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The House met at 11.03 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Kiusya) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 27TH AUGUST, 2024

Hon. Speaker: May I call Hon. Nicholas Nzioka to come and make the Statement.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 27th August, 2024 to prioritize business for the House as forwarded by Committees and Honorable Members pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(6)(d). The Committee balloted business as follows:

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Morning at 10.00 a.m.

(a) Response to a statement sought by Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda on status of Iiani Dispensary in Kivaa Ward by Hon. Vincent Mutie.

(b) Report on the 4th Edition of CASA and EALASCA games, 2023; continuation of debate by Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu.

(c) Motion on alteration of Assembly Calendar and adjournment of the House by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. At this point, may I call Hon. Vincent Mutie, Chairperson, Health and Emergency Services Committee to come and respond to a Statement that had been sought by Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda?

STATEMENT REPLY

STATUS OF IIANI DISPENSARY IN KIVAA WARD

Hon. Vincent Mutie (Upper Kaewa/Iveti, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am rising to respond to a Statement on status of Iiani Dispensary in Kivaa ward; a statement that was sought by the Hon. Member representing Kivaa ward.

Hon. Speaker, Standing Order 41(3) provides that where a Member requests for a statement from the Committee Chairperson relating to matters under the mandate of the Committee, the Speaker may either appoint a day for the statement or direct that the statement sought must be restricted to matters within the mandate of the Committee and which have been exhaustively dealt with and concluded by the Committee or where the Chairperson is authorized by members to issue preliminary reports to the House.

Hon. Speaker, on 30th April, 2024 a Statement on status of Iiani dispensary by Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda (MCA, Kivaa Ward) was sought seeking the following:

- Whether Iiani dispensary had been factored as a priority project for the current fiscal year by the Department.
- The current status of Iiani dispensary in terms of construction and equipping.
- What steps or counter measures has the Department put in place to ensure that the project is completed before the end of the financial year?

Hon. Speaker, in response to the above statement, the Committee requested for information from the Chief Officer, Health Facilities and Infrastructure Development and the Department responded to the aforementioned statement through a letter that the resources allocated to the Public Health for FY 2023/24 was not sufficient to complete all the projects. As such, the construction and equipping of Iiani Dispensary has been carried forward to subsequent financial year subject to allocation of sufficient resources. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. At this point, I would request Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda to come forward and inform the House whether the response that has been given by the Chairperson of Health is satisfactory.

Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda (Kivaa, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. According to the response received from the Chair of the Health Committee, I want to say I am not contented. Reason being, he has said the funds were not sufficient for the project. Madam Speaker, with the knowledge I have, I believe before the project is advertised, the allocation is put aside. Aware that Iiani dispensary project was advertised, if the allocation of that project had been put aside, how come there were no funds to cater for that project. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member, for the information that you have given and having said that you have not received adequate explanation as to why there were no sufficient funds to complete the project and it had been budgeted for, allocation had been made, I now take this same matter to the said committee to come up with a better explanation and maybe call upon the concerned Chief Officer, Health to come forward and explain how the project is incomplete yet the project had been budgeted for and allocation of funds were given.

So the matter is sent back to the said committee to get us better explanation, better reasoning in their reporting and I will give another 30 days. Thank you, Hon. Member. Let us proceed to the next order.

MOTIONS

4TH EDITION OF CASA AND EALASCA GAMES, 2023

(Hon Benjamin Kyule on 13.08.2024)

(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 13.08.2024)

Hon. Speaker: I am advised that it is Hon. Catherine who is holding brief for Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu and in this Motion, it had been moved and seconded and even question proposed. We are at place of debate but before we debate, I will ask the mover to refresh Members on the highlights of the report so that we can understand where we were.

Hon. Catherine Kyee (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am holding brief for Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu and I am going to read the recommendations. Hon. Speaker, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- i) That for proper coordination of all future activities and process related to CASA games, planning should be initiated immediately after communication by CASA to avoid cases of late delivery of uniforms and sports gear.
- ii) That the Hon. Members should be encouraged to attend all practice sessions to avoid respective teams from being disqualified for failure to attain the required ratio of Hon. Members to staff which is 50:50
- iii) CASB should consider having a budget line to fund tournaments and engagement of coaches to ensure that teams get necessary training and exposure.
- iv) CASB should consider increasing the vote on purchase of sports uniform and equipment from Ksh. 4,000,000 to Ksh. 7,000,000. This will enable the Assembly to acquire quality and adequate sports items for the teams.
- v) CASB should consider setting aside adequate budget for County Assembly teams to participate in the EALASCA games.

CONCLUSION

Hon. Speaker, I am humbled to table the Report of Social Welfare and Sports Committee on participation of the County Assembly of Machakos teams in the 4th Edition of CASA games, 2023 held in Nakuru from 19th to 27 August, 2023 and subsequent EALASCA games held in Kisumu County from 26th January to 2nd February, 2024 for discussion and adoption by this Hon. House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Catherine Kyee. That was brilliant of you. May I now invite Members to debate this motion? Hon. Anastasia.

