

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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[The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nganga) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION PURCHASE OF MOTOR BIKES

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion, that this Hon. House discusses and approves purchase of motor bikes to be used at the ward levels. Thank you.

MOTIONS MACHAKOS COUNTY TV STATION

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the following motion. Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that Machakos county covers a wide area, aware the county is divided into eight sub counties, aware that the headquarters of the county is situated in Machakos town, further aware that it is the constitutional right of all the residents to access information, pursuant to Constitution of Kenya 2010, Article 35 sub section 1 and 3, which states that every person has a right of access to information, that is

- a) Information held by state.
- b) Information held by another person and required for the exercise or protection of any right or fundamental freedom.
- c) The state shall publish and publicize any important information affecting the county or the nation.

To this end Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the county government is a replica of the National government and aware that all our residents need to be informed of whatever is

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happening in the county headquarters that affects them, including, making of Bills, increase of Fees and Charges, issuance of bursaries, advertisement of contracts, assembly proceedings, to mention but a few,

I wish to move a motion that, this hon house discusses and approves establishment of Machakos county TV station, radio station and a newspaper for information purposes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to call the Hon. Member for Matuu, Mr. Hon. Manyolo to second the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have no clear information and communication to our electorates and also the people within the county. And it is a nice motion, as the hon member for Mavoko, hon. Mutuku has presented. We need to have our own station Mr. Speaker, Sir that we can account everything, living about people saying it is about cinema at Machakos that they see thing happening in reality.

And also Mr. Speaker, Sir, to protect the people of Machakos County and also whatever is within it to be known what is happening and what is going to happen. It is good and i second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I now invite debate and contribution towards the said motion. Points in support and contrary to the motion before the House. Yes Hon. Kiviu.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I understand the motion has been seconded, just put the question.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Michael.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for granting me the opportunity. Hon Members, Machakos County, has come of its age. It is the high time, the government of Machakos should think about having its own TV station, radio and a newspaper. As you are aware, Kenya as a country comprises 47 counties.

Those counties, we call them states and for each state it is very important to be self-sustaining. Self-sustaining in terms of tax collection, training institutions and also communication infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not in order not to have an official communication, where the electorates can have access to information, knowing when the government communicates and where they can get that communication.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, many electorates within Machakos County cannot access, specifically job contracts or job advertisements because they keep on fluctuating. Sometimes they advertise in The Star, other times in the Standard, other times in Nation Newspaper, so you realize there is no official newspaper through which residents of Machakos County can assess the information.

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Many times they end up not applying or missing the contract. Therefore in line with that, it is high time this County thinks of initiating a process to have its own TV station, radio and a newspaper. Mr. Speaker, Sir, having the above, it is also a source of employment because once we establish, the residents and electorates of Machakos County will get employment from the same stations.

Machakos county has 40 wards and if, for example we go per every ward having two employees, for example in TV station who will be collecting news, radio and newspaper, that is like six employees per ward. That will translate to almost 240 employees to our people within Machakos County. Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is always a saying which says, in our Kikamba tradition, *Ka Mwene ketawa kaketika* (a call should always be answered)

Here in Machakos County, we rely so much on Musyi FM whereby and the owner of that business can decide today not to continue having that business. What will happen to our residents in rural areas who rely on Musyi FM? So Mr. Speaker, Sir, I propose, if this county can initiate the process of having its own TV station and I do propose the name of the TV station to be called, Machakos Broadcasting Corporation, both for English and Kiswahili news and Kikamba vernacular language.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Machakos residents spend a lot of money especially when they are doing adverts for the burial services, advertisements for jobs, and I think having our own station, it can be self-sustaining in the future. We don't need to be financing it now and then. Mr. Speaker, Sir, many might be asking where the money to finance such a project will come from? I think, this house, once it approves for the initiation of the project, I think the Executive can sell shares to look for the funds to finance the project.

So hon. Members, many might be saying, 'we have priority projects,' but I want to assure you the project for the TV, radio and Newspaper can be self-sustaining and it can look for money itself. Mr. Speaker, Sir, with those few remarks, I would like to say, having that project with us, the Machakos County Assembly will be the main beneficiary because some of these proceedings or processions which are going on they can be aired live. It is not easy as at now to have Machakos Assembly being aired live through the Citizen because it is expensive.

