

Kitui County Assembly

THE HANSARD

First County Assembly – Third Session

Wednesday 10 June, 2015

The County Assembly met at 2.41 PM

(The Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto) entered the Chamber at nineteen minutes to three O'clock accompanied by the Mace)

(The Mace is placed on the Table)

PRAYERS

(The Speaker assumed the Chair after reciting the prayer)

The Speaker (Hon. Ndotto): Next Order

The Clerk (Ms Lucy Waema): Order No. 1, Administration of oath.

The Speaker: Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 2, Communication from the Chair.

The Speaker: Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 3, Messages.

The Speaker: Next Order

The Clerk: Order No. 4, Petitions.

The Speaker: Next Order

The Clerk: Order No. 5, Papers. Report on Consideration and vetting of members of the Kitui County Lands Management Board.

The Speaker: Hon Members this will not be done now. The report is ready but there is something which is not ready and it is a requirement. I therefore defer this one to tomorrow or maybe another day. Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 6, Notices of Motions.

The Speaker: Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 7, Statements.

The Speaker: Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 8, Commencement of business. The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015 (County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015) Second Reading.

The Speaker: Chairperson, committee on Budget and Appropriation.

Hon. Anthony Muthui: Thank you very much Mr Speaker sir. I wish to move **THAT**, the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, (County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015) be now read a Second Time.

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In that Mr. Speaker, I want to urge hon members to approve this Bill. It is a short bill and it is in line with what we passed last week but one, the second supplementary budget.

Basically the executive is reallocating funds from areas of low absorption to the areas of high absorption. Therefore Mr. Speaker, since the year is almost over, I want to urge this hon house to consider passing this Bill as quickly as possible so that these funds can be absorbed before the end of the financial year.

With those remarks I would like to ask hon Mary Ndumbu to second the motion.

(Hon Mary Ndumbu seconded the Motion by rising and bowing)

The Speaker: Can I have the paper?

(Hon Muthui handed over the motion to the Speaker)

The Speaker: Hon Members I now want to propose the question that the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, (County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015) be now read a Second Time.
Anybody who wants to contribute?

(Silence)

The Speaker: Anybody who wants to say something about this Bill during the second reading?

(Silence)

The Speaker: May I put the question?

The Members: Yes

The Speaker: I have no option but to put the question, Hon Members wish to propose that the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, (County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015) be now read a Second Time.

As many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say No!

(Silence)

The Speaker: The Ayes have it. Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 9. Committee of the whole County Assembly. The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, (County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015). To execute business as annexed.

(The Members stood up in their places and the mace placed in the lower bracket as the Speaker vacated the Chair to pave way for Hon Stephen Kithuka-a members of the Speaker's Panel to chair the proceedings of the Committee of the whole County Assembly)

Hon. Stephen Kithuka (Chairman, Committee of the whole County Assembly): Hon Members, I wish to welcome you to the Committee of the Whole House so that we may consider this Supplementary Appropriations Bill II. Next, Clerk.

The Clerk: Clause 2.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Chairman I wish to move that clause 2 as printed be part of the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon members I now propose the question which is that Clause 2 as printed be part of the Bill.

(Silence)

The Chairman: I will put the question which is that Clause 2 as printed be part of the Bill.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay!

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it. Clerk, Next.

The Clerk: Clause 3.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Chairman, I again wish to move that clause 3 as printed be part of the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon members I propose that Clause 3 as printed be part of the Bill.

(Silence)

The Chairman: I now put the question which is that Clause 3 as printed be part of the Bill.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay!

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it. Clerk, Next.

The Clerk: Clause 4.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Chairman I wish again to move that clause 4 as printed be part of the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon members I propose the question which is that Clause 4 as printed be part of the Bill.

(Silence)

The Chairman: I put the question which is that Clause 4 as printed be part of the Bill.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay!

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it. Clerk, Next.

The Clerk: First Schedule.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Chairman I again wish to move that the First Schedule as printed be the First Schedule to the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon members I now propose the question which is that the First Schedule as printed be the First Schedule to the Bill.

(Silence)

The Chairman: I put the question which is that the First Schedule as printed be the First Schedule to the Bill.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay!

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it. Clerk, Next.

The Clerk: Second Schedule.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Chairman I again wish to move that the Second Schedule as printed be the second Schedule to the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon members I propose the question which is that the Second Schedule as printed be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

Hon. Nzungi Ngwele: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to make a quick comment on not specifically this second schedule but the votes that are referred to in clause four of the bill and particularly in relation to R104 which affects the Ministry for Basic Education and Skills Development.

As you are aware, I chair the sectoral committee on Basic Education and what this bill will do is to effectively return money to the tune of Ksh 16, 800, 000 which is part of the block budget of Ksh 116 million shillings that is going to the Governor's office.

In the first supplementary budget, we had asked the government to factor in a total of Ksh 7.2 million to meet salary arrears for 77 ECDE teachers who had been working for one year without being paid and that

money was provided for in the supplementary budget. These amendments now contained in the second supplementary budget effectively is returning that money to the office of the governor.

