

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Thursday, 2nd July, 2015**

The House met at 2.39 p.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nathaniel Nganga) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****PAPER LAID****PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMITTEES FOR JULY TO DECEMBER, 2014**

Hon. Raphael Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the house, today Thursday, 2nd July, 2014. Progress report for select and sectoral committees for July to December 2014. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Clerk.

NOTICE OF MOTION**PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMITTEES FOR JULY TO DECEMBER, 2014**

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this house discusses and approves the liaison committee report on the progress report of the select and sectoral committees as laid today, Thursday, 2nd July, 2015.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Clerk.

MOTION**PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMITTEES FOR JULY TO DECEMBER, 2014**

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that the liaison committee is mandated with ensuring that select and sectoral committees submit their half yearly report as required by Standing Order No. 180 (1). Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the liaison committee received and discussed the progress report for select and sectoral committees on 5th May, 2015. Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to standing order number 180 (2), the liaison committee submits its compiled reports or progress reports of the select and sectoral committees for the period starting July, 2014 and ending December, 2014. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move a motion that this house discusses and approves the compiled committee progress reports for the

aforementioned period. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I call upon Hon. Michael Mutuku, MCA for Athi River Ward to second my motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Michael Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hereby stand to second the motion which has been laid in this house. As a member of the liaison Committee, Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is very important for the members to know their performance in line with the standard practice. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to support the report. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed Hon. Raphael.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I wish to present the report to the liaison committee on behalf of the Chairperson of Chairpersons. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the liaison committees is mandated under Standing Order No.191 (1). There shall be a select committee to be to be known as Liaison committee which shall constitute of the Chairperson of the committees and chairpersons for all Committees of the assembly.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No. 190 (2c), the liaison committee is mandated to ensure that the committees submit reports as required by the Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No. 180(1), unless a more regular interval is prescribed under any written law or this Standing Orders, this select committee shall commit all a half yearly progress reports to the liaison committee. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the liaison committee will sit and discuss the committees' progress report from July to December 2014, on 5th May, 2015. The committee hereby submits a completed report of the same. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee comprises of the following members;

Hon. Nathaniel Nganga	Chairperson
Hon. Sammy Nduva	Member
Hon. Joseph Muli	“
Hon. Alphonse Wambua	“
Hon. Joseph Itumo	“
Hon. David Manyolo	“
Hon. Peter Nzioki	“
Hon. Wilson Kanui	“
Hon. Leonard Katela	“
Hon. Joseph Kalunde	“
Hon. Cecilia Sereka	“
Hon. Joshua Mwonga	“
Hon. Isaac Muinde	“
Hon. Felix Ngui	“

Hon. Raphael Mutuku “
Hon. Michael Mutuku “
Hon. Oliver Nzeki “
Hon. Edrick Ngunzi “

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to go to each committee as spelt out in the Standing Orders

Committee on Tourism and Culture

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee’s mandate will deal with all matters related to cultural activities, public entertainments and public amenities including betting, rotaries, casinos and other forms of gambling, liquor licensing, cinemas, video shows and hiring, libraries, national heritage, museums and cultural activities and facilities and the county parks, beaches and beaching activities and local tourism, culture and pornography and animal and control welfare including licensing of dogs and facilities for their accommodation, care and burial of animals.

Committee Sitings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, over this period the committee was able to manage seven committee sittings. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am glad to report that the committee was able to table three reports as outlined below.

- The report on vetting of Chief Officers that is Grace Munguti in Culture and Tourism Dept. and John Kilonzo Muthama for Special Programmes.
- The KICOSCA and ELASCA games held in Nakuru and Uganda respectively.
- The report on Liquor Licensing Bill.

All the reports listed above were adopted by this Honorable House.

Fieldwork Programmes

Mr. Speaker, from 17th to 21st August, 2014, the committee members, with other participants attended and participated in KICOSCA games in Nakuru and also participated in ELASCA games in Kampala, Uganda from 26th September, to 5th October, 2014. In addition Mr. Speaker, the committee on Culture and Tourism during this period undertook Public participation on Liquor Licensing Bill which was later passed in the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, from 3rd to 9th December, 2014, the members together with other participants participated in the Kenya Cultural Music Festival in Nakuru.

