

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 14th September, 2016

The House met at 10.05 a.m.

[The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. R. Mutuku) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Good morning, Hon. Members.

PAPERS LAID

SOLID WASTE AND MUSHROOMING KIOSKS IN MAVOKO SUB COUNTY

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Michael Mutuku

(Member absent)

In the absence of the member, the paper is deferred.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON EL-NINO EFFECTS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Again Hon. Michael Mutuku

(Member absent)

Yes, what is the point of order?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I think these papers are being deferred for the fourth or fifth time and I don't know whether the member has absconded from the duty of being the chairperson or what is happening.

Mr. Speaker, this Hon. House is lacking business due to laxity of some chairs, starting with this one, Hon. Michael Mutua Mutuku. Mr. Speaker, I think we should take the business of this House with the seriousness that it deserves.

On this point, with your permission, I would urge the Whip to crack the whip on this Hon. Member. The House cannot keep on deferring business because of somebody's absence. It means he is not serious in being the chairperson of that important committee.

Members, let us put this chairperson on his toes and I want to repeat myself again; I don't know whether the Majority Whip is in the House and if he is not here, we have the Deputy Majority Whip in the House. He should know what to do because this House cannot sit and keep on missing business because of one individual. You cannot hold this Hon. House at ransom. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the point of order is sustained and I would urge chairpersons to take up your tasks that have been bestowed upon you with a lot of seriousness. The office of the Speaker cannot control the workings of the committees.

Hon. Members, as it has appeared, due to the absence of the Hon. Member, Hon. Mutuku, Chairperson, Decentralized Units and Urban Areas, all the business has been deferred and therefore I direct the House Business Committee to ballot again. Yes, Hon. Matheka?

Hon. Matheka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to be informed whether it is in order for the Leader of Majority to come and lecture this House or the chairpersons and he is the leader of the government business in the House and he is the leader of this chairpersons. We look upon him to guide the House but he is standing here to lecture the members about the chairpersons and he is the leader of government business in the House. How are we going to behave if he is behaving like that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Matheka, your point of order is rejected. Hon. Members, chairpersons cannot be controlled by Leader of Majority. All chairpersons have powers to control their committees; they have powers to defend the businesses of that committee in the House and the Leader of Majority has no business in planning of the committees. I can see Hon. Mueni; what is your concern?

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Mr. Speaker, I support what the Majority Leader has said because we are wasting the money of the county when we come here and we are paid; these chairpersons are not working, we are looking as if we don't know what we are doing, so these chairpersons have to be disciplined. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Yes, what is the point of information?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I want to clarify that I am not talking about chairpersons; I talked on a particular chairperson that is Hon. Michael Mutua Mutuku. I did not talk about other chairpersons. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Another point of information? A point of information? Already we have received a point of information or you want to inform me? Order Hon. Member! You want to inform the Chair or the Leader of Majority? Yes, what is the point of information?

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, I believe this is a relaxation of the chairmen because...
(inaudible)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Yes, what is the point of order?

Hon. Ndeto: Hon. Speaker, I think that member, I want to guide him further.....(inaudible)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Can we have a point of order on a point of order? It cannot be. Yes, what is the point of information?

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to echo Hon. Pastor on what he has said because even if the---

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Order! Hon. Katela.

Hon. Katela: Hon. Ndeto, I am sorry, because even if the vice chairperson is here or any other active member of that committee, without the leave of the chairman, we cannot take over the matter and of course, the chairman has failed us many times. We really want to do something on that committee, sincerely speaking, because he is shaming us and he might be number one and there is number two and three. We know the committees which are failing us.

You find some chairmen outside here when they are supposed to conduct some business of the House. We cannot continue dragging the House behind because of some two people. Nobody is indispensable. Underline that word. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the matter concerning Hon. Michael Mutuku, that committee has members, there is a procedure that is supposed to be followed. Then I would urge all the chairpersons; let us take up the business of this House with a lot of seriousness. There is that power that is bestowed upon you by that committee. Kindly chairpersons, take up your tasks with a lot of seriousness; let us do what is right and what is supposed to be done as pertains our office.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, in the absence of any other matter, the House adjourns till afternoon.

The House rose at 10.16 a.m.