

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014**

The House met at 3.04 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
MISUSE OF BIOMETRIC LOGGING IN**

Hon. Speaker: Yes, good afternoon Hon. Members. We really apologize for the administrative delay. Let us proceed. Let us hear the Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, under agenda No. 2, communication from the Chair, Mr. Speaker, I want to draw to the attention of the Chair, as you can see we have members, I don't want to say we don't have quorum but Mr. Speaker, the number of members who have logged in are more than the members who we are seeing here. That is a very bad habit and I am requesting you to make a ruling that members be logging in after some time. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kitheka, we will give you permission to dress and come back.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kitheka, kindly get your moment and dress. I have a mirror in my office. I think we need to take the business of the House seriously and repeat of the point that has been stated by the Leader of Majority. Let us proceed.

(Hon. Kitheka withdrew from the House)

**PAPER LAID
FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTION REPORT**

Hon. Speaker: Where is Hon. Oliver Nzeki?

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Hon. (Ms.) B. Nduku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand here on behalf of Hon. Nzeki, Chairman of Finance and revenue collection committee. Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the committee cannot be able to come so we can wait until he comes.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Bibiana, kindly communicate.

(Laughter)

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nduku: I said that, the chairman of the Finance committee is not able to come so I beg the Hon. House to stay and wait.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, let us hear the Majority Leader. We cannot sit and wait for this Chairman forever.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, as we were having our lunch, the chairman of the finance and revenue collection committee was not aware that his deputy was around and he tried in vain to reach her on her phone but he was not going through. Mr. Speaker, the Chairman advised me that this report be deferred until the next sitting. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, he is in a team that is already leaving for Ethiopia. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. The report is deferred. Proceed.

MOTION

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EMPOWERMENT FUND REGULATIONS

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 121 (1), I do propose that the regulations be read for the second time. Machakos county social welfare and empowerment fund regulations be read for the second time. I call upon Hon. Jacqueline Nziva to second the second reading of the regulations.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: I stand to second that the regulations be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You can proceed.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you allow me I will proceed to read the report of the committee of women, youth and sports.

Hon. Member: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, address the report. Is the report seconded? Clerk.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: I second the committee report. Thank you.

Hon. Muthuka: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Yes point of order.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the rest of the House. Mr. Speaker, I am perturbed because the kind of what we are calling reports, actually I don't think they should be in this House because we know what reports are. This is just is like a tale, a story where people went and then they came back and those who were present. Where is this report? Where are these regulations? We cannot discuss this report. This is not a report. We need the regulations to discuss about it.

So, Mr. Speaker, with all due respect---

Hon. R. Mutuku: Point of information.

Hon. Muthuka: Let all the chairpersons, let all the committee members understand the role of this House and save our time because we have been wasting time going through some paperwork which is not important to this House. Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. R. Mutuku: Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the Chairperson. I am told...I have the regulations with me.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, what I have presented to the House is a report and not the regulations and the office of the Clerk should circulate the regulations to members so that when we convert to Committee of the Whole House, we will now be able to go through clause by clause. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Member: That is un-procedural.

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Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, if you don't have copies of the regulations---

(Loud consultations)

Order! Order Hon. Members.

Hon. Katela: Point of Order.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, let us hear you.

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to your attention that Hon. Ngui from Katangi is not dressed for the House business.

(Hon. Ngui withdrew from the House)

Hon. Speaker: Indeed, he has complied. Hon. Members, let us proceed on the next agenda. On the regulations, I will give directions on the regulations. Proceed with the next agenda.

BILL

Second Reading

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, the Machakos County Agricultural Development Fund Bill 2014*(Inaudible)* to be read for the second time. I call Hon. Geoffrey Munyao to second the second reading. Thank you.

Hon. Munyao: I second the Machakos County Agricultural Development Fund Bill to be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Proceed with the report.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The report of the Machakos County Agricultural Development Fund Bill.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndawa: Point of order.

Hon. Muli: Preamble---

Hon. Speaker: Yes. Let us hear the point of order.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndawa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As you can see the members do not have the report and this has been happening each and every day. This report should be provided to the members 24 hours before we sit in the assembly because it is really disgusting Mr. Speaker, every day we sit here and things are not in order. We have staff who are supposed to work on this. What is happening?

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, have your seat please.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I would like to agree with Hon. Ndawa. Mr. Speaker, since the morning sitting, what I am seeing is.....and Mr. Speaker, before I say what I want to say, I am the Leader of Majority and the voice of the government in this House but I am not going to be the voice of the office of the Clerk in this House.

Mr. Speaker, there is laxity in the office of the Clerk. That office is making the chairpersons vulnerable to attacks from these Hon. Members because they are not preparing the chairpersons and also they are not preparing the reports. We should be having all these reports here, Mr. Speaker. We are putting the chairpersons in an awkward position because of laxity of that office, Mr. Speaker and I have no regrets to make about my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Muthuka.

Hon. Muthuka: I think we should not accuse the office of the Clerk. We know the work of the chairperson. Before you present any report here, you should make sure you have enough honour of office and who should be served by---

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Point of information.

Hon. Muthuka: And again, it seems most of this work is not even prepared by the committees. It is as if the chairperson is given something to read so that he will be seen to be working. We know we have a problem with those who we are calling chairpersons. Some of them control, we have a problem with---

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Allow him to proceed. We have some problems in this House and unless we sit down and resolve the problem, this will happen today, tomorrow and until we are out of this House.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the point of information here and the point of order there.

Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the immediate contributor that it is not the work of the chairperson to prepare these reports. It is the office of the Clerk and the staff that we have employed for that office to assist him and it is not the work of a chairperson to walk into the office of a certain clerk assistant and tell him 'bring the report, I want the report to go with it tithe assembly.' No. we will be usurping the duties of the officer.

Mr. Speaker, to say that the chairpersons of various committees don't know what they are doing, is the prerogative and the onus of the members of that committee to know whether their chairpersons are competent but not anybody else to say those chairpersons are not competent. Mr. Speaker, if the problem we are having is the problem of having the chairpersons who are there, I think this problem gonna stay with us. Mr. Speaker, we have the chairpersons and they have to be respected by their members. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndawa: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I have gotten the point. The point is simple, that these reports ought to be circulated to members before time. I know that has not happened and it is not happening for the entire week. My proposal is that we either proceed if you have read the reports or we can have this debate proceed and the reports tomorrow when they are all circulated.

Hon. Members: Tomorrow.

Hon. Speaker: Then we can have assembly adjourned. The reports will be supplied and then I will have a session with the Clerk and make sure (*inaudible*). We shall have an early sitting tomorrow to make sure we complete this exercise.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: So therefore, the House is adjourned. The office of the Clerk will ensure the reports have been circulated. Thank you and have a good afternoon.

The House rose at 3.24 p.m.

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