Labour, Public Service and ICT Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Labour, Public Service and ICT was established pursuant to the Standing order 190 and the second schedule of the standing orders define its mandate as follows; ‘All matters relating to Labour, trade union relations, manpower or human resource planning; information, Communication and Technology.

Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee met 13 times during the period of July to December and members were very active during meetings.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee prepared and tabled one report in the House on vetting of Chief Officers.

Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing Committee

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, this committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to County transport, including county roads, housing, street lighting, traffic and parking, public transport and ferries and harbors, excluding the regulation of international and national shipping and matters related thereto; county public works and services.

Committee Sitzings

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee held a total of 11 sittings to deliberate on various matters under its mandate.

Reports

Mr. Speaker, during this time, the committee was able to table one report to the Assembly that is the report on vetting of Chief Officers. During the same period Mr. Speaker, the committee also tabled the report of the Singapore trip which it undertook for the purpose of benchmarking.

Fieldwork Programme

Mr. Speaker, in the month September 2014, the Committee carried out Inspection of phase 1 road projects in Kangundo, Matungulu and Mavoko Sub-Counties.

Retreats

Mr. Speaker, this committee made two (2) retreats one in Singapore and the other in Migori County from where the members benchmarked on issues to do with establishment of a Transport Authority.

Education and Social Welfare Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Education and Social Welfare was established pursuant to the Standing Order No. 190 and the second schedule of the Standing Orders define its mandate as follows; all matters related to pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centers and childcare, children and social welfare.

Meetings

Mr. Speaker Sir, during the period the Committee held eleven (11) meetings.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration, the committee has prepared and tabled two reports in the House on vetting of Chief Officers and Report on the Status of Youth Polytechnics in the County.

Workshops Attended

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee attended the 2nd Annual Early Childhood Education and Youth Empowerment Summit on 4th to 7th November, 2014 at Karen Christian College in Nairobi.

Trips

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee had one foreign trip to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to participate on Early Childhood Education and Youth Empowerment Conference.

Finance and Revenue Collection Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Finance and Revenue Collection was established pursuant to the Standing Order No. 190 and the second schedule of the Standing Orders define its mandate as follows; all matters relating to the management of county public finance and revenue collection.

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held six (6) meetings.

Workshops/ Retreat Attended

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee attended a retreat to 67 Hotel, Mlolongo on 23rd to 25th October, 2015 to discuss 2013/2014 Income and Expenditure report.

Trade, Planning and Industrialization Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization was established pursuant to the second schedule of the Standing Orders with specific mandate on to all matters related to trade development and regulation including markets; trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions); fair trading practices and statistics.

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held seventeen (17) Committee sittings.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee has prepared and tabled six (6) reports in the House namely;

- Report on vetting of Chief Officers.
- Report on Machakos County Assembly Strategic Plan.
- Report on New Machakos City Development Plan.
- Report on Machakos County Ward Development Bill 2014.
- Report on Machakos County Trade License Bill 2014.
- Report on Machakos County Rating Bill 2014.

Workshops/ Retreats

Mr. Speaker, Sir, over the period the committee has held five (5) workshops/retreats at different venues to discuss committee business. There are also those trips that were attended by the committee members.

Trips

Mr. Speaker, Sir, four members of the committee together with other two members of the assembly toured Hong Kong from 25th November to 2nd to December with a view of learning the best practices on trade, planning and markets.

Decentralized Units and Urban Areas Committee

Mandate of the Committee

According to the Second Schedule of Standing Order No. 190, the committee is mandated to deal with all matters relating to the delineation and management of decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities.

Meetings Held By the Committee

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Decentralized units and urban areas came into existence on 14th October, 2014 and during the period of three months the committee worked tirelessly to attain the assembly mandate which is executed through the committees.

