
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 29th June, 2016**

The House met at 2.32 p.m.

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. R. Mutuku) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Let us proceed.**PAPER LAID****BENCHMARKING VISIT TO KILIFI COUNTY**

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the floor of the House today, 29th June, 2016: the report of Culture and Tourism committee on benchmarking with Kilifi County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, paper laid. Proceed.*(Hon. Ms. V. Mbithe laid the paper on the Table)***NOTICE OF MOTION****BENCHMARKING VISIT TO KILIFI COUNTY**

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190 (5), I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the Culture and Tourism committee on benchmarking with Kilifi County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Notice issued. Proceed, clerk**MOTIONS****BENCHMARKING VISIT TO KILIFI COUNTY**

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to propose that we defer this motion to another date because I wish to propose that the members get the report, they go through it then they can be ready to debate on it. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I call upon Hon. Mueni to second.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I second to defer the motion because our members are not around and we want to discuss it when we are all in. Anyway, Kilifi is doing well with culture. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Maybe I would like to know from Hon. Veronica Mativo, when you have laid the paper, it becomes a property of the House and I can see there are Members. Do you have any reason that can convince this House that we defer the matter?

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Mr. Speaker, having most members of the culture committee not present, I feel it would have been better when they are all around so that they can own their report, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I felt like it would deprive them the opportunity to contribute. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: In view of that, that means you are not ready to proceed with the motion. If the member is not ready then the motion is referred back to the House Business committee to ballot again. Next order.

ADJOURNMENT OF SITTINGS

Hon. Mutisya: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Majority Leader, being the Deputy Majority Leader, I would like to move the motion.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware THAT the Assembly has been in session since 26th April, 2016; aware THAT the session has been very busy and that crucial business has been executed in the House, including the enactment of the Appropriation Bill, 2016; cognizant of the fact THAT members need a rest from the rigorous work of legislation in the Assembly; aware THAT during the session members had little time to consult with their electorate who need to meet with their representatives; noting THAT the House approved an Assembly calendar which guides the House when to have a break and when to resume sittings; aware THAT the Assembly calendar indicates that the House should adjourn for recess on 30th June, 2016 and resume on 2nd August, 2016; further aware THAT the South Eastern Agricultural Society of Kenya, Machakos branch, Machakos show started today, 29th June, 2016 and will be officially opened by His Excellency the Governor of Machakos on 1st July 2016; aware THAT the Hon. Members need to join the Governor in the official opening of the show and participate in other activities of the show, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion THAT this Hon. House adjourns its sittings from today, Wednesday 29th June, 2016 and resume on Tuesday, 2nd August, 2016. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to call upon Hon. Renson Muthiani to second.

Hon. Muthiani: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second the motion that the House adjourns for that time because I think we are very much within the calendar so we are not going against

any rule and because it is mandatory, I second the motion that the House adjourns until 2nd August, 2016. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Before we proceed, I would ask Hon. Charles Mutisya, are you talking of His Excellency the Governor will open the South Eastern Agricultural Society Show on 1st or 30th June?

Hon. Mutisya: No Mr. Speaker, Sir; it will be on 30th June, 2016.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: With that, I open debate. Any comments? Hon. Cecilia Sereka.

Hon. (Ms.) Sereka: Mr. Speaker, I support the motion because Mr. Speaker this session has been very busy and we have been having a lot of work and we have not been able to go back to our electorate to know what is really happening on the ground. Mr. Speaker, I think it will give us ample time to go down to the ground and interact with our electorate and know what is really happening on the ground and so that they may really feel our presence down there. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Justus Kimata.

Hon. Kimata: Deputy Majority Leader, we are supposed to go down to the people who elected us and we are supposed to go and listen to their grievances and forward to this Hon. House. I concur with them and whoever participated in talking about going to recess and resume on the appropriate time they have suggested.

Even though we want also to accompany our Governor to the show and associate ourselves with those people and we show our cases or participate with different people who come to participate in the showground and understand their problems, understand the activities they are doing because most of them are presenting their ongoing activities, it is high time for all of us from tomorrow up to Saturday when they will close those kind of activities. We have to accompany them so I say the adjournment is appropriate and when given a chance, we will accept that.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Alice Nzioka.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bw. Spika. Kama vile ambavyo tumeletewa mswada na mdogo wa kiongozi wa walio wengi katika bunge letu la Machakos, nimesimama kuunga mkono kwamba sisi kama wabunge twende likizo. Bw. Spika, kama vile ambavyo unavyojua, umekuwa muda ambao umekuwa na kazi nyingi kama vile unavyoelewa, tulikuwa na wakati mgumu sana

juu ya kutengeza bajeti na imekuwa kazi hata imefikia wakati tumefanya kazi mpaka hata wengi hatuja jumuika na familia zetu; wengi hawajafikia wale walio wachagua ili kujua matakwa yao.

Bw. Spika, ni wakati mzuri tutafanya mambo ambayo tunapaswa kufanya ili tukirudi tena baada ya likizo, tutakuwa na wakati mzuri, tutakuwa na maarifa, tutakuwa na mambo mengi ambayo tunaweza kujadili katika bunge letu. Nimesimama kuunga mkono kwamba twende likizo. Asante.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. David Manyolo

Hon. Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want first to correct some of the members who have stood and said they are going to meet the electorate. We have been meeting the electorate since we were elected but when we are going for recess, it is the business of the committees to go and sit and come up with business of the House. There are some committees which have not compiled their reports and they want to give their reports to the House.

I understand that this is the high time for the committees to go and sit and come up with the reports which will give the House motivation of working but not going to meet the electorate. Electorates have no thanksgiving; you meet them today, tomorrow they are abusing you. Hon. Members, do not say you are going to meet the electorate. We are going to stay here and meet the committee work which will give us muscles of Machakos County Assembly being the county number one in participating in matters which are affecting the County.

If you are not going to compile reports, it seems that if you are going to meet the electorate, we are going to lose. In order for us not to lose, I understand it is the high time for all the committees to engage in serious business of compiling all the reports which are pending and see if we can achieve within ourselves. I am also supporting for it but the House was to adjourn tomorrow but not today but if you have decided to adjourn today, no problem. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want also to draw to your attention that we don't have quorum in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Benedette Mueni

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to support what the previous member who was on the floor was saying that the members will still be coming to the Assembly to do the work of the committees so that we can see what we are going to do with the committees because you know I think this is almost the last recess we are going and you also meet your people there down to know whether you are coming back or not, not to be staying here in the House when you have already gone home. You will know how you are going to spend your money and care for yourself but not those people who have no thanks there down. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support the recess.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Any voice in opposition? Hon. Members, the motion which was before us was a procedural motion despite the fact that as our calendar indicates, we were supposed to adjourn tomorrow, but the mover of the motion did indicate that members would wish that they take part in the South Eastern Agricultural Society of Kenya, Machakos branch show which will be opened officially by His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. Members, this is just a procedural motion. I take this opportunity to wish you well for the month of July.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: In the absence of any other business, the House adjourns until 2nd of August, 2016.

The House rose at 2.49 p.m.