

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, 31st March, 2015**

The House met at 2:44 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members.**MOTION****ADJOURNMENT REPORT**

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nathaniel Nganga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion in accordance with Standing Order No. 227. Mr. Speaker, sir, aware that there has been lack of business for balloting in the House Business committee; aware that the committee sat today and there were only two items to be balloted for the week; Mr. Speaker, sir aware that there are several pending committee reports in various committees which have not been concluded, during the meeting of the House Business committee today, it was resolved that the house adjourns from today until Tuesday next week and the following committees be advised to sit and complete their reports so as to forward them for balloting on Tuesday.

- The committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization
- Committee on Agriculture and Cooperative Development
- Committee on Selection
- Committee on Implementation
- Committee on Public Accounts and Investment
- Education and Social Welfare committee
- Committee on Labor, Public Service and ICT.

Mr. Speaker, these committees have pending business that we would want to be debated in the house Mr. Speaker, and bearing in mind the matters of national interest that are also befalling the nation that we would want to very accurately be able to follow, Mr. Speaker, with these issues I would request with leave of the house that we may adjourn the sessions of the Assembly until Tuesday next week Mr. Speaker, sir. With your permission I would like to call upon the Majority Leader to support my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I do stand to second and say that I do concur with the vice chair of the House Business committee. It is of importance that this house adjourns to give the seven committees some time so that they can sit and finalize on their reports which are before them and at the same time Mr. Speaker, to allow members to follow the proceedings in the two houses, that is the Senate and the National Assembly because the debate which is there is of national importance. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think Hon. Members this is a matter that we discussed in the morning by the House Business committee and it was a House Business committee resolution. I would wish to hear any member of an opposing view.

Hon. Benedette Mueni: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you know, the Assembly is not having money, the Hon. Members are not having money so I don't know whether you are going to consider the MCAs to give them money even as we go for Easter. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member is out of order. She is not contributing to the agenda before this house Mr. Speaker. She is contributing on welfare issues and she knows well where they should be discussed Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, sometimes as Members of this Assembly we should be considering and looking at the gallery and if there are issues that we should discuss in camera we should be proposing that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Point of order is sustained with the resolve that Hon. Mueni is out of order. Let us hear Hon. Nduva.

Hon. Sammy Nduva: Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir. As a matter of concern while adjourning this house until next week because of what is happening in the National Assembly, there is a matter of urgency; the motion that I moved in this house and sought leave for the same, I beg that the motion be read so that while we are breaking till next week, members will have approved because majority of them have an idea of what is coming across and they are pushing that the motion should be read, even if it will be discussed next week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let us take the point of order. I though the notice of motion was given.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I think the member who has just spoken is confusing himself and the whole House. Mr. Speaker, he tabled the motion and you had directed that the motion will be debated today. It makes me wonder when he says that the motion be read. This is not a Bill. It cannot be read for the second or third time, Mr. Speaker. I think when the vice chairman of the House Business Committee was moving the adjournment,

he was very categorical that all the business is going to be pushed to the next week Mr. Speaker. So I think that member is out of order. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. That point is refused. I was with you in my office with the chair, House Business committee and I really explained this position at length. Your motion will be considered on priority next Tuesday.

Hon. Festus Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. While not opposing the opinion that this house adjourns till next week, the mover has given two scenarios of the reasons why we should adjourn. One, lack of business, two what is going on which is of national importance in which we need to follow up what is happening both in the Senate and also in the National parliament. I have said I am not opposed to the adjournment but I am of this view: because of those two scenarios and especially the second one, what is going on in the national government, we consider thinking of the adjournment tomorrow, not today.

Today we adjourn because of the fact that we need to go and make a follow up on what is happening, then tomorrow, we come together, discuss the few businesses that are within, then from there we adjourn. I am of that opinion because there is a possibility the proceedings that are going on today may be directed to the County Assemblies and if we have adjourned until Tuesday, there will be a span of time but if we follow the proceedings and then come tomorrow, we will be aware of what happened and as we adjourn we will have a prior knowledge of what happened today then we proceed with the adjournment and also the business as stated.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear the mover. Maybe you can answer the issue that has been raised.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nganga): Thank you Mr. Speaker and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, on the matter of the house adjourning until next week, what we are saying is, we are adjourning the plenary sessions but the committee sessions will continue for those committees that I have mentioned and any other committee that feels it has a matter that it needs to address during that period of time Mr. Speaker.

On the same note Mr. Speaker, if this matter will be coming before this house, then the members of this house will be benefiting from the wealth of wisdom of the leaders in the Senate and in the National Assembly who will be debating the matter before them, that is also bound to be coming towards the County Assembly Mr. Speaker.

So they will be making decisions out of informed decisions. So I find it has no harm in members being able to go through the proceedings of the debate in the National Assembly. It will only serve to inform them and increase their knowledge and skill on what matters are behind this Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as you also know, according to the speech of the President, though it is not before the house he has stated that 175 officers within National and County government have been affected by the whole matter Mr. Speaker. So it is a matter of national interest that also as a county, we would want to be able to deal with it from a point of information.

So the whole week of adjournment will also give members time to research and review those documents if they can officially be able to get any copy or they will be able to come across any of them through their colleagues in the National Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

The adjournment will also give members that room, so it is important that the Hon. Member for Kola ward would also buy the need for us to adjourn the session until sometimes next week Mr. Speaker. As also ruled by the chair on the matter before the house as it is ruled, we can have it next week and I know members are well prepared to handle the matter, so there should be no cause of alarm in having the business deferred to next week so that once we come back, we can be able to expedite the business and be able to break for the recess as outlined in our assembly calendar Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Finally we can hear Hon. Manyolo.

Hon. David Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am in support of the vice chair's motion to adjourn the plenary because Mr. Speaker, most of the Chairs have pending reports and we are towards the end of this financial year and some of the committees have not given their quarterly reports so it good for them to compile their quarterly reports and other reports tomorrow and on Thursday and then table them in the Assembly next week on Tuesday for debating. Mr. Speaker, Sir I am in support of it. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. I think Hon. Members we now proceed and put the question that those in support of the proposal that the House adjourns until next Tuesday...

(Question put and agreed)

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Hon. Speaker: Consequently therefore, the house adjourns until Tuesday and I have noted that some answers, Hon. Dominic Maitha, are ready and they will be circulated for deliberations on Tuesday. Thank you very much and have a good weekend.

The House rose at 2. 59 p.m.