Achievements

Mr. Speaker, the committee has been in a position to achieve the following during the period:-

- The Committee elected Hon. Michael Mutuku as the Chairperson and Hon. Geoffrey Muniyao as the Vice Chairperson of the Committee.
- The Committee is in the process of fact-finding mission to establish all assets and liabilities of Machakos County Government, a matter which was referred to the committee by the hon. house even though the committee has not been in a position to get the required information from the relevant department.

Agriculture and Cooperative Development

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, according to the Second Schedule of Standing Order No. 190, the committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control, irrigation, fisheries, cooperative societies and veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession).

Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, during the period of six months, from July 2014 to December 2014, the committee worked tirelessly to attain the assembly mandates which are executed through the committees.

Achievements

Mr. Speaker, the committee has been in a position to achieve the following during the period;

- Tabled the following Bills on the floor of the house which has been enacted into law

- Water Bill, 2014.
- Sand harvesting Bill, 2014.
- Machakos County Agricultural Development Fund Bill, 2014.
- Vetted the nominated candidate for Machakos Land Management Board in conjunction with the committee of Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources.
- Visited the Farmers' Co-operative Societies in the Machakos County and the committee is in a process of compiling the report. On farmers cooperatives, yesterday we had the report before the house.
- Investigated pollution on all rivers that transverse Machakos County and presented a report on the same in the house for adoption.
- Held a discussion with the CEC and the chief officer on deployment of the tractors to the ward and the committee resolved the tractor program be offered at a subsidized rate.

Trainings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the committee has been in a position to attend the following workshops:-

- The committee retreated to Fahari hotel in Utawala for a two day workshop which was organized by the Institute for Culture and Ecology.
- The committee also met with the Agriculture sector development support programme at Kyaka hotel in launch of indigenous chicken, dairy cow and mango value chain platform.

Youth, Women and Sports Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, according to the Second Schedule of Standing Order No. 190, the committee is mandated to deal with youth welfare, women affairs, empowerment of women, matters of equality, affirmative action and gender related issues and sports activities and facilities.

Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Youth, Women and Sports came into existence on 14th October 2014 and during the period of three months the committee worked tirelessly to attain the assembly mandates which are executed through the committees.

Achievements

Mr. Speaker, the committee has been in a position to achieve the following during the period;

- The Committee elected Hon. Raphael Mutuku as the Chairperson and Hon. Nina Mbithe as the Vice Chairperson of the Committee.

- The Committee deliberated on the M-SWEB regulations which were passed by the hon. house which were passed in the House on 4th December, 2014.

Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Mandate

Pursuant to Second Schedule of the Standing Orders the mandate of the committee to deal with all matters related to the implementation of specific county Government policies on natural resources and environment conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisances and outdoor advertising; land survey and mapping; boundaries and fencing; electricity and gas reticulation; energy regulation; water management systems in built up areas and water sanitation services.

Committee Sitzings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, over this period the committee held a total of five sittings to deliberate on various matters under their mandate.

Committee Business

The committee vetted seven members of land board who had been shortlisted for Machakos county land management board in July, 2014 and presented the report for adoption by the Hon. House earlier this year.

Health and Emergency Services Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Health services committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to County Health services including in particular County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promoting of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sells food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlors and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; firefighting services and disaster management.

Committee Undertakings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee held the following undertakings;

- The Committee vetted the chief officer for the department of Health and Emergency services and the report brought to this hon. house where it was adopted.
- In the months of October to December the committee visited Kangundo hospital, Mwala, Matuu and Machakos level 5 hospitals as an oversight body and the report on the fact finding mission was discussed and adopted by this House.

SELECT COMMITTEES

Rules and Procedure Committee

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, Standing Order No. 187 empowers this committee to operate as follows:

- To consider and report on all matters relating to the Standing Orders.
- Propose amendments to the Standing Orders.
- Propose rules for the orderly and effective conduct of committee business.

Sittings

Mr. Speaker, over this period, the committee managed to hold only two sittings.

