

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 10.05 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Mung'ata) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Good morning Hon Members, let us proceed clerk.

PAPER LAID

REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the floor of the House today 31st August, 2016; the report on the replacement of members to various committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Paper laid. Proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order number 44 (1) I wish to give notice of the following motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on replacement of members to various committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Notice issued. Proceed.

MOTIONS

REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

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Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that committee on selection is mandated to nominate members to serve in committees pursuant to Standing Order 152 (2), further aware that membership of a committee can be affected by resignation of a member or a removal of a member from a committee pursuant to Standing Order 153 (3) Mr. Speaker, cognizant that the Assembly party that nominated members to a select committee may give notice of discharge, in writing, to the Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 156 (1) and (2);

Aware that Standing Order 157 provides for guidelines on the number of members a select committee should have; Mr. Speaker, informed that the committee on selection is in receipt of several discharge cases as effected by Assembly parties pursuant to Standing Order 156; remembering that the committee on selection retreated to Mombasa on 21st to 25th July, 2016 to replace members on the affected committees. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on replacement of members to various committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will call upon Hon. Timothy Kilonzo to second the motion.

Hon. T. Kilonzo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second the motion Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Proceed. The motion is laid. Proceed with your report.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am privileged to present this report on committee on selection on replacement of members to committees which I am going to present.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, parliaments all over the world, rely heavily on Committees for better service delivery. Committees enable legislators to work faster, help them get full details of specific issues before the House in addition to making the Assembly perform many tasks at the same time.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the purpose of effecting this change in business by Assembly committees, composition of Select committees is well spelt out in Standing Order 157 that ‘subject to any written law, these Standing Orders or a resolution of the House, a select committee shall consist of an odd number of members being not less than nine and not more than thirteen.’

Other Select Committees like Public Accounts Committee, Procedure and Rules and others, the membership is dictated by the Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker, composition of a select committee can be affected by resignation or removal of a member from the committee pursuant

to Standing Order 153 (3), that a vacancy occasioned by resignation or removal of a member from a select committee shall be filled in fourteen days of the vacancy.’

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Selection is established pursuant to the Standing Order 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.’

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee Members are as listed below;

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| 1. Hon. Joshua Mwonga | - Chairman |
| 2. Hon. Thomas Kasoa | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Renson Muthiani | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo | “ |
| 5. Hon. (Ms.) Brigid Kitili | “ |
| 6. Hon. (Ms.) Christine Mwende | “ |
| 7. Hon. Charles Mutisya | “ |
| 8. Hon. (Ms.) Veronicah Mbithe | “ |
| 9. Hon. Alphonse Wambua | “ |
| 10. Hon. Benson Kasyoka | “ |
| 11. Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi | “ |
| 12. Hon. (Ms.) Catherine Nguluku | “ |
| 13. Hon. (Ms.) Mary Ndinda | “ |

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Standing Order 156 (1) and (2) provides that ‘the Assembly party that nominated a member to a select committee may give notice in writing to the Speaker that the member is to be discharged from a select committee and the discharge shall take effect upon receipt by the Speaker of a notice under paragraph 1.’

Mr. Speaker, the committee on Selection on various dates had been notified of notice of discharge of the following members from various committees;-

1. Hon. Christine Mutune from Education and Social Welfare Committee
2. Hon. Peter Nzioki from Finance and Revenue Collection Committee
3. Hon. Francis Matheka from Ward Development Fund Committee
4. Hon. Felix Nguu from Transport and Public Works
5. Hon. Felix Nguu from Procedure and Rules Committee
6. Hon. Isaac Muinde from Transport and Public Works and Ward Development Fund
7. Hon. Rachel Nduku from Transport and Public Works Committee
8. Hon. Stephen Muthuka from Powers and Privileges Committee
9. Hon. Nathanael Nganga from Transport and Public Works Committee

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, to maintain the membership of the committees affected by discharge of the above Hon. Members, other members were nominated to replace them pursuant to the Standing Orders. The following Hon. Members were nominated to replace the discharged cases;

1. Hon. Veronica Mbithe to Education and Social Welfare Committee
2. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo to Finance and Revenue Collection Committee
3. Hon. Wilson Kasimu to Ward Development Fund
4. Hon. Christine Mutune to Transport and Public Works Committee
5. Hon. Joshua Mwonga to Procedure and Rules Committee
6. Hon. Ruth Ndumi to Transport and Public Works Committee
7. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva to Transport and Public Works
8. Hon. Alex Kamitu to Powers and Privileges Committee
9. Hon. Joseph Itumo to Transport and Public Works Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the process of doing the replacement of the above committees some Hon. Members had to be moved from their former committees as follows.

