

**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY****OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

The House met at 9.40 a.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS**

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Mr. Speaker, I want to draw to the attention of the Chair that we have no quorum.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let me understand under which Standing Order.

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Mr. Speaker, it is under Standing Order 31.

**Hon. Speaker:** Clerk, give me the count. The count is 16. May the bell be rang.

*(Quorum bell rung)*

Order once more, Hon. Members. At this moment we are doing counting to verify on quorum but is of essence I notify members of the Standing Order No. 32 sub section 3, though the point of order on quorum was brought under Standing Order 31. Standing Order 32 still applies.

And it reads, 32(3); 'whenever the Speaker or the chairperson as the case maybe is engaged in counting the assembly or the committee respectively, the door shall remain unlocked, but no member shall be allowed to leave the chamber expect a party Whip who may be permitted to leave the chamber or to seek members required to raise a quorum.

Notice is thereby given, during a count if a member has to leave the chamber perhaps for a call of nature that should be with permission of the chair. I will urge the mover of the motion who was the Majority Leader to advise the members accordingly. And for that reason, I will allow a further five minutes that the bell be rang and no member should leave without

permission. Sergeant At Arms, kindly may the bell ring. I learnt that we only require two members to proceed with business.

*(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Kyalo Kyuli, we are still on session. I am shocked that you are talking on phone in the chamber. You are sure you don't want to apologize?

**Hon. Kyuli:** I apologize.

**Hon. Speaker:** Clerk, I think we are now on time.

**Hon. Mbithi:** Other than the call of nature, can member walk out for another call, maybe phone call?

**Hon. Speaker:** Refer me appropriately, which sub-section is that? You say Standing Order 32 sub-section---

**Hon. Mbithi:** Mr. Speaker, like you have taken us through that, when the counting is taking place only the Whip is supposed to walk out and maybe with the authority of the Chair or somebody is going to respond to a call of nature, can we also respond to any other call, like a phone call?

**Hon. Speaker:** A phone call will be frivolous, but if you have a substantive reason, perhaps you can raise it to the Chair for consideration.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Order members! Hon. Kitheka, kindly resume. We have not been able to raise quorum, even with the help of our Whips. So the House is constrained to adjourn. The business of this morning will be conducted in the next sitting as scheduled in the afternoon. Thank you and have a wonderful morning.

The House rose at 9.57 a.m.