Hon. Anastasia Mutevu (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand, first, to congratulate the committee on sports were I sit through our chair Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu for coming up with this good elaborative report on CASA games that we had. I would like to congratulate all Members of this House who participated and more sincerely congratulate my team of Table Tennis which did so well despite that we did not have any uniforms and good gear but we had a very good cheering squad which cheered us until we brought the trophy to this Assembly.

(Applause)

They did very well and Madam Speaker, we promise you that we will do very well this year. I know you are going to prepare us well and we are going to have the uniforms and we will be very motivated and we are doing a lot of practice on this. So, Mheshimiwa Kasanga, Mheshimiwa Lucky, Mheshimiwa Wanjiru and all Members of the table tennis team, we will work hard on this. I will encourage Members to join different disciplines because if we do not join we will not get the 50:50 attaining of the players.

With our staff, if a discipline does not have Hon. Members playing in it, the members of staff do not qualify to play because these are our games. So, kindly let us join different disciplines and this will help us make Machakos County Assembly to be number one. We were number five but I am very confident this year we are going to bring many trophies and improve on our number.

Madam Speaker, I will also urge that after we finish the CASA games we will ask you Madam Speaker, we need to celebrate the teams that will win because there are teams that won last time and it went into silence.

(Applause)

So, Madam Speaker, I know you are able and through your leadership, after we come back from the CASA games we celebrate the teams that will win and I am very sure it will be a very good motivation for teams. So, I also support the point of increment of the budget for buying uniforms. So, CASB, kindly consider what the committee recommends and thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anastacia and I want to say that your points have been taken and we will make sure Members who bring trophies home are celebrated and motivated. What you forgotten to mention is that the Speaker is a member of Table Tennis team.

(Laughter)

Hon. Maeke and Hon. Johanna.

Hon. Boniface Maeke (Kalama, CCU): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to say I am excited for us to discuss about the CASA report; it is well articulated and informative and it captures the desires of many members. Last time we had good games but with a lot of challenges. I remember we had to get the shoes that morning waiting at the field and in our football team we were almost missing the first game because of lack of the attire. We thank God because we are also seeing some improvement this time because as early as last week we had started fitting our shoes and everything but there is one important point that the committee recommends about training.

Madam Speaker, if we do not have training facilitation, things get hard. Unless you have the call to play like Hon. Majority Leader, me, Mheshimiwa Peter Kilonzo, it becomes very hard for Members attend. What Mheshimiwa Anastasia is saying; the motivation cannot just be on paper, we need a proper budget so that the moment we declare it a CASA season, Members can have tournaments, away games and are facilitated. By facilitation, we treat it the way we treat

any other outing and that will be the only motivation and all members want to play including those who are good but do not attend training.

We treat it as the way we treat any other outing that will be the only motivation. You will find all the people want to play including others who are good footballers and the do not attend training so I support that report and say that there is need for the facilitation of the coaches. Madam Speaker, it is unfortunate because for us we usually contribute to pay the coaches for football and it is unfortunate that sometimes they even go without because if they are depending on the small monies we are getting it because hard. Machakos County Assembly and CASB is a rich place so let us have the budget increased to consider the coaches and the report the way it is so that we may have proper preparations.

The other thing is once we go there Madam Speaker, it is good that our going to CASA does not eat into our own allowances by that I mean when we are doing budgeting, you find that there is some increment because we are playing football and even after playing there is nothing extra. You are getting you are just there playing table tennis you sweat and by the end of the day you are just eating whatever you are eating. We need food, proper facilitation and encouragement. We need glucose and other things otherwise the report is good and next time let them consider putting also games like praying so that we may also take praying competition.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you so much, Hon. Maeke. Very important points there and you can be sure Hon. Maeke listen to me, you can be sure every single word you have said it has rested very well with me and I entirely 100 per cent support your sentiments and they will be taken very seriously by the concerned so trust that the next time things will be better and they will be getting better every other day. Thank you. Hon. Johana.

Hon. Johana Munyao (Mutituni/Ngelani, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to applaud the committee for this elaborate report. Madam Speaker, I also want to appreciate and congratulate Hon. Members for we have seen during such events a lot of commitment from Members; they could afford even to participate even without the required attire and you could see---

Hon. Speaker: Point of order taken.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I think the Hon. Member is out of order; on what context? He had adversely mentioned in that report as a member of CASB. It would be prudent that would have given the other Hon. Members to ventilate on the issue and then respond after. He is adversely mentioned as a Member of CASB Madam Speaker so I do not think it is in order for him to contribute now. He would have waited until the other Members contribute and then respond so that he can try to resonate with the report, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: He is not adversely mentioned.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): He is a member of CASB, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: He is not adversely mentioned. That is the ruling of the Speaker.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Thank you and Madam Speaker, I do not know whether Hon. Members have noted these machines (gooseneck microphones) are not audible enough if members have noted.