1. Hon. Veronica Mbithe from Transport and Public Works Committee
2. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva from Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations
3. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo from Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
4. Hon. Nathanael Nganga from Finance and Revenue Collection
5. Hon. Phoebe Koki from Trade, Planning and Industrialization
6. Hon. Ruth Ndumi from Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
7. Hon. Wilson Kasimu from House Business Committee
8. Hon. Cecilia Sereka from Decentralized Units and Urban Areas Committee
9. Hon. Rachel Nduku from Youth, Women and Sports
10. Hon. Justus Katumo from Justice and Legal Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Sir, vacancies that were occasioned by moving the above members from their former committees were filled as follows.

1. Hon. Phoebe Koki to Transport and Public Works Committee
2. Hon. Cecilia Sereka to Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations
3. Hon. Nathanael Nganga to Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
4. Hon. Rachael Nduku to Finance and Revenue Collection Committee
5. Hon. Felix Nguu to Trade, Planning and Industrialization
6. Hon. Nathanael Nganga to Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations
7. Hon. Felix Nguu to House Business Committee
8. Hon. Isaac Muinde to Decentralized Units and Urban Areas
9. Hon. Justus Katumo to Youth, Women and Sports
10. Hon. Rachel Nduku to Justice and Legal Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the process of doing the replacement the committee was guided by Standing Order 154 (3), that 'except as the Assembly may otherwise resolve or on the recommendation of the committee on Selection for reasons to be stated, no member shall be appointed to serve in more than three sectoral committees.' In line with this, therefore, the committee ensured that each member has at least one sectoral committee.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to remind all Hon. Members that Committees are essential Parliamentary units that enable a structured approach to handling various roles, goals and functions. They also enable the Assembly to make informed decisions and enrich the quality of debates and contribution in plenary in addition to providing environment for members to utilize and sharpen their expertise.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my sincere wish to forward this report to the House for approval and wish all the Hon. Members nominated to new committees good luck as they offer their service in the remaining session of our parliamentary term. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, the report is laid. We have now handled such related matters long enough we now know the procedure that objections in such a report can only be brought on the entire membership as a whole. So let us proceed to contributions. Yes Hon. Isaac.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe what we want to achieve in this assembly is equity by this reshuffling of committees, Mr. Speaker, I have followed Hon. Joshua Mwonga keenly and I want to say that the spirit should have been fairness to all. It is true that one must at least be in a committee but other considerations must also be included. I for have been in this committees all the time this reshuffling comes to this House. I had three now I am at two but I am fine.

I know all this exercise was done to punish some members but since the law is still followed, at least members are in a committee but it should be noted some members are being moved from certain committees because there are higher interests. Mr. Speaker, there is no fairness but we are fine. One day, the truth will come to haunt some people. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Isaac do you support the report or do you object to the report?

Hon. Muinde: I am indifferent.

Hon. Speaker: Have you answered the Speaker?

Hon. Muinde: Yes, Hon. Speaker, I have answered you because in life there are more options than yes or no. There is the option of being indifferent.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Indifferent means you do not support the report.

Hon. Muinde: Mr. Speaker, being indifferent means I am not for yes or for no but if I am pushed to limit my choices to two---

Hon. Speaker: You are not being pushed Hon. Isaac. We can stop there.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Any other contributions? I will take that debate on the matter is enough I will proceed to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOUNTING TRAILERS TO TRACTORS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have a motion to present to this Hon. House. Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that Machakos County Government in the financial year 2013/2015 initiated a tractor program under the department of agriculture to assist the low income farmers and hence increase food production, considering the tractors high cost of maintenance monthly remuneration of the operators and the ploughing exercise was only done in the dry season, these resources are idle for a greater part of the year thus the program is likely to non-economical in the long term.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, informed by the large volumes of garbage dumped in undesignated areas and the challenges of garbage collection experienced by the county government due to the insufficient collection machinery, cognizant that uncollected garbage is a health hazard, lowers

the value of land, pollutes water resources in addition to blocking of sewage lines; aware that this tractors can be mounted with trailers and be engaged in garbage collection.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to lay the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves mounting of trailers to the tractors and the county government to make them more multi-purpose and use them for garbage collection. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

In addition, I want to add some few points. I entered municipal council 2007 -2012 and municipal council of Machakos had only one tractor for garbage collection and the place used to be very clean because the tractor used to move to the small corners and they used to negotiate the logistics. So Mr. Speaker, sir, by then Machakos Municipal Council was very clean and we had only one tractor which was doing that job.

