

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 27th September 2017

The House met at 10.22 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning Hon. Members. I welcome you to this sitting and I ask Mr. Clerk to proceed.

PETITION

SUSPENSION OF FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT EMPLOYEES AT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, there is a petition I wish to communicate to you. The Assembly has received a petition through the office of the Clerk pursuant to Standing Order 194 from the staff of finance department, Machakos County Government; that is the Executive. The petition is dated 15th September, 2017 and was received in the Assembly on 25th September, 2017.

Hon. Members, the petition raised the following grievances;

1. Verbal suspension from office without being informed the basis of such actions and the duration of the suspension.
2. The CEC Member and Chief Officer in the department were not suspended yet they were leaders of the department.
3. Failure to suspend Chief Officers in other departments yet the accountants and procurement officers in those departments were suspended.
4. Failure to pay finance officers August, 2017 salary while officers in other departments were paid.
5. Use of media houses by the Governor to destroy reputation and professions of the officers by accusing of being corrupt.

Hon. Members, the petitioners' prayers to the assembly are;

1. Return to work for all officers with immediate effect.
2. Respect for staff members by the Governor.
3. Payment of all staff salaries for the month of August, 2017.
4. Proper procedures be followed before suspending staff.

5. Withdraw use of media houses to brand officers as corrupt.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 200 provides that the Speaker may allow comments, observations or clarifications in relation to a petition presented or reported to the House and such total time shall not exceed 30 minutes,

Further, Standing Order 201(1) provides that every petition presented or reported pursuant to this part, shall stand committed to the relevant sectoral committee.

Hon. Members, in this regard, the petition is hereby committed to the committees of Labour, Public service and ICT and on Finance and revenue collection.

The committees are given 30 calendar days to consider and table a report on the petition to this House pursuant to Standing Order 201(2).

I thank you members.

I know the appendix that you have indicates 60 days, but in my consideration owing to the urgency and importance of the matter, I have reduced the 60 days to 30 days. Hon. Members, thank you.

(Applause)

PAPER LAID

CALENDAR OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have papers as listed in the appendix and I call upon the Majority Leader to table.

Hon. Ngunga: Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, good morning. Pursuant to Standing Order 25(1), I wish to lay on the Assembly; I wish to lay on the table of the Assembly today 27th September, 2017, the report of the House Business Committee on the calendar of the first session of the Second County Assembly of Machakos. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

CALENDAR OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this item, we have the Majority Leader and the notice of Motion is as listed in the appendix.

Hon. Ngunga: Madam Speaker, I stand before this House again to give notice of the following motion; that this House discusses and approves the calendar of the Machakos County Assembly 2017 for the first session of the second Assembly. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. The Motion is tabled. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

STATEMENT REPLY
SUSPENSION OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have a statement and it is listed in the appendix and I call upon Hon. Brian Kisila to present.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, good morning. I stand here on behalf of the Minority Leader who is away and being his able deputy, I will be able to read the statement. Madam Speaker, on 20th September, 2017, the Majority Leader requested for a statement, concerning the suspension of staff in the finance department; accountants, revenue clerks, subordinate staff and procurement.

The Hon. Speaker allowed members to time to make some comments on the matter as it was of utmost importance. The Hon. Speaker made a ruling that the Minority leader should provide a response to the house in the earliest time possible.

Based on the statement and the comments that Hon. Members raised, the Executive was requested to provide a response to the statements requested by the Majority Leader, guided by the following four key points;

- Whether proper disciplinary measures were followed in suspending the staff and when they will resume on duty.
- Why the county Government was in the process of recruiting other officers.
- Whether in the given circumstances, revenue is being collected as stipulated and if not, how much revenue has been lost and measures put in place to ensure recovery of the same to address any short fall in budget and finances.
- Measures taken to ensure the county departments and agencies continue receiving financial support uninterrupted from the national treasury.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, the Executive has responded as follows:-

1. That the action of suspending staff was necessitated by numerous complaints received through various avenues with regard to the competence, integrity and efficiency of personnel and systems in the department of Finance.
2. Suspension of operations of the department of finance led to sending in the staff in the department on leave until the department resumed.
3. Officers were suspended after suspending the operations in the department and they had to go on leave pending investigations. The County Executive was not in the process of recruiting officers to replace them.
4. Measures have been taken to facilitate revenue collection and basic financial operation in the County treasury to ensure continuous service delivery by the department in the county.