Hon. Speaker: I have heard your concern. Proceed, Hon. Johana.

Hon. Johana Munyao (Mutituni/Ngelani, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for your protection. Before the House is a footballer, a member of the cultural dance and many other activities. Madam Speaker, I wanted to say that I was on the point of appreciating the Members for the commitment we saw during the last CASA games but Madam Speaker, I would still request the committee to try and make sure that such a report comes almost immediately after the games because the recommendations cited here would have required some time because some touch on the budget which was discussed and Madam Speaker, if the CASA games were not postponed we would be discussing a report when already the next event for CASA games has already passed.

So it would be very prudent that we have such a report almost immediately because Madam Speaker, I have seen from the report one of the challenges of is that we lacked proper training and also coaches. As I said I participated in badminton where we went up to quarter finals; it was our first time to participate in that event and even up to today, I was expecting after the games that practice continues so that we are now properly equipped to go further than the quarterfinals but Madam Speaker, as things stand, we will now also be going to the field still as fresh as we were that other time because the recommendations have had no time to be implemented.

We would have had a coach, trainers of the rules of that game and the skills so that we can better the performance that we did the other time. So Madam Speaker, I want to encourage that we address the issues raised in good time so that they can be captured in the budget and also we commit ourselves to practice because sometimes we attend such games and we pity ourselves in some events.

You can see that if there was proper and enough time to practice, these Members and the staff have a lot of potential. We could be able to maybe do well in several of the activities but sometimes the challenge is practice; so many muscle cramps, injuries because of lack of practice. I would request we have proper coordination and planning, we engage coaches so that we can say we have people who can guide us on various activities if we want to be performing. We attend those games very many of us and I would not want anybody to be disqualified from attending.

Hon. Members, it becomes a big challenge when the real participants are getting challenges of facilitation when the funds are being utilized by everybody and even other participants who are not present on the field and sometimes we can be constrained by the little budget and therefore if we mean to participate in those games, let us commit ourselves and going forward I do not know, I will give a recommendation which was not here; we should give priority to the participants Madam Speaker, because that is the only way we can motivate them to do their best. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Elaborate on that one of giving priority.

Hon. Johana Munyao (Mutituni/Ngelani, M CCP): Madam Speaker, I am saying because however budget we will set aside it may not be enough to cater for all the issues pertaining the CASA games and sometimes you can see footballers or any other participants in the field even sometimes you find that they are either members of staff or even us who may not even report to where the CASA games are being held yet we have the same budget, somebody is in the field and sweating and really fighting for this Assembly when some of us are still idling at home or wherever. I have no apologies saying that we must give priority to the participants in the CASA games. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I have taken the point. I want to direct this to the committee concerned that other than coming to the tail end to bring these recommendations that are very important to us, the recommendation should come in time and practice should also commence early enough and of course the budget must be looked into to cater for these trainings. Coaches are supposed to beaddress the issue of lack of coaches or even getting them late should be addressed.

In other words, let us just plan early enough, this is a very important matter for Assembly because we participate very well in games as compared to many other County Assemblies and Members together with the staff are very committed to this. Majority Leader of this House is one committed member of football game and all the Members here are very committed. That observation should be made and start early enough budgeting is very key because nothing can move without funding. Thank you so much for that. Hon. Maitha, Hon. Katiti, Hon. Mbula.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to applaud the recommendations of the committee---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kasanga.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): The recommendations by the committee and echo the previous members on what they have spoken about and above all I think the emphasis that has been given by the Hon. Commissioner is the commitment aspect. We are lacking commitment, Madam Speaker, and it is evident even the numbers in this House. Our staff are really committed themselves in these games. However much we might dispute and try to argue on the issue of uniform and everything, it is not about uniform but just like the way we are trying to handle the issue of budget and there is never enough budget for anything. You operate with what you have such that when the results are out you can say this is it.

The budget aspect has been a key issue and the issue of the uniforms and as you know Madam Speaker, there is even a recommendation that the amount has to be increased. Right now the tracksuits that used to be bought for about Ksh. 4,000 three years ago and they are more than triple that amount. So Hon. Members ought to get quality uniforms but all that notwithstanding Madam Speaker, I think it is the commitment aspect that is required of this. Unfortunately some of us I do not know whether there is a discipline...I have heard them being called disciplines, whether there is a discipline of cheering squad and tug of war. If those ones are there some of us can participate in that because in terms of football Madam Speaker, I will not promise that one I cannot. Maybe I will just die in the field but all in all Madam Speaker, I think it is just commitment that these Members ought to speak.

There is a pertinent issue that has been raised that we need to rethink as an Assembly about timely delivery of reports. If what the Hon. Commissioner has said had happened that the

games had not been postponed then this report we are discussing today would be null and void. That takes back Madam Speaker, if you allow me a Statement that has just been responded right now. That Member sought that Statement more than five months ago and a Statement Madam Speaker, is always a matter of urgency. You have now given another extra 30 days so that now tells that we need also to take seriously reporting of urgent matters.