Again we have seen the time we bought the tractors that was 2012/15 financial year and employed the operators of the tractors. When it is dry season it is when we at least it is ploughed but in rainy season, you find that the operators, the tractors are idle, nobody is working, the tractors are just parked at the department of agriculture.

So I find that most of the time, we are using a lot by paying our operators so, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am asking this Hon. House to pass this motion. In other words, in every ward there is a tractor and there are other times you find there is murrum which are supposed to be transported to areas where the roads are not accessible. So in my area, I can even use it, if it is water, it can be transported with some murrum and even collect some garbage in my area.

Hon. Speaker: Yes point of order. Hon. Ndeto. The motion is not yet laid allow the mover to lay his motion.

Hon. Nzeki: So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, that is what I wanted to say. The tractors can either be used to carry murrum again there can be used for transporting garbage and with this, I ask this Hon. House to pass this motion I pledge Hon. Nzioka to second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante, Bw. Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada amabao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Oliver Nzeki kwamba zile tingatinga zimenunuliwa na kaunti za kulima mashamba, Bw. Spika, kama vile ambavyo unajua msimu wa mvua ndio tingatinga huwa zina hitajika Bw. Spika. Sisi kama kaunti tumeajiri wafanyikazi ambao wanafanya kazi na hizo tingatinga, Bw. Spika, wakati ambao sio msimu wa kulima wafanyikazi ambao tumeajiri huwa wanalipwa mshahara.

Bw. Spika, sisi kama kaunti sio vizuri kuwa tunalipa wafanyikazi ambao hawafanyi kazi sababu ukiangalia kwa mwaka, msimu wa mvua ni mara mbili na ndio wakati tingatinga huwa

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zinatumika. Bw. Spika, ukitembea sehemu kama Athi River, sehemu kama Mlolongo, Bw. Spika, utashikwa na mshtuko maana ukitembea katika njia ambazo zimewachwa katikati za kupitia, zingine hazipitiki sababu ya taka imerundwa kila mahali.

Bw. Spika, tukiunga mkono huo mswada kwamba hizo tingatinga ziwewe matrela, ziwe zinaweza zoa taka na kwamba kutupa, sehemu kama Mlolongo ni sehemu ambayo ina hatari kubwa ya taka maana magonjwa yanalipuka mengi. Unakuta kuna kaharisha kuna malaria, kuna magonjwa mengi ni kwa ajili ya watu ambao wametuchagua ama tumewawakilisha katika hili bunge wanahitaji kukaa katika maeneo safi. Maeneo ambayo yanatakiwa kwa sababu ya afya.

Kwa hivyo, Bw. Spika, naunga mkono kwamba hizo tingatinga badili ya kukaa bure wakati ambao hazilimi, tuziweke ili ziweze kuzoa taka. Bw. Spika, ukiangalia sehemu ya Matuu, Masinga, kuzoa taka imekua ni shida maana wanangoja wakati mmoja utakuta kuna wafanyi biashara ambao wako sokoni, wafanyikazi ambao wako sehemu zingine, wanahitaji hiyo huduma na haipatikani.

Imekua shida hata sisi wakukusanya kodi. Unakuta wafanyiakazi kama wafanyi biashara katika sehemu nyingi katika soko wanakataa kulipa kodi mannan wanaszema hatuwapi huduma ambazo zinatakikana. Kwa hivyo, Bw. Spika tukiwa na hizo tinga, tukiweka matrela zitatusaidia sana katika uzoaji wa taka. Bw. Spika, asante naunga mkono na wasia wa wabunge wezangu waunge mkono ili tupitishwe huu mswada na utakuwa wa usaidizi katika kauntiyetu. Asante.

Hon. Speaker: Asante sana. Any other member or we can begin with Hon. Ndeto first.

Hon. Ndeto: Mr. Speaker, first I thank you for giving me clear guidance. The idea of this motion is a very good idea, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to raise an issue in which I need the direction of the chair. Mr. Speaker, the other time I stood on a motion that was touching the issue of doctors and you gave a direction that a motion that is under a committee cannot be discussed in the House. The issue of tractors is a very serious matter in this county and in some of the wards whereby it is said there are tractors, some of the members have claimed the tractors do not exist.

Right now, the committee of agriculture, in which I am a member, is trying to establish the whereabouts of these tractors. Mr. Speaker, this motion, good as it is, then help*(inaudible)* our people in the county, I believe there is a hidden agenda behind it, in the sense that before we establish the whereabouts of the tractors, the moment we pass this motion and we decide that tractors be mounted with trailers, it will next to impossible for the committee that is trying to investigate the whereabouts of the tractors to clearly know where those tractors are.