Reports

This committee, Mr. Speaker, is proud of having presented a key report to the Assembly that is the report on the proposed amendments and inclusion of new clauses in the interim Standing Orders. This report was discussed and approved in the Assembly on 9th July, 2014. Under this committee, that is why we have the customized Standing Orders.

Committee on Selection

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Selection was established pursuant to the Standing Order No. 152 (1) and its mandate spelt out in Standing Order 152 (2); ‘the Committee on Selection shall nominate members to serve in Committees, save for the membership of the House Business Committee and Committee on Appointments’.

Committee Business

Mr. Speaker, Sir, over the period the committee retreated to Mombasa on 19th to 22nd September, 2014 to align membership of committees to the Machakos County Assembly Standing Orders and allocate members to the new committees created under the new Standing Orders. After adoption by the House of the new Standing Orders, we created new committees that needed membership. It is through this committees that some of the Chairpersons, like myself, we are chairpersons today. If it was not for this committee I could not be a member of the committee on youth, women and sports where I am the Chairperson.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee prepared and tabled one report in the House on Alignment of Membership to committees and Nomination of members to new committees as per the Assembly Standing Orders.

Delegated County Legislation

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to S.O 189, this committee is mandated to consider any statutory instrument, whether it is in accord with the provisions of the Constitution or the Act pursuant to which it is made or other relevant written law.

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, over the period under consideration the committee held two (2) sittings.

Reports

Mr. Speaker the committee did not present any report within this period.

Training

Mr. Speaker, the committee was trained at CPST (Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training) between 17th and 20th July, 2014 on matters related to the mandate of the Committee.

Public Accounts and Investment Committee

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, this committee is responsible for:-

- (a) The examination of the accounts showing the appropriations of the sum voted by the County Assembly to meet the public expenditure and of such other accounts laid before the County Assembly as the Committee may think fit.
- (b) The examination of the reports, accounts and workings of the County Public Investments.
- (c) The examination, in the context of the autonomy and efficiency of the county public investments, whether the affairs of the county public investments, are being managed in accordance with sound financial or business principles and prudent commercial practices:

Provided that the Committee shall not examine any of the following, namely:

1. Matters of major County or National Government policy as distinct from business or commercial functions of the public investments.
2. Matters of day-to-day administration.
3. Matters for the consideration of which machinery is established by any special statute under which a particular county public investment is established.

Committee Sittings

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee held a total of nine sittings to interrogate Accounting Officers from the County Assembly, County Executive, defunct councils and water companies on queries raised in the Auditor General special audit report in respect to their departments.

Reports

During the period under review, no report was presented but currently there is one in the floor of the house for discussion and approval. There is a report that was presented yesterday on the special audit report.

Committee on Implementation

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, this committee shall scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly (including adopted committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine;

- a) Whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary.
- b) Whether or not legislation passed by the Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary.

Committee Sitzings

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee held a total of seven sittings to deliberate various matters under their mandates.

Fieldwork Programme

Mr. Speaker, in the months of September to October, 2014, the Committee visited former council offices to establish some LASDAP projects undertaken. The exercise was tedious and up to date the committee still awaits some communication from National Treasury which has not been forthcoming.

Retreats

The Committee has never retreated nor benchmarked with any other county and expects to undertake the exercise in the coming financial year 2015/16.

Justice and Legal Affairs Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee of justice and legal affairs is mandated pursuant to Standing Order 190 for constitutional affairs, the administration of law and justice, including the elections, ethics, integrity and anti-corruption; human rights and intergovernmental relations.’

Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this Committee has held five sittings to deliberate on the following issues

- Discussion of the Machakos County Assembly bill which was not brought to the flow of the house but the Committee intends to re-introduce the bill during this session.
- Discussion of the Machakos Public Participation bill, 2014 which was passed by this Hon. House.
- Vetting of the Chief Officer, County Legal office on 3rd July, 2014.

Budget and Appropriation Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, according to the standing orders No. 186 (3a) second schedule the committee is mandated to: investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget.