With those few remarks and my contribution, let me say, I remain faithful to this house and to the chair. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Any other member willing to contribute? Yes hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand here strongly in support the sentiments made by hon. Mutuku from Athi-River. And I would like to enlighten if we get our own TV, our own newspaper, they are going to promote our youth talents, our cultural activities, because in our county, we are very rich in cultural activities. So it is one of the good ideas because it will promote our cultural activities.

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Again, in our budget, we did a budget in regard to tourism, so in that regard it will also promote our tourism centers and activities related to cultural activities within the county.

Again, when we do the tendering in adverts, the TV or the station will gain because the adverts will be paid in regard to tenders, civic education, social welfare and again it will also promote our athletic activities within the county. So I stand to strongly support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Any other member willing to contribute in support or against? Therefore, there being no other member.....Yes, Hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the mover of the motion did not give us a clear indication of where the initial capital of financing the stations will come from. We need to be clear because I am afraid money from the taxpayer can be gotten to invest in that station, thus surpassing development projects.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also have another reservation for that. This county is known for propaganda and the stations can be used as a propaganda tool. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we need to be aware and be assured that the station will not be used as a propaganda tool. If it can be used as a propaganda tool Mr. Speaker, Sir, I assure this house Mr. Speaker, Sir, some members will not survive.

And I know that, because you know what happens in the last three or four months. You know exactly what was happening and if a station can be around and we know what is happening to the other stations, the county leadership is trying to sit on other stations not to air such and such views. I am telling you Mr. Speaker, Sir, it will be a disaster for the county, for the hon. members and for the executive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the house at large. May the hon member, hon. Matheka, please clarify to the house what he means by propaganda within Machakos County?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes what is your point of order?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to raise a point of order and to enquire, whether it is in order for a hon Member, who belongs to this county to purport that, the county number one in development Mr Speaker, is a county of propaganda Mr. Speaker. If this county has people of propaganda, it is the people who are not seeing what the county has done and these are the people we should fear, but not those who are

doing what the people are happy about Mr Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes hon. Dominic.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the hon. members present. Well it is a noble idea that has been presented before the floor of this house and no one would object to such kind of an advanced development in the county. But Mr. Speaker, in echoing the words of Hon. Matheka, I would say this, first; we need to do an assessment of the cost implication of establishing the TV station.

Establishing a TV station is not going to cost us Ksh. 1 million, Ksh. 2 million, Ksh. 3 million we are talking of heavy investment of almost a tune over Ksh. 50 million, Mr. Speaker. So I am just giving an example, the cost implication of that.

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of order?

Hon. Katela: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am talking from a point of information, as a career journalist. Can Hon. Dominic, tell us where he has gotten those figures from? A TV station, we can even start a TV station with this one camera and a single person and a room like this. We don't need big things like KTN. The TV station will grow as customers increase. So when you are talking, don't just talk and confuse and cheat people. People have advanced. You can even use your phone to shoot for a TV.

We should not become retrogressive. Every positive thing which is brought here, like the mover of the motion said, we are creating about 100 jobs, you shoot it down. The other thing is about my good friend hon. Matheka. Can you substantiate when you say propaganda? Because you can as well start your own radio and propagate your propaganda. Who is denying you to start that? If you are seeing propaganda on this station, start yours, it is allowed. But I wonder where you will get the license with that negative attitude. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I would want to guide the debate. Hon. members, as you realize, this country is governed by the constitution and the statutes of parliament and under those, there comes acts of county assemblies. There is a law that has already been passed in the national assembly, barely months ago, that is protecting propagation of propaganda through media. Never before had this nation had such a law where propagation of untruthful and unsubstantiated information can be allowed. So there should be no fear, when it comes to propagation of unreliable reports.

So what the motion seeks to achieve, is to express the intention of the house. It does not establish the station, rather it compels the Executive to initiate plans and before the

county station is set up, it must be anchored on a law by the county assembly. So this is barely a preliminary stage of having the matter sorted out.

So in our debate we need to be guided by the understanding that it is an expression of the intention that this is a move that the government should encourage to undertake. Because after that, when the government of the day intends to undertake such a move, it will be required by law to come up with a substantive Bill and shall be thoroughly debated by this house and even the house shall have the authority to approve the Bill that will go into financing the establishment. So, members are guided while you are raising your contributions towards this. So with that guidance then, I want to invite more discussion on the same, limiting ourselves within those outlines. Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, having this noble issue of a TV station, radio station and a newspaper with us, I think per the cost analysis, which has just been analyzed by one of our hon. members, I wish to bring to light to the hon. member that there is something called the frequency modulation, which has to be licensed, from Communication Authority of Kenya.