The Hon. Member for Kinanie who has just landed here, the Deputy Minority Leader sought a report on floods in Kinanie ward way back in January Madam Speaker, and I do not think that report has ever been tabled in this House. It has always been postponed and it was a matter of urgency that was affecting his community.

So, Madam Speaker, we need to take these matters and be guided by our Standing Orders. If a statement has to be responded within 30 days it must be strictly 30 days. If it is a Petition that has to be responded to within 60 days it must be strictly 60 days. If it is a committee report like the one we are discussing now because it forms precedence on how we can improve on the next course of action then Madam Speaker, we need to do that. All in all, I support the committee report and request Members we just commit ourselves. I know it is not easy as these Members and want to applaud the football team. They really pressurized some of us to go and give them that moral support but a times we do not even...so moral support is part and parcel of these games so however much that you will not be able to play in one or two disciplines then give the support in hand of cheering squad.

Be there and motivate them so that when we arrive in numbers then we can be there. I maybe somehow say that however much we can say we even be paid Ksh. 1,000 or Ksh. 2,500 to attend we will be paid but are we going to attend? Let us commit ourselves and make sure that all that is required to make this activity successful is better and the moral support that we give our staff. It will be very disappointing that you find the staff have committed themselves but the Assembly is not committing itself. So let us look into it and see what is the best way we can improve this activity and if success comes it will be counted on Machakos County Assembly. The County Assembly Service Board I am sure they now however much we might also try to push them maybe the budget.....they will see into it because they are part and parcel of this Assembly. I am sure they will do the best.

On the issue the Hon. Maeke has said is unfortunate that the Members have to dig into their pockets and pay a coach. I think the Board can look within its sittings and find a way that we can facilitate its trainers both in football and other disciplines that may require coaching to make the discipline successful and easier for Members. Let the Service Board sit down and work on it and then see how they can go about it. Otherwise, I support the report but on the commitment aspect as Hon. Members let us see into it. It is also important for physical health because much of the time we are sited drinking water and other stuff and taking a lot of proteins so we need also to have a way of trying to cut weight.

Personally, I do not know which discipline as have said I also need to work on that because it is not also healthy to eat without practicing. So let us try and see into it so I will seek the intervention of the mover of the report who is a member of the committee to advise me accordingly which discipline I should venture. I second the report and seek commitment of Members not only in these games but in any other Assembly activity. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Maitha for your observations. Drinking water and proteins! However, there is a point that has come out very clearly about commitment and everything you do in this world you must be committed irrespective of whatever it is. The other thing that I have observed through the reading that I do is that be present all the same. Whether you are cheering or doing what be present because when you are present many things will not pass you and you will have also been part of history when it is being recorded that you were present.

Whatever part of are taking and it encourages those who are playing. It is important and the issue of budget we cannot over emphasize on that and we have said before that the budget should be checked into so that it can support games. Games are the key component. I had identified Hon. Mutuku and then Hon. Dee you have just arrived but you can join. Yes? Hon. Kitaka after Hon. Mutuku and Hon. Mbula and then---

Hon. Justus Mutuku (Wamunyu, PTP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity to join my colleagues in commending the committee on sports. Madam Speaker, I am happy to be a discipline where you are a Member and you know I and my colleagues Mheshimiwa Anastasia, Mheshimiwa Felix Ngui, Mheshimiwa Lucky and Mheshimiwa Mary from this Assembly we were at Nakuru Madam Speaker, and that team managed to bring a trophy for position two.

(Applause)

I remember Madam Speaker, I was playing with my colleague Henry from the department of ICT in doubles and we managed to win against four counties and Madam Speaker, we went to finals and we managed to bring the victory back in this great Assembly. Madam Speaker, the challenge that we had is the coaching. We do not have a coach especially in that discipline; the coach that we have is google. We normally relay on google, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Google search.

Hon. Justus Mutuku (Wamunyu, PTP): Yes and if we can managed position two relaying on google as the coach Madam Speaker, then if we have a coach who is present in this Assembly, I think we can bring home position one.

(Applause)

So, Madam Speaker, we call upon the relevant department or committee that oversees the needs of the disciplines that we as Members do play deploy the coaches in every respective discipline, Madam Speaker, and wish all the Members will realign themselves in different disciplines because when we go outside and we play against the other Counties, Madam Speaker and bring victory in different disciplines then Machakos County shines. Madam Speaker, when Machakos Assembly shines Madam Speaker you shine.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Justus Wambua (Wamunyu, PTP): You shine greatly. The shame that we got Madam Speaker, we were just in civilian, *madoadoa*¹, we had no uniform. I remember Madam Speaker I was wearing a red t-shirt but I played table tennis like I will not play again. Madam Speaker, we proved *yote yawezekana bila*² uniform. We did it so we just wish that County Assembly Service Board (CASB) looks on that matter. Since our commissioner Mheshimiwa Johana has talked about it we hope things will work well.