Meetings and Achievements

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee vetted the nominees for the posts of Chief Officer of the county Treasury and finance secretary on 3rd July, 2014. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 4th July, 2014 the budget and appropriation committee also tabled its report on Educational trip at ESAMI, Arusha in Tanzania.

On 28th August, 2014 the committee analyzed 2013/14 finance bill and further, pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 [3], the committee engaged the public across the county to participate and give their views on Fees and Charges in preparations of the finance bill. On 1st September, 2014 the committee met to analyze the Machakos county assembly housing scheme fund regulations, 2014 and on 2nd September, 2014 the committee tabled the regulations on the floor of the house for adoption and it was finally approved.

On 16th and 30th October, 2014 committee discussed 2014/15 budget implementation status and after scrutinizing the budget, they noted many white elephant projects where they resolved to move a motion to stop the tender on water projects until an inquest on the water projects is completed.

On 13th November, 2014 the committee had to meet the Executive committee member, director finance and Chief Officer to respond on issues raised by the members on 2014/15 budget

implementation but the discussion was deferred because the Executive members had send a letter for adjournment.

Observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Budget and Appropriation committee plays an integral role in the political, economic and social structure of both the County Executive and the County Assembly. The committee works to ensure the goals set are achieved. This progress report would be incomplete without the following factors, prime to the interests of this committee, that pose risks to the growth of this County,

1. Low absorption of funds by some departments which accompanied the new devolved system.

Recommendation: the committee recommended that various department account on projects undertaken and payments made. On this, you realize that we did a supplementary budget because some departments could not absorb he funds appropriated in the last financial year.

2. Delayed disbursements of funds from central government and County revenue collection shortfalls, in 2014/15, partly attributed to lower absorption by departments, implying that some projects are behind target.
3. Expenditure pressure driven by high wage bill, which presents significant fiscal challenges, was the result of the committee's decision to suspend employment for one year.

Recommendation: the committee recommended an audit of county government staff and suspension of employment for a year.

Challenges Faced By the Committees

Mr. Speaker, Sir, almost all the committees faced the following challenges during the period;

- Lack of quorum during committee meetings resulting to adjournments.
- Present members signing on behalf of an absent member.
- Failure by the executive committee member and the chief officers to;
 - honor the committee's invitation.
 - submit the status reports and any prerequisite documents on time.
- Financial constraints resulting to being unable to undertake the committee duties as per their mandates.
- Disappointment resulting from failure of the departments under scrutiny to submit reports and other prerequisite documents on time.

- Some of the Select Committees are not well conversant with their mandate hence the lack of agendas during the committee meetings like County Delegated legislation, Justice and Legal, PAIC and Committee on implementation.

Recommendations

- The registration of members during Committee meetings should be digitalized by using the biometric method to avoid situations where members are signing for others.
- Members to observe time during Committee meeting to avoid circumstances where meetings are adjourned due to lack of quorum.
- Committee Chairpersons to crack the whip on members who fail to attend Committee meeting for four consecutive sittings pursuant to Standing Order 167.
- Committees which are not well conversant with their mandate to be taken for refresher trainings to be able to execute their mandate.
- Committee budgets to be increased to enable Sectoral Committees exercise their oversight mandate effectively.
- The Liaison Committee has noted that there are some Committees which have undertaken project supervision exercise but have not yet tabled report to this Hon. House for adoption. Mr. Speaker, the Liaison Committee recommends that such reports be tabled in the floor of this hon. House within the next one Month.

Acknowledgment

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Liaison Committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the Support accorded during the Committee sittings. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed time to participate in the activities of the Committee and in preparation of this report. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, to table this report and recommend it to this honorable House for adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to bring to your attention that another report that is an annex of summary of sittings reports as being tabled by the committee between July and December 2014. Different committees have been staged there number of sittings, number of reports. Mr. Speaker, Sir---

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. R. Mutuku: I request for your protection.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let the member conclude presenting the report then you can raise your point of order after that.

Hon. R. Mutuku: We have a column on committee, number of sittings, number of reports and number of bills. There is analysis after that and we also have an annex on report of members on liaison committee trip to Toronto, Canada. Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, can go through the report---

Hon. Geoffrey Munyao: Point of order, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is your point of order Hon. Geoffrey?