So if the issue of frequency modulation which has also caused an issue with the other stations which are pre-assumed to be opened by other counties, has caused them not even to open because of the licensing issue. I think if we can go in line with the entire process of acquiring first the licensing from the Communication Authority of Kenya, it would do us good. Instead of just passing a law without having a further investigation of what we ought to do for the licensing of the modulation for the frequency of this station. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think Mr. Speaker, hon. Katela was overtaken by events in some way. I had not objected, listen to what I started and I think it is the high time that members take time to listen to the contributions of other members, before they make fast decisions. Because, I had not objected to this motion, I said this it is a noble idea that has come of time but we need to understand of the cost implications before we commit ourselves. We commit the county into an operation that may result into a white elephant project. But if the cost implication is done well, brought before this assembly and it satisfies the members, no one will object to that operation.

What we are saying is this Mr. Speaker, jobs will be created. We are not opposed to that but we are saying, we passed a budget of 2014 /2015. What I am saying and the point I wanted to pass is this, let us not come up with a project that might go ahead and squeeze the finances that we have already budgeted for, then it supersedes those projects.

So, by the time we come into this, I would request the hon. member, if given time, he can come into this house, give a tabulation of the cost of what is required, such that, if we find it is within the limits of the budget that we passed 2014/2015, we can come up with a supplementary budget. We put proper guidelines on the same. But let us not rush into coming up with a decision that may be might force us to eat into what little we have already appropriated for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Mwonga.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I am reminded by one of my colleague members here, that the hon. member for Muthwani that is hon. Dominic Maitha was named yesterday, for gross disorderly for three days Mr. Speaker, and he should not be in the house. Mr. Speaker, the Standing Orders Nos. 103,104, and 105 are very clear.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Order No. 105 (2) ‘any member who is ordered to withdraw, under Standing Order No. 103 which was done yesterday by the chair budget, or who is suspended from the service of the assembly under Standing Order No. 104, shall forthwith, withdraw from the precincts of the assembly and shall during the period of such withdrawal, or suspension forfeit the right of access, thereto and shall forfeit all allowances payable during the period such suspension.

Mr. Speaker, can you give a clarification, because we are having a member in the house, who should not be in the house Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chairman Budget, hon. members, according to Standing Order 104, any member may, at any time on a point of order, invite the Speaker or the Chairperson of committees to name another member, for gross disorderly conduct, but the decision whether or not to do so shall remain with the Speaker or the chairperson.

Whenever a member shall have been named by the Speaker or the Chairperson, then:-

- if the breach has been committed by such a member in the house, a motion shall be made by any other member present that such member, naming the member be suspended from the service of the house and the Speaker shall forthwith put the question thereon, no amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed.
- If the breach has been committed in a committee of the whole house, the chairperson shall forthwith leave the chair and report the circumstances to the house and the Speaker shall, on a motion aforesaid, being made, forthwith put the question. No amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed as if the offence had been committed in the house itself.

Standing Order No. 105

Whenever a member has been named in accordance with Standing Order 104, the Speaker shall order the member to withdraw from the chamber and precincts of the assembly. Section 2, any member who is ordered to withdraw, under the Standing Order 103, or who is suspended from the service of the assembly, under Standing Order 104, shall forthwith withdraw from precincts of the Assembly and shall during the period of such withdrawal or suspension, except during a recess forfeit the right to access thereto and shall forfeit all allowances payable during the period of such suspension.

Any member, who demonstrates or makes disruptive utterances against the suspension of a named member, shall be deemed to be disorderly in accordance with the Standing Order 108, which talks about grave disorder.

Hon. members, according to Standing Order 104 (2) (b) 'when a member has been named in a committee of the whole house, the chairperson shall forthwith leave the chair and report the circumstances to the house. And the Speaker shall on a motion, as aforesaid being made, forthwith put the question.

Under those circumstances, the member in question was named as I have been informed by the office of the Clerk and the Serjeant-At-Arms. And the matter was supposed to have been reported when the house assembled. However, through the leave of the chair, I want to pass this warning to members that, going forward, members will not be allowed to undertake disruptive measures, comments and utterances within the house.

The member so named was supposed to have complied and was supposed not to have been allowed within the precincts of the house, leave alone the chamber. And there having been such failure within the offices concerned to implement such order, I want to instruct the relevant offices, that to avoid contradiction of decisions in the upcoming scenarios, it should be ensured such issues are dealt with comprehensively.

