

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, 6th May, 2014**

The House met at 2.57 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****KENYA WOMEN SENATORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, there is this communication that I have from the office of the Speaker. One is on women leadership conference. Hon. Members, all elected and nominated women leaders have been invited to attend a conference on devolution, women leadership and decision making, organized by the Kenya Women Senators Association that will take place in Naivasha tomorrow and the day after at Simba Lodge. The invitation has also been extended to the Leader of Majority, Leader of Minority, the Whips and myself. I ask the office of Clerk to assure that all the aforementioned members are facilitated to attend the conference.

BUDGET DOCUMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/2015

The second communication is budget documents for the financial year 2014/2015. Hon. Members, I received correspondence from the County Treasury dated 30th April, 2014 reference GMS/14/65 permitting Budget documents for the year 2014/2015. Section 129 sub section 2(a) of the Public Finance Management Act states that the county executive member of finance shall submit the County Assembly budgetary estimates supporting documents and any other bills required to implement the budget except the Finance Bill by the 30th of April in that year.

That has been done. The estimates, submitted shall in line with the PFM Act requirements for the county government to implement programme-based budget in the next financial year, will now be forwarded to all the sectoral committees for evaluation of the budget of each county executive department.

PAPER LAID
WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 2014

Hon. Matheka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the assembly today, 6th May, 2014; The Ward Development Fund Bill 2014. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The paper is properly laid. Proceed.

(Hon. Matheka laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION
WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 2014

Hon. Matheka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion. That this assembly approves the Ward Development Fund Bill 2014 as laid on the table of the house, today Tuesday, May 2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Proceed

STATEMENTS
LATF AND LASDAP PROJECTS

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 25th February, this year that is 2014, Hon. Alex Kamitu stood on the floor of the House and sought a statement on LASDAP and LATF projects which were to be undertaken by the defunct local authorities and, Mr. Speaker, with me is a statement and going by the procedure, I am not ready to issue the statement today but first I want to seek for your permission so that I can circulate the answer or the statement and then I issue the statement next week, Tuesday, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Proceed and circulate the document.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the Hon. Members present. Mr. Speaker, I want to direct my inquiries to the Majority Leader. First and foremost, Mr. Speaker, I want the

Majority Leader, through the Executive, to substantiate the circumstances under which our members are being accused by the hon. members of the National Assembly of forcing the Executive, that is the Governor, to pay for them trips so that they can get favors. Mr. Speaker, this information is tainting the picture of these members on the ground because we are sought and we felt as corrupt people because it is being said that hon. members are coercing or are forcing the Governors to give them trips abroad so that they can receive favors Mr. Speaker. I want that substantiation given, so that of these hon. members can be accorded dignity Mr. Speaker.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, we are worried, some of us members. I want this one substantiated further by the Majority Leader through the Executive . Why are our hon. members who were elected by people and given the mandate by their people to come and represent their interest, being threatened that their lives are in danger when they are executing their elective mandate. Mr. Speaker, I get to wonder when hon. members air their views, they are being threatened. When hon. members seek to know what is happening, they are receiving threats Mr. Speaker.

We want the security of these members to be heightened and then we want to demand to know, when a hon. member has done a mistake like requesting for something, Mr. Speaker, it sounds nothing. When hon. members discuss or meet with other leaders to discuss about the development of our county, they are perceived to be out to oust a member or an elected member than any other member. What I am asking Mr. Speaker is, are there members who have got more preference of elective positions than others? We demand an explanation for that.

Mr. Speaker, I can see this assembly has been issued with new seats. I appreciate you have got new seats, Mr. Speaker. I can see you've got a new seat like the one you are sitting on. We have the Governor's seat on the other side. I am asking: where is the Senator's seat because we still have an old chair there? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Any other statement? I urge the Majority Leader to find answers to those statements, by Tuesday next week. Proceed.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the rest of the house at large. Mr. Speaker, now it is the third month since I sought some statements from the Majority Leader. The last time that we met, he promised to bring the statements the following week. Could it be a scam that these statements being sought will take eternity to come to this house? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Majority Leader please. What is the position of those answers?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to agree with that member that he sought the statement if not last month, last month but one Mr. Speaker, but I am ready to answer next week Tuesday, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Without fail.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Without fail, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

BILLS

First Reading

WARD AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 2014

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to present the Machakos County Ward Development Fund Bill 2014 to be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Then the Machakos County Ward Development Fund Bill 2014 as gazetted in the special issue of the Machakos County Gazette supplement No. 1 is hereby read for the first time. Proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Before we adjourn the House, Hon. Members, we now have adequate business that we need to deal with. This Bill and the other two Bills. I will urge that we can utilize the entire of tomorrow to retreat and discuss the Bills towards preparation for public participation, perhaps in the earliest. I propose, maybe, next week before we break for recess. We can also utilize the balance of the week looking at financial estimates, if adequate copies will be made for all the committees. Otherwise have a good afternoon.

The House rose at 3.09 p.m.