

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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**

The House met at 3.37 p.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

VISITING DELEGATION FROM  
ST. BAKHITA SCHOOL IN KYUA

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Welcome back to the afternoon sitting. I can see we still have visitors from St. Bakhita School in Kyua; feel welcome and be very attentive so that you can follow the proceedings. We are happy that you want to pick up from where we shall leave because we need Speakers, Members of the Assembly within you. Do you give a commitment that you will do that? Thank you. Let us proceed with our business then.

**PAPERS LAID**

QUARTERLY REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
MUNICIPAL BOARDS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023

**Hon. Speaker:** May I invite Hon. Nicholas Nzioka to lay the Paper after which Hon. Phillip Ndolo, Chairperson PAIC will proceed and lay another Paper. Thank you.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker  
Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Papers on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023:

- i. Kangundo-Tala Municipality, quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
- ii. Mavoko municipality, quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended June, 2023.
- iii. Machakos Municipality, quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended June, 2023.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE OF MACHAKOS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. May I invite Hon. Ndolo to proceed.

**Hon. Philip Ndolo** (Mitaboni, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the floor of the House today Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023; the Report of the Auditor General on the County Executive of Machakos for the year ended 30th June, 2021.

*(The Papers were laid on the Table)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. For the three Papers that were laid by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka are committed to Decentralized Units and County Administration Committee.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE OF MACHAKOS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

**Hon. Speaker:** May I at this point invite Hon. Philip Ndolo, Chairperson PAIC to proceed and give notice.

**Hon. Philip Ndolo** (Mitaboni, UDA): Thank you again.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 229(5) of the Constitution provides that “the Auditor-General may audit and report on the accounts of any entity that is funded from public funds;

Further aware that, Article 229(7) of the Constitution that states that Audit Reports shall be submitted to Parliament or the relevant County Assembly;

Cognizant that the audit report County Executive of Machakos for the year ended 30th June, 2021 was received in the Assembly pursuant to Article 229(7) of the Constitution;

Further aware that the report was committed to the committee of Public Accounts and Investments pursuant to Standing Order 185(2)(b) and (c) that states that “the Public Accounts and Investments Committee shall be responsible for examination of reports, accounts and workings of the County Public Investments and whether the affairs of the public investments are being managed in accordance with sound financial or business principles and prudent commercial practices;”

Aware that the Committee after receipt of the report conducted several meetings with the Accounting Officer of the Company together with officers from the office of the Auditor General and consequently compiled a report;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give Notice of Motion THAT this House discusses and approves the audit report of County Executive of Machakos for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Ndolo. Let us go to the next order.

**STATEMENT SOUGHT**  
CONSERVATION AND RATIONAL UTILIZATION  
OF FOREST RESOURCES IN KITHATANI, NGULINI  
AND KANZOKEA FORESTS IN KANGUNDO CENTRAL WARD

**Hon. Speaker:** May I invite Hon. Dickson Maundu to come forward and give a statement,

**Hon. Dickson Maundu** (Kangundo Central, MCCP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, aware that forest conservation and Management Act No. 34 of 2016 gives effect to Article 69 of the Constitution with regard to forest resources to provide for the development and sustainable management, including conservation and rational utilization of all forest resources for the socio-economic development of the country and for connected purposes;

Further aware that, the Fourth Schedule, part 2, paragraph 10 of the Constitution provides that the County Government shall implement specific National Government Policies on Natural Resources and Conservation including soil and water conservation and forestry;

Aware that Kithatani, Ngulini and Kanzokea forests in Kangundo Central Ward were established in the 1950s and overtime they have been well taken care of by various self-help groups with an objective of increasing the tree cover and protecting the forests from destructive activities;

Noting that after devolution, the self-help groups stopped conserving the forests and this has resulted to encroachment, deforestation, illegal logging, grazing, and also from the effects of climate change such as droughts and poor weather patterns;

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41, I wish to seek a statement from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Department of Water, Irrigation, Sanitation Environment and Climate Change on what strategies has the CECM put in place to ensure conservation and rational utilization of forest resources in Kithatani, Ngulini and Kanzokea forests in Kangundo Central Ward?

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Maundu. That particular Statement will be responded to by the Chairperson, Environment and Natural Resources. So proceed and do that; committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

### MOTIONS

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF  
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY CAR LOAN  
SCHEME FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

*(Hon. Ndolo on 08.08.2023 Morning Sitting)*

*(Resumption of Debate on the*

*Motion tabled 08.08.2023 Morning Sitting)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, you recall this matter was interrupted in the morning sitting and I therefore invite Hon. Ndolo to come and proceed and resume the same.