Madam Speaker, we got the uniform one month ago but we hope we are not going to use that one in the next competition. So we just calling upon your leadership I know you are able Madam Speaker, I will be happy because I will be there. I will still play singles, the doubles and Henry from the ICT department is my colleague and I know we are going to bring home a better result. I thank the Committee more sincerely for good work and indeed I join my colleagues again for asking them to increase the budget so that all those hiccups that we have seen previously are addressed.

Madam Speaker, I will join another discipline which is football; I am good in it .I play No. 10 and I know Hon. Peter Kilonzo will recruit me in that team. I will make sure if they were No. 3, we will bring No. 2 or No. 1. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Congratulations Hon. Member that was really very upright. I want to tell you that everything you have said has been picked and it will be taken care of thank you. Hon. Dee Kivuva. Hon. Mbula has spoken?

Hon. Dee Kivuva (Nominated, WDM-K): I want to inform the Member that you know when Mheshimiwa Kavuu left; I am in charge of you so relax.

(Laughter)

Madam Speaker, I want to applaud you first; I have not seen you smiling for very long. When you are happy I am happy. I am pleased---

Hon. Speaker: I smile all the time.

Hon. Dee Kivuva (Nominated, WDM-K): Today you are over-smiling---

Hon. Speaker: The happy soul in this world is me. Thank you.

Hon. Dee Kivuva (Nominated, WDM-K): I am a member of the sports and social welfare committee and we are doing well. I do not want to say you have done the best because one year down the line, that is the time we are bringing the report. We can improve and do better immediately after the games we do a report. If we expect the Executive to file quarterly reports we also do the same as a committee so that we set a good example.

¹ Assorted colours

² Everything is possible

Madam Speaker, I will representing golf in this tournament and I know you know I will bring the trophy; nobody can beat me. We have the newest colleague of golf Hon. Ngunga, Member of County Assembly Mua who by luck got a hole-in-one recently in Machakos Golf Club. We are also expecting Mheshimiwa Ann Ndilo who is on maternity leave who also plays golf at Royal. We have also another golf player who happens to be our Speaker.

(Laughter)

So I expect the four of us to unite and bring that trophy here. It is not just about Kenya; we will go even to East Africa even if we will go extra we will bring the trophy. About the coaching together with Mheshimiwa Ngunga we have contacted our own coach from St. Andrews in Scotland who is landing in the next few days. In the part of golf we are okay.

On football, I want to wish Mheshimiwa Kasanga and Majority Leader who have moderate heights that if they can find another sport because they are bringing a defeatist attitude of Arsenal and I do not think we will ever win. I wish them well if they can get the taller players like Mheshimiwa Ng'awe and Mheshimiwa Mulinge, I think we will bring this trophy home. Madam Speaker, good day and thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you so much, Hon. Dee that is great. Congratulations Hon. Ngunga for being so brave in golf; I believe that you will bring trophy in this House. Hon. Mbula.

Hon. Constance Mbula (Nominated, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I am a Member of this Committee and the report is quite good; we did a great job. I do not play golf myself because for now I do not have the strength, my discipline is *Kilumi*³. Madam Speaker, this is very serious we used to win every time. Hon. Ngunga, you are looking at me and you were there; we used to be No. 1 every time we had these games. Mine was to blow the whistle, make noise for the players, *shangilia*⁴ and give them water. I used to do everything for them and because we have young blood, young girls, young men who can be active enough, I am there behind them with them to give them anything that they need during that time.

Hon. Speaker, people have talked about uniform; it comes late and we play without it and we win. Uniform makes people equal, look better and be looked at as they reason because you cannot get into a field and no one knows who she is. In the Second Assembly we had uniform for ladies, very nice black attire but I do not know what happened to it. Black attire with beads, do you remember Mheshimiwa Ngunga? I must say it gave us 70 per cent win while we contributed for the 30 per cent. We used to become number one.

Anyone who was here can tell; Hon. Johana was there in my team and he has forgotten. My request Hon. Speaker, can we have that attire back. If you need I can come with a sample I still have them and they look very nice. These days you even get a shoe different from one leg.

(Laughter)

³ Kamba traditional dance characterized by drumming and vigorous dancing.

⁴ Celebrate

I do not know how they measure or you get your uniform, go to fit it looks like for Hon. Ngunga. I am so sure it cannot fit me, when you return they cannot know whose uniform it was. I want to request please can we have that attire back. You shall see how we shall get all the medals to this Assembly. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Mbula. The attire I think you will come along and tell us how it looks like so we can fix it. If it can bring us 70 per cent of our win then it is the best. Let us proceed with contributions. Hon, Kitaka.

Hon. Francis Kitaka (Ndalani, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I participate in tug of war and when the Assembly went without money, I sponsor the football.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you so much.

