

SECOND ASSEMBLY

(004)

FIRST SESSION

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (SECOND SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 15TH 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. **MOTION ON CHARCOAL TRADE IN KITUI COUNTY**

(MINORITY PARTY LEADER)

Motion made and question proposed;

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;

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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;
- 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.

Debate arising;

Question put and ***Agreed to.***

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5. STATEMENTS

The following statements were given pursuant to the Provision of Standing Order No. 36 and 41(2) (a):

(Designated Member, County Assembly Business Committee)

- i. Schedule of Committee Sittings & Plenary for the week ending 23rd February, 2018.

(Hon. Fredrick K. Nthuri - MCA)

- ii. Statement request on status of health facilities in Kitui County.

(Hon. Johnson M. Kanandu – MCA)

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

7. ASSEMBLY ROSE - Seven minutes to five O'clock

MEMORANDUM

*The Honorable Speaker will take the chair on
Tuesday, 20th February, 2018 at 2:30 p.m*

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