**Hon. Philip Ndolo** (Mitaboni, UDA): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to continue from where we left and it was conclusion and acknowledgement.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article 229(5) of the Constitution and Section 48 of the Public Audit Act, 2015, the office of the Auditor General has been mandated to audit any public entity that uses public funds.

On the other hand Article 229(8) mandates the Assembly to interrogate audit reports and report to the House within specified period. The matter on Constitutional timelines has been well spelt out in the said legal provisions. It is therefore important for each entity to strictly adhere to the timelines to avoid unnecessary legal challenges. It is also important for accounting officers to note that the Public Audit Act, 2015 gives the Auditor General unrestricted access to all information related to audit process.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Public Accounts and Investments is grateful to the Speaker and the Accounting Officer of the Assembly for the honest submissions made before the Committee, the Office of the Auditor General for the advisory given and members of the Committee and the Secretariat for commitment and effort throughout the process of report writing. It is therefore my privilege to table before this Hon. House the report on Financial Statements of County Assembly Car Loan Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2019 for discussion and adoption. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. I now invite Members to debate the Motion. Members, you can contribute. Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity. Hon. Speaker, I am made to understand that the team in the gallery is another team not the one which was here in the morning. Hon. Katangi had a very big team and I would like to take this opportunity also to invite the second team to this Lancaster House (??).

This is the highest decision-making organ of the County and as the Speaker said when she was welcoming you, you have the capacity or the ability also to sit on these chairs we are sitting on and I am very sure God willing from that team, one time we shall have Members of County Assembly seated here.

Hon. Speaker, coming to the business before the House, I want to take this opportunity to thank our most able Chair together with the Committee for the good work they have done. They have given us a very clear and elaborate report on how the Assembly conducted its business on issue of that loan scheme.

However Hon. Speaker there is a word that I am not happy with. In accounting if you hear the word adverse opinion, it is a very serious word indeed. Hon. Speaker, in accounting, adverse opinion is a professional opinion made by an auditor indicating that a company's financial statement is misrepresented, mis-stated and do not accurately reflect its financial performance and health.

Hon. Speaker it is a shame if the highest decision-making organ of the County can also fall on that trap of giving information which is not true. Hon. Speaker, what are the effects or what are examples of adverse opinion?

**Hon. Speaker:** Serjeant at Arms there is some noise from somewhere interfering with the proceedings. Proceed.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Hon. Speaker, the auditor believes that the company faces a going concern issue and is unable to survive for another year. The company disagrees and prepares its financial statement historical cost basis instead of liquidation basis. Hon. Speaker, what I want to say is this; if the company or institution is said to have given

information which is not true; misrepresentation, the word which is used here can be in two ways it can either be intentional or it can be not intentional.

Somebody can give information owing that he is giving the right information; for instance today during the morning plenary, we were given different report and the Chairperson was reading another report so there was that confusion. I am just trying to justify what we call intentional and not intentional.

It was not intentional for Mheshimiwa to take us through a report which had not been provided to us. So Hon. Speaker what I am requesting is this is a report which emanated from another team the previous regime. I am just requesting that this Assembly learns from the mistakes of the First Assembly and try as much as possible to ensure that we do all that is required.

As I said in the morning, a change needed to my grandson has to begin with the grandfather, grandmother, father, mother and son and if we go that route everybody will follow the law and will do what is required. So Hon. Speaker I want to us to follow the law and do what is required. So Hon. Speaker I want to support the report and thank our most able Chair for that report. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. More contributions Members. Hon. Muoki.

**Hon. Muoki Musila** (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am a Member of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee (PAIC). I think I should start by congratulating ourselves the members of the PAIC Machakos County Assembly for work well done that we have been doing looking at the reports that are coming before us. This particular one was rated adverse that it requires no mention because it is I do not know which word to use but it is not good one it is an adverse report.

Looking at the time when it was 2019, Madam Speaker, I would say that we have been doing good work but looking at the time it is so long ago that even if we did anything to do with this particular report we can only pick the learning lesson for the rest of the reports. We can do very little for that which whose time has already lapsed. So us as a Committee we are saying we would want or we are trying to fast track all the reports before us because they are a number of them so that we are up to date.