5. The department is expected to undergo audit of all its operations which will streamline its operations resulting in to minimum levels of operations thus resulting into higher collection. The optimum levels of operations will mitigate against shortfall in budget finance.
6. The audit will be fair and just and due process will be followed. The audit has already started in the department of finance and will be extended to other sectors of public service to ensure workforce that is competent, of high integrity, service and result-oriented.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, I wish to request Members to give the Executive more time to restructure the operations of the department for the well-being of the citizens of Machakos. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisila. Hon. Members, if you look at order number four, we have a petition that is related to the statement that has just been given. While I acknowledge the tabling of that statement, I do direct that ;because the matters in the statement and in the petition are similar and while noting that we do have committees which are competent to deal with the matter, I direct that the matters in the statement be taken up by the committee on Labor, Public Service and ICT, jointly with the committee on Finance and Revenue collection so that they can address the matters in the statement as well as the matters in the petition and that the reporting on the outcome on the statement by the two committees is going to be in the same 30 days that the House gave on the matter of the petition.

(Applause)

Mr. Clerk, proceed.

MOTIONS

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

(Hon. Ngunga on 26.09.2017)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 26.09.2017)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this order we have a motion and I call upon the Leader of Majority party.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you Madam Speaker for calling me again. I stand to lay a motion is on approval of members for the Committee on Appointments. Madam Speaker, yesterday we had a debate and you directed the Majority Leader to look at the combination of the members that were presented before this House that was supposed to be approved to sit in the committee on appointment.

In compliance to your orders this morning, Madam Speaker, we were able to sit and consult and pursuant to Standing Order 184(1), the Assembly is asked to approve the appointment of the following members to the Committee on Appointment for the first three years of second assembly of Machakos in addition to those members specified under this Standing Order.

Before you, Madam Speaker, I will be presenting Hon. Brian Kisila for consideration. Hon. Winfred Mutua for consideration, Hon. Mark Kimanthi for consideration. Madam Speaker, in realizing these names we have been able to take care of gender as members felt yesterday gender had not been represented in earlier presented names.

Madam Speaker, we also looked at the competencies of these members and so I want to implore the House to consider these names and approve them owing to the duty ahead of these members. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Who is your seconder?

Hon. Ngunga: Madam Speaker, I will be calling Hon. Betty Nzioki to second this motion.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Francis Ngunga and Hon. Betty Nzioki. Members.

(Question proposed)

Members, any comment on debate? I see Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the members, I would like to say yesterday we raised concerns in these members in the appointments committee and owing that there was gender consideration, I would like to congratulate the Leader of Majority and the members who sat to see that they put into consideration the gender concern and therefore, I commend on this and approve this motion to be passed. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Constance Mbula.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am nominated by Wiper party. Sorry---

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Order members! Order in the House. What is the issue Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, as you can see Wiper is overwhelming the House. I stand here to correct the member that she is nominated on Maendeleo Chap Chap.

Hon. Speaker: Correction noted. Proceed Hon. Member.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: Thank you Madam Speaker. I think wiper has some *kamuti* (charms) here sorry. I stand to support---

Hon. Speaker: Point of order, Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to actually correct the Hon. Member Constance by saying *Kamuti*. What kind of language, Madam Speaker?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members it is in order to speak the languages allowable. We do not understand that language that Hon. Member on her feet has just used. I take it that she is going to withdraw.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I have withdrawn.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: I stand to support the three members who have been nominated to this committee and I must say---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mulatya?

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. What is she withdrawing from?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mulatya if you were with us here---

(Laughter)

Let me finish. She is withdrawing. I can communicate from the Chair, Hon. Mulatya. She is withdrawing a language which is not of this House. Personally, I do not even understand the language because the language of the House is English, Kiswahili or sign language. So, the language she used is none of the three and so she is withdrawing that language which she used. Proceed, Hon. Constance Mbula.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the team which is led by the Majority Leader for considering women. We have always said gender issue is very

sensitive. I am glad even the House is working together and I hope we shall continue working together as one House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I believe we do not have much to debate on this particular matter.

(Applause)

I just want to remind ourselves, this was a continuation from yesterday's debate and we only gave the Majority Leader time to rethink their position and they have rethought their position and the feeling of the House is that they have thought properly this time round. So, may I put the question, Hon. Members?

(Question put and agreed to)

CALENDAR OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this order I call upon Leader of Majority.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me appreciate the members for the gesture they have accorded our side and say that that is the spirit of the House. I think we will be cooperating again. Madam Speaker, I stand before this House again.

