

SECOND ASSEMBLY

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (SECOND SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 2018 AT 2.30 P.M.

- 1.** The House convened at thirty minutes past two O'clock.
- 2.** The proceedings were opened with a prayer.
- 3. PRESIDING** - Hon. Speaker on the Chair
- 4. Communication from the Chair**

The Chair made the following communication;

- i. COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO KITUI COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL.**

Honorable Members,

Article 185 (2) of the constitution gives the County governments powers to make any law that are necessary for, or incidental to , the effective performance of the functions and exercise of powers of the county government under the forth schedule.

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The County Executive in furtherance of their mandate came up with the above legislative proposal to create an emergency fund as mentioned above which was received by the Assembly on 14th December, 2017 when we commenced our recess.

Honorable Members,

The above legislative proposal relates to a money bill in line with Article 114, of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and section 21 (40) of the county governments Act which also describes a money bill to deals with inter alia appropriations, receipts, custody, investments or issues of public fund.

Honorable Members,

Standing order No. 110(3) provides that, if for the opinion of the Speaker the proposal is a money bill, the same shall be referred to the budget and appropriation.

For this case therefore, I direct that, this legislative proposal be referred to the aforementioned committee for pre- publication scrutiny.

Thank you.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION;

- i. **MOTION ON CHARCOAL TRADE IN KITUI COUNTY-(MINORITY PARTY LEADER)**

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AWARE that Kitui forest cover is only 35,556 hectares out of 30,000,000 hectares which is only 1% of the landmass cover;

CONCERNED that continued clearing of forests for charcoal production will deplete all available stocks to a point where there will be no more trees left in such areas like Mutitu, Endau, Ikutha, Mutomo and Yatta wards;

NOTING that the County has opportunities to explore alternative energy sources such as exploration of coal for power generation at the Mui basin and that the Mwingi-Kitui plateau where access to electricity is very low yet the region lies in an area with good wind potential for generation of wind energy which can be used to generate electricity for industries;

FURTHER concerned that even after the recent ban on commercial charcoal burning and trade are being ignored with impunity by cartels and the police;

AFRAID that the continued conflicts between traders and communities can ignite civil unrest as witnessed in the last few days.

THIS HOUSE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- i. That we adopt the County Government's policy and directive to ban commercial burning and trade of charcoal within the County;
- ii. That the National Government, which is in charge of security, enforces the ban on charcoal burning and trading;

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- iii. The County Government to urgently develop a framework to ensure the people in the affected areas have sustainable livelihoods away from charcoal burning;
- iv. To fully support any budgetary allocations that will support this sustainable livelihood framework.

6. ADJOURNMENT - And the time being four minutes to three O'clock, the Honorable Speaker adjourned the house.

7. ASSEMBLY ROSE- Four minutes to three O'clock

MEMORANDUM

*The Honorable Speaker will take the chair on
Thursday, 15th February, 2018 at 2:30 p.m*

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