I wanted to say that it should be noted by this House because the hon members will be asking the committee what happened to the payments of arrears to those teachers and also to request the hon chair, budget and appropriations committee to kindly note that still as we end this financial year that money has not been provided for. So that it needs to be factored in this financial year's budget. Because those teachers had taught for a whole year without being paid, we tried to make an effort to make provision for their payments for that one year and actually the budget committee made a very great effort to give that money from somewhere, but now it is going back to the office of the governor to meet services there.

The picture is that this budget was complicated by the budget ceilings. The directions by the commission on revenue allocations which brought in the budget ceilings such that this second supplementary budget had to be done so that ministries could align their budgets to their annual expenditure that they incurred. So it is not as if that this could have been avoided. It was unavoidable and that money had to go back to the office of the governor. So kindly chair I request the chairman of the budget and appropriations to note that, that money has not been provided for and we really have to provide for it in the upcoming budget. Thank you.

The Chairman: Very well said hon Ngwele and I am sure you are a member of the said budget committee. Hon chair, budget and appropriation take note of the member's concern who is also the chairman of the committee on education so that it is captured in the budget for the next financial year if that will be appropriate. Any other member with another concern?

Hon members I will now put the question which is that the Second Schedule as printed be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay.

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it. Clerk, Next.

The Clerk: Long Title.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Chairman I wish to move that the Long title as printed be the title to the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon members I propose the question which is that the Long title as printed be the title to the Bill.

(Silence)

The Chairman: I will put the question that the Long title as printed be the title to the Bill.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay.

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it. Clerk, Next.

The Clerk: Clause 1.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Chairman I wish also to move that clause 1 as printed be part of the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon members I propose the question which is that Clause 1 as printed be part of the Bill.

(Silence)

The Chairman: I will put the question which is that Clause 1 as printed be part of the Bill.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay.

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it. Hon chair.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Thank you very much Mr Chairman. I wish to move THAT, the Committee of the whole house do report its consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015 and its approval thereof, without amendments.

The Chairman: Hon members I now propose the question which is that, the Committee of the whole house do report its consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015 and its approval thereof, without amendments.

(Silence)

The Chairman: Hon members I now put the question which is that, the Committee do report its consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015 and its approval thereof, without amendments.

Will as many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say Nay!

(Silence)

The Chairman: The Ayes have it.

(Once again, the Members stood up in their places, the Mace raised to the upper bracket and hon Kithuka left the chair as the Speaker re-entered the Chamber after the committee of the whole house concluded its business)

The Speaker: Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 10, Report of the Committee to the Plenary. Chairperson, Committee of the whole house.

Hon. Stephen Kithuka (The Chairman-Committee of Supply): Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to report, THAT, the Committee of the whole house has considered the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015, County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015 and approved the same without amendments.

The Speaker: Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 11, Motion- Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Hon. Anthony Muthui: Mr Speaker Sir, I wish to move, **THAT**, the house do agree with the committee in the said report.

The Speaker: Hon members I wish to propose the question that the house do agree with the committee in the said report.

(Silence)

The Speaker: Hon members I put the question which that the house do agree with the committee in the said report.

As many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say No!

(Silence)

The Speaker: The Ayes have it. Next Order.

The Clerk: Order No. 12, Motion on The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015. Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015. Third Reading. Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Speaker Sir, I wish to move THAT, the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015. County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015, be now read a Third Time.

The Speaker: Hon members I wish to propose that the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015. County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015, be now read a Third Time.

We are coming to the end of this, anyone who wants to say something? Because it is now going to be law in the next few minutes.

(Silence)

The Speaker: I wish to put the question that the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II, 2015. County Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2015, be now read a Third Time.

As many as are of that opinion say Aye!

Members: Aye!!!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say No!

(Silence)

The Speaker: The Ayes have it.

The Clerk: Third Reading. A Bill for; An act of County Assembly of Kitui to authorize the issue of a sum of money out of the County Revenue Fund and its application towards the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 2015 and to appropriate those sums for certain public services and purposes.

The Speaker: Hon Muthui what do you say?

Hon Anthony Muthui: Mr Speaker sir I want to take this opportunity to thank the hon members for passing this Bill without a lot of questions. As I had said, it is a short Bill, it does not require additional funding it was just re-allocation of funds from areas of low absorption to areas of high absorption. So Mr Speaker I want to ask the executive, now that the bill has been approved by this assembly, to move with speed and implement these projects which have been allocated these funds so that by the end of the financial year, the funds are fully absorbed.

With those few remarks Mr Speaker sir I wish to say, thank you very much.

The Speaker: That is excellent, you have approved the bill in a very short time which means you had read and had no issues with the bill as Mr Muthui says, it is just re-allocation of funds not requesting for additional funds.

That brings us to the end of today's order paper. There is no any other business now in the order paper and therefore we can adjourn the house until tomorrow.

(Adjournment)

The Speaker: Hon members, the house now stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30PM.

The County Assembly rose at 3.01PM.