Hon. Munyao: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think this is one of the best reports which has been brought into this house and Mr. Speaker, Sir as you can see, this Hon. House, we are lacking quorum Mr. Speaker, and this is a report which should be listened, one to all Chairpersons and vice chairpersons and Mr. Speaker, when you look at this Hon. House, I think many of the chairpersons and vice chairpersons are not in the house so my point of order was to adjourn this sitting then we have another sitting and all Hon. Members, especially the Chairpersons to be if this Hon. House and discuss this report. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum. Chairman, proceed with the business.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish now to present a report on members of liaison Committee trip to Toronto, Canada. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the liaison committee was established pursuant to Standing Order No. 191 and its membership consists of chairpersons of all committees. The Committee is mandated to guide and co-ordinate the operations, policies and mandates of all committees among others. To this end Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following members of the committee travelled to Canada to learn more on policy formulation, a new structure in the first world countries in a bid to see how various committees could improve on their mandates as pertains policy formulation to enhance livelihood of residence of Machakos County. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this are the following members who travelled;

Hon. Nathaniel Nganga	Deputy Speaker and Chairperson
Hon. Felix Ngu	Member
Hon. Edrick Ngunzi	“
Hon. Leonard Katela	“
Hon. Raphael Mutuku	“

In attendance we had:-

Evelyne Kimote	Acting Principal Clerk Assistant
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Mr. Speaker, I wish to now go to the different areas that the committee was keen on:-

Revenue collection

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was able to be taken through the method used in revenue collection in Canada. It was noted that in Canada, most of the revenue came from individuals as opposed to companies. Members learnt that they could use single business permit agreement to enhance the county government revenue as borrowed from Canadian province method of revenue collection, where single administration and collection agency was used.

Business committee could fill in in-forms to register as conducting business activities. The same registers would be used at the end of the financial year to compare the amount collected and the business companies registered. Mr. Speaker, this could be used to applying to own finance bill and consequently reduce the demonstration that we have had whenever the county government was enacting a new finance law.

The next activity Mr. Speaker is economical activities. Mr. Speaker, Sir, Canada is a multi-production country. It services United States of America and other parts of the world. In production, they use electricity power generated from nuclear which is very cheap as compared to hydro-electric power. Power black outs are unheard of.

Mr. Speaker, the other area that we were keen, is on the area of transportation. Mr. Speaker, Canada has very good road network and people mostly use street cars which are power driven and underground railway that is electric trains. Most Canadians drive or ride in cars, vans, buses or trucks to get where they want and need to go. Canada has nearly to 9000 kilometres of road enough to cycle the globe 22 times. Canada's National Highway system is made up of 38,000 kilometres of important national and regional highways. All levels in Government as well as several instrumental public and private sector partnerships are working together to support the Canada's roads safety strategy 2014, and make Canada roads the safest in the world.

There is no traffic jam, as most of the people leave their cars far away from the town centers and use street cars which have got two to three cabin equipment, to two to three busses, thus fewer vehicles. All motor vehicles are insured although accidents are minimal and whenever one causes accidents, his or her license can be cancelled, insurance premium increase since he or she is considered high risk client.

Mr. Speaker, the county can borrow a leave in time to improve our road network by partnering with private sector and government agencies in construction of roads and bridges within Machakos County. Mr. Speaker, I request for your protection.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Can you clear with the report.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, there was another area on health. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it was noted that all residence of Canada have a medical insurance cover which they use to get medical

services. All health facilities are equipped with necessary facilities to undertake all kinds of ailments. The health insurance facility is issued through the Government. The county can borrow this idea considering that health and emergency services is a devolved function and can be ahead in provision of health care through subsidized insurance cover to all the residents.