Hon. Francis Kitaka (Ndalani, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker, of importance is us Hon. Members and the Assembly coming together fully to participate. More so like you have just mentioned, we would appreciate the presence of everybody, whether you are playing or not. It gives those who in the field the energy and the motivation also to play better. I would urge us Hon. Members because the staff are well-organized and they are always present. Actually, we are the ones who lag behind so that we do not have the 50 per cent. Hon. Members, now that we have been communicated for CASA games in October, it is important that we make sure at least we attend.

The other thing Hon. Speaker, we have so much observations and recommendations about the sports. The buck stops at the budget, motivation and more so it will be more important that at least we organize and plan to appreciate those members specifically who have performed well so that at least we also motivate them. When we talk of the allowances and the per diem, they are equal but it is important that we appreciate those members separately in a ceremony whereby they feel that above all the Assembly has appreciated them.

(Applause)

I am worried because the time the report has been brought now Hon. Members we have already talked about the budget and debated it. I do not think that there is any magic that we can do but we would appreciate the efforts of our Speaker that maybe there is something which can be done for the teams who are lacking the coaches and the training materials so that they can be facilitated.

Of importance, Hon. Members, the next budget that we will be approving, I hope and pray that at least we will also be able to consider that bit of sports so that we move monies to that particular vote so that we make everything to run smoothly. Otherwise, Hon. Speaker, I support and appreciate the Committee for the good work. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Kitaka. Good sentiments; budget, budget, budget and we are the ones who make this budget. Can we look into it as we proceed? There are supplementary budgets. Thank you. Hon. Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before I contribute on the same I do not know whether we have a new Chair of Chairs. There is a member sitting on the seat that is supposed to be for the Deputy Speaker.

(A Hon. Maitha spoke off the record)

I do not want to be informed. On the matter before the House today, Madam Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information taken. Hon. Kavyu, one minute.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I wish to inform the Hon. Member that the Hon. Member seated at the position of Chair of Chairs is the official Vice Chair of the Liaison Committee. So she is seated there at the right position because she is the Vice Chair. The Chair, Liaison Committee is the Deputy Speaker who is the Chair of Chairs. She is seated in the right place. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Madam Speaker, I will not appreciate the point of information. I am also the Deputy Minority Leader by the virtue that Hon. Ndawa is not there, it does not give me rights to come and seat there. He is a senior Member and he needs to know that. Or when the Majority Leader is not there the Deputy comes and sits there. If you are a Deputy you are a Deputy.

Hon. Speaker: Do we have a seat for the vice-chairs?

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): No.

Hon. Speaker: We do not have?

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Yes they can be seated next somewhere. That was on a lighter note. I just wanted to be sure so that we can address her properly. You know in this Assembly things can change overnight.

Hon. Speaker: Sure.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): On the report before this House, Hon. Speaker, what I would like to emphasize is the issue of timeliness because it is a challenge that we have faced as an Assembly because Statements and reports are normally supposed to address---

(Loud noise heard from outside the House)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kavyu, proceed but I understand there could be some *maandamano* taking place in town so we wind up this very quickly.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): We better stick inside the Assembly because the moment we try to move out and maybe they realize we are within, like it happened last time, it can cause---

Hon. Speaker: I am not saying we move out; I am saying we wind up the sitting.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): As I was saying the aspect of timeliness is very important because reports are normally supposed to respond or to address particular issues but there is this disease in this House where a Statement will be sought and it will take six or seven months before we get a response. For example, the Statement I sought during that particular time, my people were drowning and we needed an urgent response so that they can be assisted. Seven months down the line, the Statement has never been addressed and we need to improve on that.

On the issue of uniform, Madam Speaker, despite it coming late, the measurements that were taken of the Members and the staff the output that came was not pleasing at all. If you are given a kit that is meant for somebody of the stature of Hon. Dee I do not know whether I am supposed to use the trouser in full or the t-shirt when I wear it is a dress for me. Madam Speaker, quality is very important and also timeliness. I do not know whether that uniform we were given the delay was a tactical one to ensure that it is the one we use for this 5th Edition. We hope in good time we are going to get.

On our discipline of pool table, Madam Speaker, we are the most disadvantaged; when others are asking for coaches, for us we do not have the equipment to train. Sometimes we were taken to some local pub somewhere to use as the training base. A pool table goes for less than Ksh. 100,000. Since last year we have petitioned, we have asked for the same so that we can have a training center within our Assembly that will help us perform better. In Kenya and East Africa we have the best. We have lost Hon. Dee he was part of our Members and I think it is that frustration that has made him to explore the field of golf.

You go to the place and people are urinating everywhere and also sometimes when you are there some of the voters from Majority Leader's Ward know us so you are trying to concentrate on practice them somebody is pulling you aside asking; Mheshimiwa *ndumanthie o kindu*.⁵

(Laughter)

You cannot concentrate so there as a discipline we need to be looked at and that is something that can be worked on. If you can get it within this week that will help us to prepare and we are going to bring a trophy. I was in Vietnam recently and there is a new discipline that I saw. It is a form of eating competition and that can fit Hon. Maitha.