Aware that the House Business Committee is mandated by the Standing Order 151(5)(a) to prepare and if necessary from time to time to adjust the assembly calendar with approval of the House;

Aware that the House Business Committee shall, with the approval of the assembly determine the calendar of the House pursuant to Standing Order 24 and that the House need to be guided on the dates;

Noting that Standing Order 25(2) provides that the assembly calendar, once approved by the House, shall be published in the gazette, assembly website and at least two newspapers of national circulation;

I wish, Madam Speaker, to move the motion that pursuant to Standing Order number 25(1), this assembly approves the calendar of the first session of the second county assembly of Machakos.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Majority Leader. Hon. Members, I am asking for you to give us.....who is your seconder to your motion?

Hon. Ngunga: Madam Speaker, you will excuse us we are still in a learning process. Once we learn, we will be better debaters. I want to ask Hon. Cosmus Masesi, sorry Paul Museku to second this motion. A member of the committee.

Hon. Speaker: The honourable---

Hon. Ngunga: The Hon. Paul Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to second that motion on approval of calendar of the assembly. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngunga and Hon. Museku.

(Question proposed)

Members, you are welcome to comment by way of debating.

Hon. Ngunga: Madam Speaker, I would like to lay a report of the House Business Committee on calendar of the second assembly first session so that it can be debated by this House, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, the Assembly Calendar sets out a schedule of adjournments of a week or more and thereby provides for sittings, or sitting periods for the first session of Second Assembly of Machakos. The calendar is drawn in accordance with the laws of Kenya and the Assembly Standing Orders. The calendar makes consideration of the proposed dates of fresh presidential elections on 26th October, 2017 and school holidays.

The Committee draws its mandate from Standing Order 151(5)(a) which states that the House Business Committee shall prepare and if necessary, from time to time adjust the Assembly Calendar with the approval of the House.

Madam Speaker, annexed there is the composition of the committee and it reads from member number one where the Speaker, yourself, is the Chairperson.

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| 1. | Hon. Florence M. Mwangangi | – Speaker/Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Paul Museku | - Member |
| 3. | Hon. Francis Ngunga | “ |
| 4. | Hon. Alex Kamitu | “ |
| 5. | Hon. Justus Kiteng’u | “ |
| 6. | Hon. Tariq Mulatya | “ |
| 7. | Hon. Jacqueline Nziva | “ |
| 8. | Hon. Betty Nzioki | “ |
| 9. | Hon. Angela Munyasya | “ |
| 10. | Hon. Francis Kalumu | “ |

11. Hon. Peter Mutiso “
12. Hon. George King’ori “
13. Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku “
14. Hon. Joshua Muli “
15. Hon. Judas Ndawa “

Madam Speaker, the Committee was guided by Standing Order 24(1)(3) and (4) in coming up with the calendar. Standing Order 24(1) provides that except for the session commencing immediately after a general election, the regular sessions of the Assembly shall commence on the second Tuesday of February and terminate on the first Thursday of December. In this regard, the first session of the Second Assembly of Machakos County commenced on 7th September, 2017 and ends on 7th December, 2017.

Madam Speaker, Standing Order 24(3) provides that, ‘subject to paragraph (1), the Assembly shall continue to be in session and may adjourn for such number of days as it may determine in its calendar.’

Pursuant to the provisions of this Standing Order, the first session of the second Assembly will have 32 sittings, two short recesses of 18 days and 15 days and one long recess of nine weeks.

In drafting the calendar, the committee made a number of considerations. First of all, the committee noted that there was need for Committees to sit uninterrupted so as to generate business for the House. In this regard, the House will go on a short recess between 29th September and 16th October, 2017.

Secondly, the Committee considered the fresh presidential elections which are scheduled for 26th October, 2017. Owing to the fact that members will like to participate, the committee noted that the House and Committee sittings may experience quorum hitches as members will be busy campaigning for their respective or preferred presidential candidate.

Due to this, the House will go on a short recess between 20th October and 6th November, 2017. Further, the Assembly will take a long recess between 8th December, 2017 and 12th February, 2018 as stipulated by Standing Order 24(1). This will enable members to celebrate Christmas festivities with their families, of course.

Madam Speaker, the sittings of the House shall be as per the Standing Order 27(1) on hours of meeting which states that; ‘unless the Speaker, for the convenience of the House otherwise directs, the House shall meet at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday and at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but more than one sitting may be directed during the same day.’