We bring ourselves to the current time we be dealing with the current situations that we have time to do better or to change for the better. Madam Speaker, as I congratulate ourselves and the PAIC, I would say we have done good work and given another chance we would even do better and speed up to deal with the current situation. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Musila, for those comments. Indeed this is a report from another regime and we can only learn from it and make it better as we go forward. At this point, I want to invite Hon. Philip Ndolo the mover of the Motion to come and reply.

**Hon. Philip Ndolo** (Mitaboni, UDA): Thank you, Madam Speaker and the entire House for the support of our report and as you have heard, this report was from another regime and we have done our best as a Committee and also for our officers of this Assembly. We discussed and we agreed from now onwards they are going to keep their books in records. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

TREE PLANTING ON ALL ROAD NETWORKS IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

**Hon. Speaker:** May I invite Hon. Catherine Kyee to come forward and move that Motion. Welcome Hon. Kyee.

**Hon. Catherine Kyee** (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am the Vice Chair Environment and Natural Resources.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 142 of the Constitution accords every person the right to a clean and healthy environment and that Article 69(1)(d) also mandates the state to encourage public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment;

Further aware that deforestation is one of the main contributors to climate change; Noting that Machakos County has not been spared by the effects of global warming and climate change as a result of deforestation amongst other aspects; Deeply concerned that, there has been persistent destruction of trees and vegetation along the road reserves and roadsides during road construction leading to adverse effects on the ecosystem;

Cognizant that, studies have shown that the benefits accumulated from roadside tree planting include better soil formation due to shedding of dead leaves, increased water quality by reducing sediment flow, reduced erosion, road beautification, flood control as the trees slow and absorb water runoff, wind-breaking, providing important pollinator, habitats, improving peoples health and protecting crops;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion THAT this House resolves that the County Government of Machakos includes a component of tree planting in all road network designs and also makes it compulsory for road contractors to replace any tree harvested during road construction upon completion of the project.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kyee. Kindly call your seconder.

**Hon. Catherine Kyee** (Nominated, WDM-K): May I call Hon. Mbili Ndawa to second the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, M CCP) seconded.

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

*(Question proposed)*

I wish to invite Hon. Catherine to come forward.....wait a minute Hon. Catherine. I understand in the morning we had a similar discussion and that a lot of points were brought forward. I would not want to lock anybody out of this debate and suggest if anybody feels like.....those who did not participate in the morning, one or two Members can just say something and we do not elaborate so much on this. Hon. Felix Ngui then after which Hon. Annastasia.

**Hon. Felix Ngui** (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I may not be having a lot to say on this motion but first of all I want to take the opportunity to once again thank you for giving us an opportunity to host some of my students from the nearest schools from home that is St Bakhita Kyua Secondary School. I want to take this opportunity to welcome the group B to this Assembly. I hope they are going to learn a lot because we understand that County Governments whereby we have two arms of the Government that is the Executive and Assembly is an important structure in our constitution.

Madam Speaker, maybe I just say two or three things that I did not say in the morning concerning the planting of trees in our county. Madam Speaker, you realize that when were in primary school, we learned about science and we know how the environment is important to us. In fact, I can recall we learned about evaporation whereby water comes from the trees, evaporates then later on it is where we get rain from. So in this regard, I want to support this motion by saying that it is important for the County Government of Machakos to come up with a good policy on tree planting.

Secondly, and maybe the last point, is that the department on environment should now wake up and maybe come up with an enforcement team because you realize in Nairobi County you cannot cut a tree. Immediately you start cutting a tree in Nairobi County you will see the County *askaris*. It is only in Machakos where we do not have environment enforcement officers. So it is important as we talk of tree planting, we also engage with the department of environment and make sure that we have environment enforcement officers down to our wards so that they can be able to take care of the trees that we plant.

Lastly, it is important to note that tree planting is an emotional thing and that it is very important that our people are engaged, public participation is done so0 that they can own the process. By so doing people will own the trees and take care of them. With those few remarks, I want to thank you and say that it is the high time now the department of environment should wake up and move with speed to make sure we have trees within the County of Machakos. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Annastasia proceed.

**Hon. Anastasia Nundu** (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. I rise to applaud the Hon. Member for coming up with this motion to replenish ecosystem. This motion is seeking to do trees along the roads which I know will control soil erosion and I am seeing the beauty of Machakos coming up. I would wish that the Government comes up with a policy on how to take care of these trees now that they will be on the roadside; maybe to employ some people to take care of them and even have enough water to take care of them.