Mr. Speaker, there was another area on employment that the members of the Liaison Committee, where I was privileged to be among the members, were keen on the issue of employment. Mr. Speaker, Canadian Economy may look good, many people do have jobs but young adults are having a very difficult time finding employment and many Canadians in all age groups are having difficulties---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your point of order will be entertained after the completion of the speech of the report.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. The official Government and employment figures provided a view through rose-colored glasses. People who have given up looking for employment are not counted. The unemployment figures then actually improve. Members were informed that Canadians were embarking on the following three things in order to improve their economy;

1. The views that importation of manufacturing goods works a balance with Canadian exports.
2. End the growth of the foreign-owned sector of the economy.
3. End the practice of selling Canadian companies to foreign interests.

Mr. Speaker, the team noted that Toronto City imports professionals from other countries. Furthermore, the natives of Toronto are not keen on education since the Government supports them. It was further noted that, the youth start working at a tender age of 13 years are normally doing casual jobs after classes which are paid on hourly basis. I think Mr. Speaker, on this, as I was privileged to be among the team, we witnessed a lady going to a club to sell after class. This is evident in Canada. Mr. Speaker, the County can move towards achieving self sustainability by improving on production of agricultural produce and reduce relying on other counties for food security.

The other area that we were keen on Mr. Speaker, Sir, was on the area of security. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the team learnt that each metropolitan city has got its own well established security, that is metropolitan police. This is besides the state police service which serves all people in Canada. Mr. Speaker, the other area was on Agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, dairy farming is one of the most agricultural sectors in Canada. Dairy has distinct presence in all of the provinces and is one of the top two agricultural commodities in

seven out of the 10 provinces. Mr. Speaker, Sir, dairy farming is subject to the system of supply management, competition both domestic and international is severely limited, restricting supply and greatly increasing profits for dairy farmers while greatly increasing the price for dairy products for consumers. Mr. Speaker, Sir, indeed incomes on dairy farmers are consistently higher than income of farmers in other agricultural sectors.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, due to the supply management, the Canadian dairy industries.....(inaudible) from the global markets and almost all the dairy produced in Canada is consumed in Canada and almost all the Canadian dairy consumption is from Canadian farmers. Mr. Speaker, this is contrary to Kenyans. We, on most of the time, rely on imports. Mr. Speaker, Sir, our county would embark on improving dairy farming to ensure that it is sufficiently supplies the county with dairy products besides meat and chicken products since climate in the county is favorable for dairy farming.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was also keen on waste management in Canada. Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Canada, the responsibility for managing and reducing waste is shared among the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments. For instance, municipal governments are responsible for creating and managing waste from homes for recycling, composting and disposal while provincial and territorial authorities are responsible for approval, licensing and monitoring of waste management operations.

Mr. Speaker, for its part, Environment Canada (EC) exercises responsibility with respect to International and inter-provincial movements of hazardous waste, lists toxic substances to their land and waste and water and activities on dairy lands. In this regard, Mr. Speaker, Sir, the assembly can enact laws that can be customized to our situation in order to manage waste in most of our major towns which is turning out to be a challenge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, that is a report from the liaison committee and I wish humbly to request Hon. Michael Mutuku to second my report.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Michael Mutuku. Before you second, the report is properly before the house it does not need to be seconded and yes, Hon. Manyolo.

Hon. David Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Before you proceed, I would want to request members to appreciate students from Nzaini Secondary School in Kalama by a round of applause

(Applause)

Hon. Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise on a point of adjournment because Mr. Speaker Sir, most of those who are to benefit on the reports are not present. If I can see Mr. Speaker, Sir,

we have only chairman for youth, Chairpersons of agriculture, PAIC, Finance and decentralized units committees. The other Hon. Members are not present. Mr. Speaker, Sir, can we adjourn and we have another sitting, if possible, next on Tuesday afternoon. May I call upon Hon. Geoffrey Munyao to second?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Munyao.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second for adjournment. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is the feeling of the members in regard to that matter? Yes Hon. Dominic. On the matter of adjournment.