(Laughter)

⁵ Provide monetary handout

It is a good one because the way it is happening you will have a teammate and it is normally of the opposite gender, so if Machakos will give Hon. Maitha, another County will give somebody of the opposite gender. Somebody is supposed to bite the meal then the opponent will keep biting it until it is finished so the one who goes with the last piece wins the match. It is a discipline that we might need to explore but we also Dee should not be allowed to participate but is a good one.

Hon. Speaker: Who?

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, M CCP): Hon. Dee; he should not be allowed to participate. It is a bit risky but it is a good one. It has a lot of adrenaline and it is something we might consider to introduce so that we can add more medals to our Assembly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Kavyu and you pointed out a very important matter that I had actually discussed with you about pool table. You mentioned to me last year that you are experiencing these challenges when you go out there in a pub to do your practice and then I instructed the Clerk to get this pool table because it is affordable.

(Applause)

It never happened but I will take it up again. So, thank you for highlighting. I am sorry; we will sort it out. Hon. Felix Ngui and then Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. A lot has been said in support of this report but I want also to join other Members to support the report on sports and say that games are not only meant to promote the physical fitness but also to strengthen our social bonds and foster unity amongst the players. So, in that matter, I want to say that games are very important because they will always bring us together despite our political alignments. Even if I am not in the same political alignment with Mheshimiwa Ngunga we will still meet in the field, play together, bond and that makes us move forward together.

So, as I support this report Madam Speaker, so many Members have talked around the budget which I think because we are the people who make the budget that should not be an issue. We should always consider making a sufficient budget for the CASA games.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, you know I am one of the players and I play games of the rich kids together with Mheshimiwa Kasanga and you know that we brought a trophy. Games of the rich kids is table tennis and the like, and recently I joined Mheshimiwa Dee for golf and the likes so we want to promise you that next time we will bring a trophy for golf. Apart from the uniform that we are talking about here, I was so much impressed when we were in Nakuru by some County Assemblies whereby they had provided their cheering squads with Public Address Systems to cheer, the *vuvuzelas*⁶, water and such kind of things but Machakos we lacked uniform

⁶ Loud plastic horn originating from South Africa.

and you could not identify yourself with the other colleagues but the worst is that we did not have good cheering squad.

So, I am proposing that next time when we are going for the CASA games, it is important that we pump up our cheering squad such that we provide them with a Public Address system so that when we win, we can be able to dance in the fields and such kind of things.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information taken.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): I found it very necessary to inform the Member on the floor that he is lamenting about the budget and the last time I checked, the gentleman still sits in the CASB where budgets are done and so if we have to talk about failures in that field, that will squarely rest on Hon. Ngui's feet. So let him get informed that if there was failure in terms of provision of items of CASA games previously it must have been him and colleague Hon. Johana to blame. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I do not think so and I want to protect him because what CASB does is to recommend and the House passes. Isn't this the House that passes budgets? It must have been brought here. So where was it passed.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): That is why I say, if had come to our attention that we needed to pass then that would have been done but I do not think we saw it here.

Hon. Speaker: The budget was not passed by this House! Are you saying that?

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Saying we do not provide for CASA games?

Hon. Speaker: I am saying who passes the budget?

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): The House.

Hon. Speaker: You have answered yourself. Thank you. Next time look into it to see whether it is good. Proceed, Hon. Ngui.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for that protection. I would also want to inform my---

Hon. Speaker: Take the shortest time Hon. Felix.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker, I would also want to inform my learned friend (??) and a senior Member of this Assembly that CASB only manages the budget but this Assembly approves the budget. Last year, we had a budget that was approved by this House but it is also good to mention that the failure that happened that time sent someone home because of not providing the uniform; you remember that and I believe that, it will not

happen again. So I did my part as a member of CASB. Whoever did not provide the CASB uniform you know what happened?

(Hon. Ngunga spoke off the record)

Hon. Speaker: You are out of order, Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I just want to wind up by saying that going forward, we do not expect to have such kind of delays and my point was that when you are going for this CASA games, I want to pump our cheering squad, may be provide them with *vuvuzelas* and PA systems. I was impressed when Kakamega County Assembly were dancing all over the fields; you know we are being intimidated when our volleyball team was playing because they were making a lot of noise with the public address system and we were just quiet there.

So, I am proposing that we take it seriously and make sure that we have a pumped up cheering squad. With that, I support the report and thank you Members, let us continue doing sports. It is the way to go. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngui. Hon. Nicholas Nzioka.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first of all want to congratulate the committee for a good report albeit the report coming late. I will start by informing Mheshimiwa Kavyu that pool table is played in certain conditions. For example, you cannot play pool table in a church compound, social hall. There are certain conditions that need to be met so that the game is enjoyable and it is the only sport you are allowed to take some performance enhancing drugs; you are allowed because it is part of the game and actually, I know that is the problem because I am told you do not participate in the drugging thing so I am sorry for that.