I would also urge the Government of Machakos if they can actually drill more boreholes now that we will plant many trees during this time. If we can have more boreholes and dams it could be a good thing to take care of the trees. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Ndawa then Hon. Musila again.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will start by congratulating our new mentor. In the morning there were protégés but in the afternoon they have no progressed to be mentors. Hon. Speaker, let it go on record one year is ending tomorrow. We were elected on 9th of August and tomorrow is 9th of August so Members cannot remain being protégés for more than a year. So they have graduated and I can see them doing a wonderful job. So congratulations.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, coming to the business before the House, the business is quite in order. The issue worldwide now is the issue of climate change, global warming and the rest. Every person is now supposed to be very keen and must be seeing trying to participate to ensure that we mitigate this issue of climate change. Hon. Speaker, the motion is good but I would wish to give some input so as to build the motion. Hon. Speaker, I would wish that we also include other projects.

The motion is seeking that we plant trees along the roads when we are doing the roads. The County also does other projects like buildings, stadiums and other projects. Let us also ensure if we want to build a certain building somewhere and there are trees there, if we cut them let us also ensure we plant other trees as the motion is seeking to address the issue. The only challenge we have Hon. Speaker, is that a contractor will only be concerned with the assigned project or works and the moment he is through with the works, the team from the county will come and ensure the work has been done as per the BOQs and as per the workplan and once they are satisfied they just recommend for that contractor to be paid.

The moment he is paid he moves from the site so now we will have another challenge of who is to take care of these trees. Hon. Speaker, as we were saying in the morning, we must be very serious on issue of trees. Once we plant let us ensure the trees and taken care of until a certain stage where they can survive alone.

Again Hon. Speaker, I would request and recommend that as we plant trees we also select. Hon. Speaker, when I was in Matuu Primary School about 35 years ago I planted about 10 trees in that compound. And now 35 years down the line if you go to harvest those trees the 10 of them you will not get even two sacks of charcoal. We need to be serious on trees; let us plant trees that will give value. It is even better to plant guavas in the school and the children will be taking those guavas during lunch hour and break time. Instead of planting a tree that does not give any output.

We use resources, each student was supposed to carry a jerrican of five liters water and you now water is not available everywhere so I had to wake up very early in the morning by 5 to go look for that water, come pick my bag and then go to school. All that work after 35 years



there is nothing that we can get from that tree. So the issue of selecting the trees to plant should be given a very good consideration.

Then Hon. Speaker, the other issue of tree planting as we said in the morning and I do not want to repeat what Members said is now becoming an activity to make our people busy because if all the time we are saying rain is coming let us prepare to plant trees and after we forget about the trees. That is now an activity which is making us busy. Hon. Speaker I am very sure people have other businesses to conduct so, let us do it with a lot of concern and ensure what we labour for, we can be able to trace it and claim that I planted this tree and now these are the benefits of it.

Otherwise, the motion is 100 per cent correct and once again Senior Mentor, thank you very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa, for those very kind words and supportive. I actually wish to support your point that you made at the very beginning that talked about CSR. When contractors get these awards to do our roads and our buildings, there is a requirement that they consider giving back to the community because they are enjoying our money. Most of them do not do that and there should be a clause or a policy in place that they should give back to the community by planting trees or building a school, social amenities. So, these are the things as an Assembly we should come up with policies to make sure that this happens voluntarily or by law. Hon. Muoki.

**Hon. Muoki Musila** (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you again, Madam Speaker. I want to start where Hon. Ndawa has commented on the species of the trees that are being planted; their need to be good collaboration between the forest department and the agriculture department when they are giving us their extension officers to brief, train and teach us which trees are good to be planted in a particular place. There should be that.

I also want to comment on what Hon. Teacher, you have given her marks and said they are no longer protégé now they have qualified; meaning you have given them marks. I want to comment on the tree planting along roads and say that roads are classified. There are rural roads, roads under KeRRA, KENHA and the County Government roads. So, when we are saying that contractors to plant trees along roads, which particular roads are we talking about?

As a county, we are only having authority over rural and county roads that is where we can tell our contractors because the BQs is paid or going to pay you to do a road, can you do a tree along that particular road. The KeRRA roads are under the National Government. For KENHA roads in Machakos county there is only Machakos-Kitui road, Garissa Road on the other side, Nairobi-Kangundo Road and most recently we lobbied and got a road under KENHA from Sofia-Kithimani-Ndalani-Muthesya-Ndithini ward to emerge along the Kenol-Marua road. In a few years I believe we are going to get it done.