A member once named, should not be allowed through the gate of this house. So through the leave of the chair, I would want to grant the member the opportunity to continue being with the house, but going forward, the same shall not be allowed. The office of the Clerk, together with the office of the Serjeant-At-Arms, be properly instructed that once a member is named within the house or in the committee, enforce the law. We do not want contradictions of issues. I want to draw the attention of chairs of committees, to Standing order, 104 (2) (b). I would want to urge all of them to read it thoroughly and understand how the matter should be handled.

I want also to appeal to members, to carry themselves with decorum and the necessary integrity, so that the business of this house will be taken to be serious and with integrity and hon. manner in which it is supposed to be. I would want to rule so, therefore the debate continues. Further contributions?

Then I therefore put the question that for those in support of the motion that this house approves the establishment of Machakos County TV station, radio station and newspaper.

(Question put and agreed to)

I would want to urge the relevant committee on ICT to move with speed to ensure that the necessary bill is introduced to this house so that the station can be established as requested. Next motion?

PURCHASE OF MOTOR BIKES

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members. Well the mood is so good. I understand also my motion will go through. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to move the following motion. Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that Machakos county is diverse, aware that our wards cover large areas, aware that the terrain is not the best for motor vehicle transport, making it difficult to access public transport, aware that the hon. members need to reach their electorates and further aware that members have a busy schedule, forcing them to use their personal assistants, secretaries and also the messengers to address some issues on their behalf, aware that the personal assistant, secretary, messengers, do not have any means of transport, I beg to move a motion that, this hon. house discusses and approves purchase of motorbikes to be used at the ward offices. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to call upon hon. Dominic Maitha, to second the motion.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, this hon. member has done one of the best things that have ever been thought about. I am in 100 per cent in support of that motion. Mr. Speaker, I can say I was supposed to have brought this motion long time ago bearing in mind that this hon members can attest , they are spending a lot of moneys to send their messengers and that the government has employed and said that we need to have those staff in our offices. We are spending a lot of money to send those messengers. What if they have a motorbikes Mr. Speaker, we can be spending half or quarter of the bus fare that we are giving our messengers to deliver information.

Understanding and aware that some of our wards are too vast, Mr. Speaker, this is a requirement that every ward office needs like yesterday. So I am in total support of this motion and actually, I would request these members to pass this motion within the next one minute even without debating. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I want to invite debate to the motion. Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I really agree with Mheshimiwa Manyolo. I respect the decision that you have decided to bring this motion to this house.

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So I respect that it is like he read my mind that I am one of the members who have been affected. When we are sending our messengers across the ward, there are a lot of problems in terms of transport. Therefore, even not the issue of facilitating the wards to have the motor bikes but to make sure that fuel is sufficient for the same to be able to function.

I do not want to quote any other facilities within the county but what I am saying is that motor bikes must be facilitated within the shortest time possible. So I request that you just pose the question and then we move forward, and we can proceed. Mheshimiwa Manyolo, congratulations. Thank you.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the opportunity to contribute to that motion. I fully support that motion and as I support, we also need to come with regulations for the motorbikes, in terms of fueling and registration of the motorbike. Bearing in mind we are in office for five years and I believe that should not be our property but the property of the office. So we need to come up with regulations, in which if the motorbike is bought, we know if it is an asset of the Assembly, the county government or the ward office. Thank you.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion and say that one of the roles of the members of the assembly is representation among the other two. And this role Mr. Speaker, sometimes members are held up in Machakos, most specifically in this Assembly and the only other people that we use, at the ward level, to create our presence, are our personal assistants, the messengers and the secretaries. Mr. Speaker, when you look at the CDF offices, some of the offices have bought their own vehicles so I believe by purchasing these motorbikes, of course, they will be properties of the assembly.

They will be fitted with number plates of the government and all rules pertaining to the use of government vehicles apply to the use of the motor bikes. Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is a nice motion and that if passed in the next financial year, the necessary committee and entirely the house should appropriate enough money so that we are able to buy not just a motorbike, but a suitable one.

Because some of the terrain where we come from we really need a bike that can really withstand the conditions. Since we already have a budget to run the offices, that means then we will have to increase the allocation to run the ward offices, so that we are able to cater for the fuel of this motorbikes.

Although there is one body, the Transition Authority that purports not to recognize existence of the ward staff and this is a war the County Assemblies Forum (CAF) is fighting and I believe this is a war we are going to win, no matter the fight, Mr. Speaker, I believe that these offices exist. We already have staff in place and we should go ahead and budget for this motor bikes. So that we can create accessibility to our offices and to the places that we are going to send our offices. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I fully support.