For example, if the agriculture committee goes to Kola and they are told that the tractor that was meant for Kola has been moved to Mlolongo for garbage collection, how will they be

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able to establish the truth? Therefore, I request the Speaker, to give us guidance because it would be better if the committee of agriculture finishes its findings then we follow up and maybe do the necessary to this motion. We need your guidance.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Muthuka.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is unfortunate it seems that we have run out of ideas in this House. Mr. Speaker, I come from Yatta sub-county. In Matuu, the machinery that is used to collect garbage is a tractor mounted with a trailer. We do not need to have a motion to have trailers. Seriously, Mr. Speaker, because in the first place, I had a meeting with the agricultural officer from my area, she is trying to ask me to give beneficiaries who will benefit from these tractors which do not exist in my area.

I have been doing this for the last four years so it feels like we are being taken round and round some people just have to be busy discussing some things which are not existent. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have requested the whereabouts of these tractors but somebody wants us to believe the tractors exist and they are short of work.

Today is the last day of August and we should have started tilling the land from July. Even today, there is no ward which anybody here can confirm that they have seen the tractor and the tractor is in good condition. So, this is a good idea but I think we do not have to have a motion for tractors to be mounted with these trailers because in the first place, in Matuu, we use a trailer and we do not have a motion to have them collect garbage.

At the same time, we have a fully-fledged department for waste disposal and sewage. Mr. Speaker, if you go to town, there are papers which are used to collect this garbage so now somebody trying us to believe that these tractors are idle somewhere, they exist, is trying to joke around with our minds. So Mr. Speaker, personally, I would request that if you do know where those tractors are, let us see the tractors where they are, their condition then from there, there is a lot of work these tractors can do.

So, Mr. Speaker, I do not think this is a well-thought motion because if it was taken back to the committee of agriculture so that we can get full information about the whereabouts of these tractors and their usage and the reason why we bought these tractors. Have we achieved our target, our objective? After that, then maybe, we can discuss an issue that if these tractors exist, we can put them in other uses if at all we have them. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think Hon. Nzeki, the Chair is moved by those submissions. In my view, we do not need a motion to have trailers on tractors unless they were specially made

to plough and not do anything else. I am persuaded that we refer the matter back to the agriculture committee. Let me first here from the mover.

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to me and according to the information we got from the department of agriculture is that the tractors are there. The DAO contacted me and told me to give the beneficiaries who need their land ploughed. So the tractors are at the department of agriculture and that is why---

Hon. Speaker: Order Hon. Nzeki. The matter is under investigation by the agriculture committee.

Hon. Nzeki: But, Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not concerning the trailers.

Hon. Speaker: But the point we are making here is, do we actually need a motion to have a tractor mounted with a trailer? Let me hear---

Hon. Nzeki: What I understand, in my area in Machakos Central, we need a motion.

Hon. Speaker: To have trailers mounted to a tractor?

Hon. Nzeki: Yes, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Let me have Hon. Willy.

Hon. Kasimu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to clarify that it is true that we have tractors in our wards and I am speaking as a member of the agriculture committee. That we met in Naivasha and members raised issues that they have never seen their tractors. So the chairperson, Hon. Muli, gave us the numbers of tractor operators that---

Hon. Speaker: Order! The report has not been laid in the House, isn't it?

Hon. Kasimu: Mr. Speaker, I am only clarifying to Hon. Muthuka that we do not have tractors in our wards. There are there but Mr. Speaker, my point is I will support Hon. Nzeki on the point that he needs a tractor in his ward to go around collecting garbage. I believe, because I do not have a big market in my ward but in the committee we supported the idea because of other needs. So it depends which ward one comes from and which town centre---

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Hon. Speaker: There is one question, perhaps, I would want to understand. As an assembly or does the county government require an order from this House to mount trailers to the tractors. Let me hear the Majority Leader.

Hon. Kasimu: Mr. Speaker, I think the government does not need a motion to fix the trailers in tractors.

Hon. Speaker: If there is a lot of garbage uncollected then we should deal with the Chief Officer.

Hon. Kasimu: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that---

Hon. Speaker: You should bring a motion and tell them 'come on guys, put trailers.' Let me hear Hon. Ngunzi.

Hon. Ngunzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I happen to be the chairman in charge of environment and at one moment in time, we followed up the matter with the Chief Officer of environment to get the tractors so that we collect garbage. We wanted to mount trailers and we approached the department on agriculture and we were made aware that those tractors are purely meant for ploughing and not for garbage collection.

