



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

FIRST COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, 2016 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath;
2. Communication from the Chair;
3. Messages;
4. Petitions;
5. Papers;
6. Notices of Motions;
7. Statements;

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

8.*. MOTION ON COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND AN INCLUSIVE LEGISLATION ON CEREALS AND TRADITIONAL CASH CROPS IN KITUI COUNTY (*Member Tseikuru Ward*)

NOTING that, agriculture is the mainstay of the Kitui County, the source of livelihood for the majority of the population and the main contributor of income for many families. Noting further, that, there was a bumper harvest following the recent rains.

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REGRETING that, due to poverty levels and increasing pressure on the family financial resources to cater for basic needs such as education, medical care and routine upkeep, most farmers are limited to selling their farm produce at low prices to middlemen who sell it back to them at exorbitant prices.

REFERING to Part Two of the Fourth Schedule of the Kenyan Constitution 2010, Agriculture is a devolved function of the County government. Further, under trade development and regulation, fair trading practices and cooperative societies are advocated for.

ACKNOWLEDGING that, in the committee report on the Kitui County Assembly Sorghum Bill, 2014, that was adopted and passed by the First Assembly, Second Session, it was proposed as quoted;

“THAT, as a matter of necessity, this Committee should engage the County Department of Agriculture with a view of coming up with a more inclusive legislation to cater for promotion of all traditional crops including cash crops that are grown within the county. These crops are cow-peas, millet, finger millet, castor seeds, green grams, cotton and sisal, among others”.

This House therefore **RESOLVES THAT**;

1. The County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Industry, ICT and cooperatives to take the necessary action to program for a comprehensive

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initiative on mobilization and organizing of farmers into produce cooperatives.

2. The County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Industry, ICT and cooperatives to take the necessary action to develop a Bill on Kitui county cooperative societies for enactment by this Assembly.
3. The County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Water and Irrigation to develop policy and program for urgent establishment of a Kitui County strategic grain reserves and cereals produce board.

(Hon Dominic Kauthi)

(Resumption of debate deferred on 13th April, 2014 in the afternoon sitting)

****Denotes order of the day****