Hon. Dominic Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I tend to defer sharply with the matter of adjournment. I want to give my reasons. First, in the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, takes the Chair and the Deputy Speaker happens to be the chairperson of chairpersons. The few chairpersons we have around, confirms that chairperson of chairpersons never mobilized his team to come and have the report represented in the house. And that trickles down to the Hon. Chairpersons who never mobilized their members to come and listen to their reports. That leaves more questions than answers, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Inasmuch as the Hon. Chairperson and the Hon. Member for Matuu Ward requests for an adjournment, it leaves more to desire because if the Hon. Chairpersons through their able chairperson of chairpersons cannot mobilize the entire house to come and listen to this report, then I think Mr. Speaker, it is bad faith or in bad interest of this house. And also Mr. Speaker, on the same, one issue also which might have trickled (??) the Hon. Chairpersons to decide not to mobilize members is by the spirit guided by our Standing Order No. 180, which reads in part, ‘unless a more regular interval is prescribed, under any written law or this Standing Orders, each select committee shall submit half yearly progress report to the liaison committee. The Liaison Committee shall within 21 days compile the reports under paragraph one and submit a report to the house.’ On reports on house resolutions, under Standing Order 181 it says this; ‘within 60 days of a resolution of the house or adoption of a report of the select committee...’

Let me not even go to that Mr. Speaker, the report before us is a report for the months of July, 2014 to December, 2014. The report is being presented to this house on the second or the third day of July, 2015. That is 12 months down the line. So the report is already obsolete. It is past the requirements of our Standing Orders that we adopted. It was supposed to have supposed to have come six months ago but the report has come one year down the line. So I think Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I would not like to disown this report. It is a key report but with your guideline as the chairperson of chairpersons, think it is in good and the best interests of this house that Mr. Speaker, Sir, that you make sure that the reports are delivered as per the timelines

set by our Standing Orders. So Mr. Speaker, for the matter of adjournment, Mr. Speaker, because the house has already sort for adjournment, I think majority of the members would really like to participate in this report. Most of the Chairpersons are not even here, most of the Chairpersons mentioned in the report are not even here---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So Hon. Dominic, are you in support or against?

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I was giving my proposals and my suggestions but I am supporting the report for the best interests of this house. I support the adjournment so that we can have a full house discussion of the report so that the benefits of this report can trickle down to every member and the electorate back in the wards. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Muli.

Hon. Joseph Muli: Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support the adjournment of debate on this document Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this document is vital in this house and it needs when the members to be present so that every chairperson and also the members of the committee can contribute to this report because Mr. Speaker, we have challenges in this report whereby now we need to pull up our socks. We need to do much within this budget of (inaudible) and every chairperson and the member also understand that the report should be also tabled in this house and we need seriousness. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I totally support the point of adjournment so that all the members can be present and be informed about this document. It is a vital document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mary Ndinda.

Hon. Mary Ndinda: I just want to say that, this is a very good report.....(inaudible) in fact I am not happy about whatever is taking place with the Hon. Chairpersons because I am wondering how come when we started, we had quorum and in fact, a part of the report, there is a report where the Hon. Member was saying that we have been having problems with the committee meetings because people come and walk out. Is that we are mocking the Speaker or we are not taking care of what we are doing here or don't we know what we have come to do in the assembly because to it is a disappointment because we have also spent time here waiting for the report to be read but some other Hon. Members have walked out.

What does that imply? To me, I am not happy about it. So I think Mr. Speaker, Sir, something should be done, where even signing, I think should be done after the sittings or after the assembly, because this is a very disappointing issue and we could have first finished then walked out. By saying that we are adjourning, we are not just adjourning because of quorum because we had quorum when we were starting but where did the Hon. Members go? This is very disappointing. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kalunde.

Hon. Joseph Kalunde: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to support the adjournment of the house but furthermore, I would caution members of this assembly that a report is never obsolete because much of what is contained in this report, is what happened during the time on the report and soon or later, we will have to do adjustments on what we should have done which we did not do. Thank you Mr. Speaker I support the adjournment.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I want to read the mood of the house and I proceed to read the question, that the matter before the house be adjourned for debate until next week Tuesday.

(Question was put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you and have a good afternoon.

The House rose at 3.44 p.m.