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Hon. Kimata: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance to contribute to this important motion, brought by Hon. Manyolo. In fact, it is a very nice idea and all the members of this county should make sure that we pass this motion without any delay because it will create employment to our people down there, and the job will be so much easier. Every member should make sure that we pass this motion without any delay. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Kwa Bwana Speaker. Nimesimama na kuunga huo mswada mkono, nikiwa na sababu mbili, tatu. Kama Mbunge, pesa ambazo huwa tunapewa juu ya usafiri ni kama Ksh. 39,000 na kwa mbunge kutembea katika eneo lake unakuta mbunge anatumia hizo pesa kwa siku karibu nne ama tano. Je, siku ishirini na tano ambazo zimebaki za mwezi zimebaki, huyo mbunge anatumia pesa zake kutoka mfukoni. Na, wadi ambayo nimetoka, Masinga ya Kati ina upana ambao kutembea kwa mbunge hawezi.

Kwa hivo katika ofisi ya Mbunge kukiopianwa pikipiki, kaunti ikitoa pesa za mafuta zitawezesha usafiri uw erahisi. Mbunge ataweza kutumikia sehemu yake ya uwakilishi. Kwa hivo mimi nasema kuunga mkono huo mswada utawezesha mbunge kufanya kazi ambayo amechaguliwa na wananchi wake na itakuwa rahisi kufikia kila mtu katika eneo lake la uwakilishi. Kwa hivo nasema naunga mkono huo mswada. Asantie.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and my colleagues. I support that motion that will facilitate greater production from where we come from. However, the thinking of a motor bike, and because I represent people with disabilities, it means now it will be very difficult for us to get that employment. Can there be a motorbike with three tyres or something like that. Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think we have dealt with this motion for so long. I wish the hon. members who have not been enjoying this service of motorbike like the way I have been enjoying within Machakos at a very cheap price, you consider putting the question and we finish with this and go ahead.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I just want to put to the budget chairman that he should not be worried about the Transition Authority. The courts last week ruled that, hon. members of county assemblies are entitled to ward offices and staff. What you should be worried is how soon

he can bring a supplementary budget in the floor of the house and we increase the amount of allocation to the ward offices. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And then Mr. Speaker also, kindly Mr. Speaker, we had our ward staff offices here sometimes back and I would like to put to your attention Mr. Speaker, there were complaints from some staff at ward offices who worked in the offices of our hon. members. They said and I quote 'yes we are paid our salaries, but we don't know whether there is an office in our ward.' So kindly, I would seek your directions Mr. Speaker, for accountability.

Direct that the committee in charge of scrutinizing and following up county revenue, to ensure that an audit is done in all the 40 wards to ensure that every ward has got an office that can serve its people such that when we buy these motor bikes, we will not buy them to be kept in somebody's house. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Therefore, there being no further contribution, I put the question that, those in support for the approval of the motion that the county assembly purchases motorcycles for the ward offices.

(Question put and agreed to)

Therefore this motion compels the office of the Clerk to move with speed and ensure the matter is implemented and further to the issues raised, ensure the relevant office of the Clerk that the various offices are practically set up. Not literally in the book. Next motion.

BILL

MACHAKOS COUNTY SAND HARVESTING BILL 2014

Hon. Ndolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker and hon members. I am the vice chair Agriculture, Environment and Natural resources committee. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I kindly request your permission for deferment of the Machakos County Sand Harvesting Bill 2014. Bill No. 3 of 2014.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, what is your point of order?

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, I want to draw to your attention that there is a member who has used funny language in the house. Hon. Timothy.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What kind of language?

Hon. Katela: Kikamba.

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(Laughter)

Hon. T. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to apologize for the same.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: For the members who have not been in the house, for some time, it is important that you be guided that we are implementing the law to the letter and to the spirit. So as you conduct your business, conduct it with the bearing that it is not every other usual day where members could come late and expect to be noted to have been in the house or use funny language and expect the chair to pardon them. Your pardon has been accepted.

Under Standing Order No. 124, the member who was supposed to present the Bill for the second reading has requested for the second reading to be deferred to another day and I therefore want to put the question that the house approves the deferment of the Bill to tomorrow..... to Wednesday next week 2.30 pm.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The matter is deferred to next week, Wednesday 2.30 pm. The house adjourns until tomorrow 2.30 p.m. Enjoy your afternoon.

The House rose at 3.34 p.m.