The clerks will be recording and ticking against your names. So I call upon the clerk to call out the names of the Hon. Members.

(Question carried by 48 votes to 9)

Voting for the removal from office of Mr. Onesmus Muia Mutisya, Secretary of Machakos County Public Service Board

AYES: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Hon. Mbili Ndawa, Hon. Jackson Ndaka, Hon. Lucky Nzau, Hon. Everlyn Nzeki, Hon. Mutisya Kivuva, Hon. Gideon Kavuu, Hon. Fredrick Muia, Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda, Hon. Anastasia Nundu, Hon. Annabel Ndilo, Hon. Benjamin Kyule, Hon. Boniface Katiti, Hon. Catherine Mutio, Hon. Catherine Kyee, Hon. Charles Mbuva, Hon. Daniel Muindi, Hon. Daniel Ndwiki, Hon. Dickson Maundu, Hon. Dominic Maitha, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Hon. Douglas Musyoka, Hon. Eric Musembi, Hon. Farhiya Haji, Hon. Felix Nguu, Hon. Francis Kitaka, Hon. Grace Bahati, Hon. Hellen Ndeti, Hon. Irene Mulu, Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi, Hon. Johana Munyao, Hon. Brian Kisila, Hon. Joseph Mulinge, Hon. Justus Mutuku, Hon. Mary Kituku, Hon. Mathew Ndunda, Hon. Mathias Muasya, Hon. Paul Muli, Hon. Muoki Musila, Hon. Paul Wambua, Hon. Peninah Kanini, Hon. Peter Kilonzo, Hon. Phillip Ndolo, Hon. Rosina Kanini, Hon. Ruth Kamau, Hon. Vincent Mutie, Hon. Winfred Mutua.

NOES: Hon. Francis Kavyu, Hon. Musyimi Maeke, Hon. Constance Mbula, Hon. Francis Ngunga, Hon. Loyd Mutua, Hon. Margaret Ndalana, Hon. Mercy Njagi, Hon. Phoebe Koki.

ABSTENTION: Hon. Joshua Mwonga.

Voting for the removal from office of Ms. Cecilia Mbinya Sereka, Member of Machakos County Public Service Board

AYES: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Hon. Mbili Ndawa, Hon. Jackson Ndaka, Hon. Lucky Nzau, Hon. Everlyn Nzeki, Hon. Mutisya Kivuva, Hon. Gideon Kavuu, Hon. Fredrick Muia, Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda, Hon. Anastasia Nundu, Hon. Annabel Ndilo, Hon. Benjamin Kyule, Hon. Boniface Katiti, Hon. Catherine Mutio, Hon. Catherine Kyee, Hon. Charles Mbuva, Hon. Daniel Muindi, Hon. Daniel Ndwiki, Hon. Dickson Maundu, Hon. Dominic Maitha, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Hon. Douglas Musyoka, Hon. Eric Musembi, Hon. Farhiya Haji, Hon. Felix Nguu, Hon. Francis Kitaka, Hon. Grace Bahati, Hon. Hellen Ndeti, Hon. Irene Mulu, Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi, Hon. Johana Munyao, Hon. Brian Kisila, Hon. Joseph Mulinge, Hon. Justus Mutuku, Hon. Mary Kituku, Hon. Mathew Ndunda, Hon. Mathias Muasya, Hon. Paul Muli, Hon. Muoki Musila, Hon. Paul Wambua, Hon. Peninah Kanini, Hon. Peter Kilonzo, Hon. Phillip Ndolo, Hon. Rosina Kanini, Hon. Ruth Kamau, Hon. Vincent Mutie, Hon. Winfred Mutua.

NOES: Hon. Francis Kavyu, Hon. Musyimi Maeke, Hon. Constance Mbula, Hon. Francis Ngunga, Hon. Loyd Mutua, Hon. Margaret Ndalana, Hon. Mercy Njagi, Hon. Phoebe Koki.

ABSTENTION: Hon. Joshua Mwonga.