As such, the sittings of the House will be on Tuesdays, afternoon; Wednesdays, morning and afternoon; Thursdays afternoon. Four sittings.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 25(2); “The calendar of the Assembly, once approved shall be published in the Gazette, the Assembly website and at least in two newspapers of national circulation.

Madam Speaker, I thank the members of the Committee for their co-operation during the making of the calendar and urge the Hon. Members to adhere to the calendar for the smooth operations of the Assembly.

Madam Speaker, it is therefore my privilege to present the calendar of the Assembly to these Hon. Members for approval.

Madam Speaker, the calendar of the first session of the second Assembly, 2017, is attached to this report for ease of reference. Again, Madam Speaker, I request or I stand here to request the members of this House to support this and approve this calendar. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Francis Ngunga. Members, I had earlier on proposed the question. I retract that proposal and now allow me to propose at this point.

(Question proposed)

Members, do we have comments on debate? Hon. Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity to contribute about this. I do not know whether it will be possible to change the dates at least if the Hon. House can agree on Mondays we sit for the Committees and on Tuesday we have sittings both morning and afternoon, Wednesday, morning and afternoon and then we have Thursday, Friday and Saturday to do other things. It is my request.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kieti

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I had the same concern on the calendar, otherwise I support the calendar that has been brought to the House by that committee. So, I had the concern of having meetings on Mondays for the committees and then Tuesday and Wednesday we have the plenary meetings, morning and afternoon and then from Thursday we are left to do or to meet our people in the wards. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Musau

Hon. Wambua: Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you, Members. I would wish to ask Members, through Madam Speaker, just as my Hon. friend has said, that we condense the days of the business in the House to be two because we know most of the businesses is done in the committees, so that we have them Monday, we may have them Thursday and Friday and Saturdays for the committees. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: I want to leave that side. Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support really that we condense our sittings and our business in the House within those three days then we have time off to do other things. But still on the same---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katumo, which three days?

Hon. Katumo: I mean Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Hon. Speaker: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays?

Hon. Katumo: Yes. Then, I also have a concern on the calendar. You see this calendar is good, it gives us a road map on how we navigate our businesses as Hon. Members in this House but looking at the long recess for two months, according to our Standing Order 24(1), I think it is related.

Something has to be done to change because two months is too long to be away, to be home and I think for Members who have experience, you cannot stay for that long at home with your electorates and I think something has to be done.

(Laughter)

They have to review this thing so that we can come back and continue with business and of course we still do something to our pockets. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Now, on my left side, Hon. King'ori.

Hon. Kingori: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to commend a well done job by the committee. In fact, we should commend that they have done a good job. Even in that long recess, I think it is the best time to have families together and also electorates so that we can then afterwards come to business instead of breaking now and then, now and then, we need that long recess. I think, Madam Speaker, I stand here to support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. King'ori. Hon. Alice.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante, Bi. Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi. Bi. Spika, naunga mkono ratiba ambayo tumepewa ni kwa ajili ya uchambuzi na mipangilio ya bunge maana sisi kama viongozi itatupa muelekeo na mipangilio vile ambavyo tunaweza fanya kazi. Nimeunga mkono kuna sehemu moja ya ripoti hii ambayo tumepewa, naunga mkono kusema kwamba, siku ya Jumatatu, tuwe ni siku ya kamati, Jumanne na Jumatano, asubuhi na jioni, tuwe na vikao vya bunge maana siku ya Alhamisi, Ijumaa, itatupata nafasi kama kuna kamati tutakua na nafasi, pia nyumbani kwetu tutakutana na kuona masilahi ya watu ambao wametuchagua ama wengine ambao tumewakilisha katika bunge.

Kwahivyo nasimama kuunga mkono kusema, hiyo kamati ambayo ililete ratiba imefanya kazi mwafaka, kwa hivyo naunga mkono. Asante.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Just a direction. Point of correction. Okay.

Hon. Ngunga: Hon. Members, I wish to draw your attention to a correction as we approve the calendar so that you do not later think that a date was sneaked. While I was reading on page three---

Hon. Speaker: It is a correction on your report?

Hon. Ngunga: It is a correction on the report, yes, so that you take note, Members. First, I think this will be the paragraph, I did indicate that the House sittings may experience quorum hitches because of the campaigns and I said that we will be busy campaigning for the preferred presidential candidates and I said again, due to this, the House will go on a short recess between, I indicated the 20th but this should now be read the 23rd of October and the 6th of November.

