

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Thursday, 21st November, 2013**

The House met at 3.44 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS**

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, good afternoon. The communication that I would wish to deliver to you is that we got a Press Statement from Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC). You all know that The Speakers' Forum is fighting for your remuneration and what has been achieved so far is that members will be entitled to car loan to a maximum of Ksh. 2 million at an interest rate of 3 per cent. Sitting allowances will be Ksh. 6,500 for committees chair and vice-chair will be Ksh. 5,200 and an ordinary member will get Ksh. 3,900. There are other details in the report and copies will be circulated. Thank you very much. Proceed.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS**LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MACHAKOS CITY**

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, a text message was circulated to all the members that we will be having a special sitting today and as we are aware we have adjourned *sine die* because of the so-called go-slow caused by the issue of SRC and the chair Sarah Serem. Members are aware why we had been called for this special sitting. Mr. Speaker it was the intention for the Majority Leader to move a motion on the land where we are to construct a new city but with your permission I want to withdraw from moving that motion until further notice, if you allow Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Any member to second your position?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I want to call upon Hon. Dominic Maitha to second my withdrawal of this motion today.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Majority Leader and members present. Mr. Speaker, following the aspect that we need members to be present and bearing in mind that some members have travelled overseas and we still have hon. members who are not present. The matter at hand needs to be deliberated with a lot of care and utmost sobriety and I stand here to second the motion that it be postponed until a later date when all members can be present so that we can have full participation of all the members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. We have not finished that business. Then those in support of an adjournment of the motion to a later date.

(Question put and agreed to)

RENOVATION OF CHAMBER

Hon. Nduva: Thank you Mr. Speaker and honourable members. I want to beg to give notice of the following motion. Mr. Speaker, aware that there is a budget for renovation of the chamber in the current financial year, aware that our chamber needs urgent renovation and installation of modern Hansard equipment, aware that the chamber looks untidy for use by Honourable members, and further aware that the budgeted money may be returned to the Treasury if not spent in this financial year which is almost halfway, if this House approves the renovation of the chamber, it will be for the benefit of the Honourable members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Who is supporting your motion?

Hon. Nduva: I want to ask Hon. Kiviu Manyolo to support and second this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker and members. Well, Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is good for us to be comfortable as members because we are honourable members. We live as

honourable members and we sit as honourable members so I second the motion of renovation of the chamber. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, I wouldn't think that is an issue-oriented motion. Is there any member with opposition to it? Do we need to debate that motion? Again do we need to debate that motion? Is there any member in opposition to it? Can I put the question? I can proceed and put the question that those in support of renovation of the chamber, as the member has moved.

(Question put and agreed to)

FORMATION OF MORE COMMITTEES

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion. Aware that sectoral and select committees have a lot of members and mandates, aware that committees with large membership are not efficient, aware that some honourable members do not belong to at least three committees and further aware that if more committees are formed, responsibilities can be shared amongst members, I beg that this House directs formation of more committees. I ask Hon. Manyolo to second my motion.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the House at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, as a matter of concern to other members, it is good that we have equal representation in committees and it is better for us to discuss the issue of splitting some sectoral committees and others in order to have efficiency and proper delivery of their mandate. Committees with more membership can have the numbers equalized in order to have equal representation. So I second that motion, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. The mover of that motion has not stated which this new committees are. I fear the motion may not be in order.

Hon. Katela: Sorry Mr. Speaker, Sir, but the list of committees to be split is with the Majority Leader. With due respect, can I please request him to come and support me on this and give out the number of committees to be split.

Hon. Speaker: If the mover of the motion was not ready his motion, then the motion fails.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Any other business? Then the House adjourns.

The House adjourned at 3.50 p.m.