Secondly, the people who come to disturb you when you are playing are not my voters; they are our people so when they see you they see me and please when they come please just deal with them in a good way. They will tell me they were with Mheshimiwa Kavyu and "they have sorted us today so you do not need to sort us so thank you for that." If you allow, Madam Speaker, Mheshimiwa Dee suggested that I am too short for football and Mheshimiwa Kasanga but I wanted to inform him that the GOAT and for those who know sports, GOAT is greatest of all time. The current GOAT is shorter than me; one Lionel Messi. The previous GOAT Diego Maradona is still shorter than me so I think I am the next GOAT in County Assembly football. I will be the next GOAT.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Looking at the next GOAT

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): I want to say this Madam Speaker, that we were well-prepared but in terms of practice. Members, let me tell you and I keep saying this, we have the best gym facility in the whole County; even the big hotels they cannot have a

gym facility that we have and it is underutilized. I think the only three Members who come it is me, Mheshimiwa Katiti, current Chair of Chairs, I have never seen Mheshimiwa Kyee.

(Loud consultations)

Do not say even me, I have never seen you. So, Members, as part of preparation let us make good use of the facility that already exists. It is very interesting. Madam Speaker, I wish that as part of the gym facility, it be improved to have a Sauna and a Steam bath for Members. That will be great after you have done your gym you go to the Sauna or the steam bath.

Many Hon. Members have spoken of appreciating the teams that are participating. Just two weeks ago we had Paris Olympics 2024 and when they came those who won were feted by H.E the President; the gold winner was getting Ksh. 3 million, silver Ksh. 2 million and bronze Ksh. 1 million. Maybe we do not have that kind of money but there are other ways of appreciating the team and let me talk on behalf of staff. I would think that a participant who wins like there is an example we have always given that there is a lady who works in the communication by the name Lilian; she is always No. 1 or No. 2 in the short races and another called Sarah.

Maybe, Madam Speaker, just like the police, if you win, apart from the money, you are promoted.

(Applause)

The current OCS for Langata police station is a former 800M winner Wesley Korir. At a very young age, a normal OCS would be an OCS would be; Mheshimiwa Dee, at what age?

Hon. Dee Kivuva (Nominated, WDM-K): 40 years.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): 40 to 45 years. Korir in his early 30s and is already an OCS. Maybe because the staff cannot speak for themselves here; if you bring a gold if you are No. 1, 2, 3, you get a promotion. *Hata kama ni debe⁷ moja tu*. They would appreciate. I am sure Hon. Members for us we want the money because I cannot be promoted so if football brings the trophy, Members what do you suggest? Like a million bob each. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Finally, I would want to thank Members here who have sponsored some of these sports. I would want to give credit to Mheshimiwa Kitaka because he is the current sponsor of the County Assembly football team and he has told us if we bring No. 1, he is going to take us for a retreat in Mombasa. He has just told me; Captain, we have a retreat in Mombasa courtesy of Mheshimiwa Kitaka. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

⁷ Epaulette

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I am really so impressed by these sentiments today; they are really very important points we are discussing here. If among us a Member has volunteered to sponsor and that is a great stride. Thank you, Hon. Kitaka for taking up that and this issue of appreciating winners is very key. Like that girl called Lilian Mutisya, she has just been winning and the much she can get is purely just the trophy that is given and nothing else. She would get demotivated as we go on. I think we have to take this one very seriously and look into ways of motivating appreciating our winners and participants who are doing very well and that way we will motivate them and make them stand out and make them feel recognized.

Thank you, Members. Hon. Majority Leader, you have said many things I am sure we will pick them up and run with them. You have talked about sauna and steam bath; it is something that can be included because it is part of our games. I would just want to mention that our gym is not only the best in Kenya, so to speak, well equipped but I think is the best in East and Central Africa to be honest with you.

(Applause)

So, we have the best facilities with us here let us utilize them because when we only have three Members utilizing that gym then it is underutilized and therefore it does not serve the purpose it was meant for. So, thank you Members. Let us proceed to the other agenda.

(Question put and agreed to)

ALTERATION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDER AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Nicholas Nzioka Leader of Majority to come forward and move that motion.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker I wish to move the motion that notwithstanding the resolutions of the Assembly made on 20th February, 2024, that is approval of Assembly Calendar, 21st February, 15th May, 18th June, 9th July, 6th and 14th August 2024 that is alteration of the Calendar and pursuant to Standing Order 25(4) and 27(3)(c) the Assembly resolves that the Calendar, that is the regular sessions for the Third Assembly be altered to adjourn its sittings from today Tuesday, 27th August, 2024 after the morning sitting and resume its regular sittings on Tuesday, 3rd September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. and that the Assembly Calendar that is the regular sessions for the Third Session be altered accordingly. I call upon Hon. Mulinge to second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nicholas. Hon. Mulinge.

Hon. Joseph Mulinge (Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe, M CCP) seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

I now put the question; do you intend to debate on this matter?

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Thank you, Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: The House adjourns to Tuesday, 3rd September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. See you then, Members.

The House rose at 12.26 p.m.