So we definitely need a motion as an assembly, to have the tractors moved, if not all of them, part of them and we have the chairman agriculture committee here with us and he can tell us how many of the tractors are there and we should know so that we see if we can pick a few for Machakos, Mlolongo, Matuu, and Masii and for those major towns so that they can have those tractors. If there are 58 of these drivers seated idle and machines are lying idle, they only work for about three weeks in a year. The drivers are paid and the machinery is idle. I support Hon. Nzeki. We would be helped if we actually come up with the right decision. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Information?

Hon. Ndeto: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say we are not opposed to this motion but I said very clearly, this is a good motion but the fact is this matter is in a committee and the committee has not laid its report in this assembly and the committee is trying to establish the whereabouts of these tractors and the moment we move this motion and we pass it, it will be next to impossible to establish the whereabouts of these tractors and I would like to remind members,

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last week you took an oath of integrity and this oath will haunt you because an oath is an oath. 'Kithitu ni kithitu.' (You swear an oath). Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Let me hear the chairperson of agriculture committee. Maybe he has good contribution.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I would like to clear the point of contradiction to members who thought we do not have tractors. We have already done the investigations. In fact, right now we have compiled the report it is only waiting to be tabled in this House and we have already captured that we have 40 tractors within our county. What is there, Mr. Speaker, and what our committee was trying to follow up on is the condition of the tractors and the implementation and the processes of operating the tractors, Mr. Speaker.

We came to realize that most of the tractors are not in condition of carrying the duty and with the mover of this motion, Mr. Speaker, I just predict that he had a wide range to understand that and also to prove to this House that a tractor may multi-task. A tractor can transport and also a tractor can plough, Mr. Speaker, and due to the comprehensive nature when it comes to issues of when we do not have the time for ploughing, I believe the mover of this motion whereby this House discusses and proves that the tractors can also be used to collect garbage, it is a good issue.

Mr. Speaker, you find that we have challenges of issues of the department which deals with issues of garbage and if we support this motion with good intentions, I believe we shall have done an able work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Muthuka: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Maybe before the point of order, there is a point that Hon. Muli is hitting; that matter for tractors is before him and also has the number of tractors and the motion at hand is not on garbage collection but to use those tractors. I propose and I hope the House will agree with me that the committee of agriculture prepares a supplementary report in addition to what they have on this matter and that the two reports be presented together and that the mover of the motion can be able to contribute to further the report. I think that will be able to sort out all the matters that do not contravene the Standing Orders. I do not know if any member shares my idea? Yes let me hear Hon Muthuka.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems you are inspired because you just talked to my mood. Already we have an issue which the chairman ascertains that is in his table and again the chairman is aware that these tractors are not in good condition so we are discussing something which already, we are discussing a patient who is about to die. Mr. Speaker, I think I am on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Since you have given the direction, we need to take this report and again, on that note, we need the committee on environment on this garbage collection issue. Can we get a report from that committee so that even if the chairman was talking to the Chief Officer, we need serious business in this House?

Let the committee bring a report on the reasons why the department is not able to collect garbage. If they do not have machinery, we normally approve budgets, we can also extend our budget and also the supplementary which is on the way, we can also include the machinery maybe they are requesting for so that we can have efficient garbage collection in this town and also some other sub-counties because as the Majority Leader has put it, we do not need a tractor mounted with a trailer.

It is just some few places like Machakos town, I have seen 40 cars doing the same work so we need to know if the department is short of machinery, now the motion would be very much admissible and we would be able to support the motion and also be exact the number of trailers we need. We cannot just say trailers. May be we can buy a thousand trailers and they do not help our people. At the same time we bought the tractors for a particular objective and we have not met the objective. Reason? The tractors are sick, the tractors are not there, they are not in good condition.

So, Mr. Speaker, we are ready to support the direction you have given but let us get a supplementary report from agriculture committee and also maybe, Mr. Speaker, you will also direct the committee on environment to also file their report, so from there we will have some business to discuss on this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Ngunzi what is that? You are able to participate in the supplementary report?

Hon. Ngunzi: Definitely, Mr. Speaker. Looking at, I cannot tell you, here somebody keeps wondering and today I wonder why members are saying that we need to look at the need when they already know that we definitely need machinery to move garbage. If you go to Tala, you will go to Mlolongo, Mavoko, it is all garbage everywhere and in our estates, here in Machakos also. So, Mr. Speaker, I definitely will be in the committee that will look at this matter. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the members must find a resolution to the matter and that the motion that was presented today be referred to the chairperson, agriculture committee and the chairperson environment committee together with the mover to file a supplementary report together with that of the agriculture committee for further deliberations in this House. Any other business today?

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Okay that is the close of business this morning. The House adjourns.

The House rose at 10.51 a.m.