Madam Speaker, that is the correction that I wanted to bring to the attention to the Members.

Hon. Speaker: Correction noted. Hon. Member. Members, I was going to give you some guidelines. That you notice the sittings the days of the House are in the Standing Orders and the long recess is also in the Standing Orders and when you sit every time there is a financial implication and there is need for you to be with your families for as long as possible and also with the electorates, for as long as it is possible.

(Applause)

It may not therefore be wise to think of changing the long recess and it may also not be allowable because the operations of this County Assembly as well as the other operations of

other County Assemblies in the Republic are also under the check of the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) because of the financial implications of the sittings.

So, even as you debate, please have that in mind. Remember the changes we are talking about is for your convenience; the convenience of the House because of the matters that are at hand for the circumstances that are facing our nation. Thank you. Do we have any further contribution? Hon. Johana.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would wish to start by supporting condensing of the House Business days, Monday to Wednesday but still caution our Hon. Members that, a Monday was supposed to be a traveling day for those who may wish to spend their weekends away from the environs of this House and therefore it is my prayer that when we make a Monday a business day, we will not gather here from our long weekend....very long weekend with hangovers and very tired and compromise the quality of business of the House.

So, I will request that we also adjust accordingly, if we approve the days from Mondays to Wednesdays and again as you also go on recess to campaign for our preferred presidential candidates, it will also be a an opportunity for us to exercise our democratic rights, which means out there we will be meeting campaigning for your preferred presidential candidate which will not make enemies such that as we come back here, we are not one anymore.

So, thank you, Madam Speaker, I support the three days from Monday to Wednesday. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I continue to give guidance on this matter. When we are talking of recess, other than the long recess, remember committees are not stopped from meeting.

(Applause)

The calendar we are talking about is of the plenary, this House. It is not going to affect your committee sittings even when you have the short weekly or even two weekly recesses. Please have that in mind.

(Applause)

Secondly, if you want to change the sittings of this House from Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as per the Standing Orders, you condense it to Mondays, Wednesdays as you propose, then you have to bring a motion for the amendment of the Standing Orders and what I will urge Membership, is if you consider this report, if you see that it is a day starting on a Monday, it does not mean that the House is going sit non the Monday.

It means that the House will sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as is in the Standing Orders. So, it is good you get it clear as you propose and I want to have just two more comments then we will close the debate. From Hon. Nziva.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am proposing that we have our sittings on Tuesday in the morning, we have the committee sittings, so that in the afternoon we have the plenary. I am proposing the report this calendar to remain as it is. Members you realize that on Mondays is the best day for our office days, because of the hangover of the weekends. So I propose the calendar to remain as it is. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mutiso.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to support that we go as per direction according to the calendar as it is we approve it as it is according to your guidance that you have given us. Because it means if we are to go back again and bring it as a motion, it will be a problem to us. So we better approve it as it is. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutiso. I call upon the mover of the motion to make his closing remarks.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you Hon. Members for your contributions. Madam Speaker, going by the mood of the House, I still insist and I believe there is need for further training. Madam Speaker, you realize that there are motions that we bring to the House that are anchored on the Standing Orders. So, members, if the constitution of the office of the Clerk, I will be proposing that members are taken for further induction.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from the Chair. Hon. Majority Leader, order! Order members! It is been every members knowledge, that this House needs intensive training and remember learning never ends and as the communication from the Clerk will indicate that, shortly, possibly next week, there will be a training and it is going to continue.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for supporting my motion.

(Laughter)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is the co-operation that, Madam Speaker, we are talking about. So, I again thank the whole House for the contribution and fruitful discussion we have had in consultation with the minority side and our side, I think this will be a very fruitful calendar that is ahead of us.

The only thing that I can say is that, members please ensure that you prepare enough time for the plenaries; you remember members that we are going to have a lot of committee work and so when you are called upon to attend because the calendar is before you, please you will be required to be here in the right time prepared.

Members, please go and check your Standing Orders so that business of the House is done. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, I appreciate the Hon. Members for those fruitful contributions and appreciate the debate of the House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank You Majority Leader.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, we are still in session.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: This House is to adjourn for recess tomorrow, the 28th September, 2017. However, since there is no business balloted as yet by the House Business Committee which can be transacted by this House tomorrow, the House will adjourn its sittings until the Tuesday 17th day of October, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.15 a.m.