

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS
OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 17th March, 2024

The House met at 10.50 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Stephen Mwanthi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Clerk at the Table is informing me that there is no quorum so I am directing Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(Quorum Bell rung for 10 minutes)

Serjeant at Arms, ring the Bell for a further five minutes because we still do not have quorum.

(Quorum Bell rung for five minutes)

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Point of order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Hon. Speaker, I am requesting you invoke Standing Order 1 because the Standing Orders give 10 minutes and five minutes but in invoking Standing Order 1, the Speaker has powers to extend either another 10 minutes or 15 minutes. I am aware that the Committee on Trade had another issue sat the Governor's office and I am told they are through with the meeting so they are on the way coming.

So, I am requesting that you invoke that Standing Order so that we can be able to wait for them to come.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Brian.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): We are lawmakers and we should not be bending laws to suit our situation. The Standing Orders are very clear that if there is no quorum, what

the Speaker should do and it follows even five minutes later that you do that. If there is no quorum, the House is adjourned until the next sitting so you cannot start invoking other powers.

You are mutilating our Standing Orders and you cannot do that. Hon. Members, it is important that we do not..... we have been elected to for a particular reason. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. We also believe that there is no quorum and without quorum, we cannot even debate so Hon. Members, let us follow our Standing Orders as they state that if there is not a quorum present when the Chair is taken, at the time appointed for a meeting of the Assembly, immediately after saying of the prayer, the Speaker shall order the bell to be rung for ten minutes, and if no quorum is present at the expiration of the ten minutes, the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes and if there is still no quorum present, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly forthwith to the next sitting.

Hon. Members, that we do not have quorum, there is no resolution we can make and I believe the issue of lack of quorum has been necessitated by a Committee on Trade which is meeting the Cabinet Secretary for Trade in the National Government.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The House is adjourned to Wednesday, 17th April, 2024 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 11.53 a.m.