Voting for the removal from office of Ms. Stella Ndinda Muthoka, Member of Machakos County Public Service Board

AYES: Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Hon. Mbili Ndawa, Hon. Jackson Ndaka, Hon. Lucky Nzau, Hon. Evelyn Nzeki, Hon. Mutisya Kivuva, Hon. Gideon Kavuu, Hon. Fredrick Muia, Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda, Hon. Anastasia Nundu, Hon. Annabel Ndilo, Hon. Benjamin Kyule, Hon. Boniface Katiti, Hon. Catherine Mutio, Hon. Catherine Kyee, Hon. Charles Mbuva, Hon. Daniel Muindi, Hon. Daniel Ndwiki, Hon. Dickson Maundu, Hon. Dominic Maitha, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Hon. Douglas Musyoka, Hon. Eric Musembi, Hon. Farhiya Haji, Hon. Felix Ngui, Hon. Francis Kitaka, Hon. Grace Bahati, Hon. Hellen Ndeti, Hon. Irene Mulu, Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi, Hon. Johana Munyao, Hon. Brian Kisila, Hon. Joseph Mulinge, Hon. Justus Mutuku, Hon. Mary Kituku, Hon. Mathew Ndunda, Hon. Mathias Muasya, Hon. Paul Muli, Hon. Muoki Musila, Hon. Paul Wambua, Hon. Peninah Kanini, Hon. Peter Kilonzo, Hon. Phillip Ndolo, Hon. Rosina Kanini, Hon. Ruth Kamau, Hon. Vincent Mutie, Hon. Winfred Mutua.

NOES: Hon. Francis Kavyu, Hon. Musyimi Maeke, Hon. Constance Mbula, Hon. Francis Ngunga, Hon. Loyd Mutua, Hon. Margaret Ndalana, Hon. Mercy Njagi, Hon. Phoebe Koki.

ABSTENTION: Hon. Joshua Mwonga.

(Applause)

INCLUSION OF COUNTY WARDS EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND IN
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BILL BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: May I call upon Nicholas Nzioka to proceed.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Members, this particular motion is equally important, so let us stick around.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker I beg to move the motion THAT pursuant to Articles 37 and 119 of the Constitution of Kenya, this County Assembly resolves to petition the National Assembly individually and collectively as the County Assemblies Forum (CAF) vide the annexed draft petition for the National Assembly to intervene and ensure:

1. That the County Wards Equitable Development Fund be incorporated in the proposed Constitutional Amendment Bill before the National Assembly by the Hon. Stephen Mule, MP and the Hon. Gichimu Githinji, MP alongside other proposed funds namely the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAF), the Senate Oversight Fund and the Economic Stimulus and Empowerment Fund either prior to the publication of the said Bill or before it is referred to the Senate in accordance with rules of procedure of Parliament.

2. That the proposed Constitutional Amendment Bill in amending Article 204 of the Constitution should provide for the following with respect to County Wards Equitable Development Fund:
 - (i) That each County Government shall allocate funds comprising of a certain percentage of the respective total County's Annual Budget Estimates or as shall be advised by the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) during the enactment of the County Allocation of Revenue Act to cater for County Wards Equitable Development Fund;
 - (ii) That all monies allocated to County Wards Equitable Development Fund shall be considered as funds allocated to Wards pursuant to Article 206(2)(c) to be administered in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Parliament; and
 - (iii) That Parliament shall enact a legislation to provide for the administration of the County Wards Equitable Development Fund.

Madam Speaker, I wish to call upon the Minority Leader to second my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC) seconded.

Hon. Speaker:

(Question proposed)

I now invite Members to debate this motion. Mheshimiwa Maitha.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, if we are guided by Standing Orders, this Motion would have taken precedence that has just passed. Madam Speaker, the matter of Ward Development Fund is a non-negotiable issue that no Member can even dare to attempt to object to its existence.

Madam Speaker, Members of County Assemblies have tried in vain for this Fund to be in existence for them to be able to take or achieve the speed of devolution by taking services to the people. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I support this Motion and this Petition in totality just for one simple reason, that Hon, Members of County Assemblies can be able to achieve the spirit of devolution and objectives of devolution by being able to take services closer to the people.

So without much ado, Hon. Members who have been elected in this House and in their own consciousness and in all sobriety of mind will not even attempt to this object to this Petition. So I support this motion and in the shortest time possible as specified by the petition as per our Standing Orders, a maximum of 30 minutes is too much; 10 minutes are enough to put the Question so that this Petition can proceed to the National Assembly. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the report on the grounds that if the dream of Counties having a Ward Development Fund is actualized. This will empower the people at the grassroots and also provide an opportunity for

MCAs to actualize and may be realize their independence because most of the time they are held hostage because of development issues. This will contribute to setting them free. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Mheshimiwa Ndawa.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will start by congratulating the Majority Leader for coming up with this noble motion. If we talk of ward and how resources are supposed to be distributed, I think the ward is the centre of all problems. If we talk of the national, we talk of the county and finally we go the ward level so the motion is 100 per cent okay and I am thanking the Hon. Member for coming up with this motion.