My thinking is, there should be a good collaboration between our County Government and the National Government because of the National roads. The County Government is not going to be able to put to task the contractors of the National roads to do any tree along the roads but with good collaboration it can be done. This House is able to fast-track this kind of engagements and the CSR projects that we get like the Kenol-Marua road where we are getting 5 kilometres of road of tarmac and we are getting foot bridges along that road and those are the kind of projects we will get and not tree planting.

It is upon us now to talk about tree planting in collaboration with County Government of Machakos and the National Government. When we look at Garissa Road, we see what road reserves are and who is supposed to plant a tree there. If we get the permits if there should be any for us to plant trees, then it is the County Government that should plant and take care of the trees because those national or international projects and for you to go and put some trees in their BQs, you may not be able to. They will only do the roads and leave the trees. So, there needs to be a good collaboration between the two levels of government. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Muoki. Hon. Mary Kituku.

**Hon. Mary Kituku** (Nominated, UDA): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for catching my eye. I would like to add on what Mheshimiwa has talked about. Of course, we need to know what trees to plant and I would like to bring this to your attention that in Ukambani and in Machakos, we know which trees can grow here. We have been growing them but we can also add value to what we grow. When I was young there was a story book written about a certain person who grew trees along the road; he fed the whole community because when children were passing through, they could get apples, mangoes and oranges.

We might be thinking of one thing, planting the trees to replenish our eco-system but we can achieve a lot with that we can feed our children, we can boost our health through that because they are going to be free fruits for everyone.

The second thing is how are we going to adopt a tree as I had spoken about earlier? I will tell you another story. I am the last born in my family and being the youngest, I had the opportunity of being favoured. My uncle one day knew my fetish of having biscuits and he used to bring biscuits whenever he visited. One day he got tired of me asking for the biscuits so he told me, the last biscuit that you are going to eat, there is a land over there where your mother plants flowers but because there are no flowers, go plant that biscuit, water it every day and in five months you are going to have a tree full of biscuits and because my mind was young and timid, I did the same and watered it daily.

Little did I know my uncle came with some seeds and planted eucalyptus trees there, also known as *mutalakwe*. So, every day I had the mind to achieve the biscuits tree but in five months believe it or not, I had trees there. They were not biscuit trees but I had planted trees. So, we can use the same method to achieve what we want, we can push our people to be part of the project without them knowing it is going to help them. Later on, they will come to appreciate it. That is my contribution to the House.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mary. In relation to collaboration between the National and the County Governments, I said that we have the law in place that makes the two governments work together Intergovernmental Relations Act can come in to play and we can be able to collaborate and have any project that can be done using those ways. I also mentioned that most companies in Kenya have a policy that looks into matters of CSR and in themselves, the people who get their awards of doing the roads whether through KENHA, KURA or KeRRA, they will still do it and replace that tree. Thank you, Hon. Members.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, and sorry for interruption. I know you were about to adjourn the House and I wanted to refer you to the communication you made in the morning that tomorrow you are going to be flagging off the teams that are going to participate in the CASA games. I was trying to make an application Hon. Speaker, if you can invoke Standing Order 1 to allow Members to adjourn normally without moving a motion.

My concern is, we are supposed to be in suits while in this Assembly and after here we are supposed to be in games attire and it may not be practically possible for us in that event to look how we are supposed to look. I was requesting if you can invoke Standing Order 1, we adjourn normally until the next available day after the CASA games that is within your discretion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I am sure there was a discussion concerning this in the House Business and I do not know what you exactly want me to do in as far that is concerned. That is a matter for tomorrow, is it? Why is it coming today?

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): I am just requesting you to use Standing Order 1 because it gives you power to do anything within the Assembly; it can say we are not going to use that motion of adjournment and we can adjourn the way we normally adjourn and come the next available day. The problem is, tomorrow I am supposed to be in a suit and at what time will I go home and change---

**Hon. Speaker:** Now I get your point. You know I was not getting it.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** You should give a background before you get to the point.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP) Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I can see Mheshimiwa Wa Ngondi is trying to oppose and let him not oppose please.

*(Laughter)*

*(Majority Leader consulted with the Speaker)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I am advised to let you know that tomorrow you come with your sports gear and then come and change. We have a gym where you can change so carry the sports gear for the activity afterwards.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Much obliged, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** The House adjourns to Wednesday, 9th August, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. in the morning. Thank you, Members.

The House rose at 4.32 p.m.