Hon. Speaker, the elected MCAs suffer a lot. Hon. Speaker, during the polling day when the electorates are casting their votes, they cast the votes to six office bearers starting from the MCA to the President and once the results are announced, the person that remains on the ground and who the electorate can meet every morning and every time they want to see him or her, it is the elected MCA.

Hon. Speaker, as you are aware, we have ward offices where we meet our electorate so that we can get their views. Hon. Speaker, giving an example of Matuu ward office, when I sit to receive clients in my wad office, 80 per cent of those who come to those offices are coming to seek for assistance and in most cases it requires financial support. As you are aware Hon. Speaker, there is no budget for that office to facilitate the electorate.

Hon. Speaker, when we are campaigning, we normally make promises to our electorate and me make the promises without having the funds to do the projects. There is a difference between a want and a need and the other word is demand. A need is something you require to have and you do not have the finance. Demand is something that you desire to have and you have the financial muscle.

Hon. Speaker, all that we get are just needs because we do not have the supporting budget so Hon. Speaker, I beg my colleagues here to agree with the mover of the motion that we approve that the National Assembly passes a national legislation which can allow us to have the Ward Development Fund and also the County Governor to set aside funds for the wards.

Hon. Speaker, this is going to be cure to 80 per cent of the problems that MCAs and electorate face so I support the motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Aliphonce then Mheshimiwa Kaloi.

Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda (Kivaa, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, as I can see each and every MCA who are here in the House, I can comment that we are all reading from the same script and I urge you with due respect that instead of labouring in something we are all agreeing to, I cannot see the reason for labouring on the same issue so I urge you to put the Question and we move on. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you so much, Hon. Member.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Next Order.

AGRICULTURAL INPUTS DISTRIBUTION AND ISSUANCE POLICY

Hon. Speaker: May I call upon Mheshimiwa Charles Mbuva to proceed and move the motion.

Hon. Charles Mbuva (Kangundo West, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for granting me the opportunity. Madam Speaker, I want to seek your permission, I would request to defer my motion. Madam Speaker, I am in a celebratory mood and Members would also need a moment of celebrating and those who are mourning, they would also require some time to mourn gracefully.

(Applause)

I ask for your indulgence that I defer my Motion to a later date. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: The motion is deferred to another date; the date will be notified to you, Members. Next Order.

ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES HOLD MEETINGS TO GENERATE BUSINESS

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Majority Leader, proceed.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first of all want to thank Hon. Charles Mbuva for reading the mood of the House and I also want to congratulate the Members for acting with their conscience and that in the history of this House, it will be recorded that you actively cleaned up the civil service of Machakos.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the First Session of the Third Assembly commenced on 27th September, 2022;

Aware that pursuant to Standing Order 25(1), the Assembly approved an Assembly calendar on 18th October, 2022 and aware that the calendar provides for the sittings and recess for the House;

Aware that Standing Order 25(4) provides that the Assembly may by resolution, alter its Calendar or the adjournment date;

Further aware that Standing Order 151(6)(a) provides that House Business Committee shall prepare and if necessary, from time to time adjust the Assembly Calendar with the approval of the House;

Acknowledging that there is need for members of this House to hold Committees meetings on Wednesday, 30th November, 2022 to generate business for the House;

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 25 (4), I wish to move the Motion THAT this House adjourns its sitting from today 29nd November, 2022 to resume on 6th December, 2022 to allow Assembly Committees hold meetings to generate business for the House.

Madam Speaker, I request the Chairman of the Decentralized Units Mheshimiwa Brain Kisila to second.

Hon. Brain Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): Thank you, my able Majority Leader. I stand here to second and I think we still have a lot of pending business in this House. We have the Supplementary Budget coming and we also have the CIDP coming so Madam Speaker, I am sure we will have ample time so that we can deliberate on the same and pass them before the holidays start so I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Mheshimiwa Kisila. I now call the mover of the motion.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do not have much to say and as my seconder has said, there are lots of tasks ahead and we will be able to generate the business of the House as we resume. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: The House adjourns to Tuesday, 6th December, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. in the morning.

The House rose at 4.47 p.m.