

Kitui County Assembly

THE HANSARD

First County Assembly - Second Session

Wednesday 12th November, 2014

The County Assembly met at 9:47AM

(The Speaker {Hon. George Ndotto} entered the Chamber at Thirteen minutes to ten O'clock accompanied by the Mace)

{PRAYER}

The Speaker:(Hon. George Ndotto): Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk:(Lucy Waema): Order No. 1, Administration of Oath.

The Speaker: Next Order.

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

The Speaker: Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk: Order No. 3, Messages.

The Speaker: Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk: Order No. 4, Petitions.

The Speaker: Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk: Order No. 5, Papers

The Speaker: Next order.

The County Assembly Clerk:Order No.6, Notices of motions.

The Speaker: Next order.

The County Assembly Clerk:Order No.7, Statements.

The Speaker: Next order.

The County Assembly Clerk:Order No.8, Motions and Bills.Commencement of business. Motion on approval of committee report on consideration of the guidelines for the implementation of the community level infrastructure and pro-poor programs-chairperson committee on administration and co-ordination of county affairs.

(Hon. Mwove Kinyala attempted to rise)

The Speaker: Order, order! This is a resumption of the debate we stopped last time. We want to resume so that we can dispose of the matter, but I see the chairman wanting to say something before we resume the debate.

Hon. Mwove Kinyala:Thank you Mr Speaker for noticing that I was almost standing. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. I know we are supposed to resume the debate on the pro-poor programs and the community level infrastructure MrSpeaker. I know the debate went on well but there were a few areas that members had a problem with Mr Speaker, 75% of what the committee brought was okay to the members of this assembly but a small portion of 25% which is very sensitive Mr speaker, had a few issues that the members wanted to look into before we clear with the matter.

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Mr Speaker I know that we had a whole week retreat and both the members and the committee was not able to consult before we resumed business yesterday Mr Speaker. We have not had enough time to do so. Because of this matter that we still want to consult with the members of the assembly especially on the 25% of the community level infrastructure which covers an area wider than a ward and I know that is the major part that had a problem.

Mr Speaker sir, I was seeking the leave of this house to defer this debate until tomorrow in the afternoon so that we may consult with members of the assembly, we may also consult as members of the committee and also the committee wants to consult a little bit on financing Mr speaker and I can assure you that once the debate resumes tomorrow, we shall do all that is within the ability of the committee to ensure that we have done the right consultation tomorrow Mr speaker sir, I can assure you that we are going to clear with the issues concerning the pro-poor programs and the community level infrastructure program. So I am just seeking the leave of the house that we defer this debate until tomorrow in the afternoon session. Thank you MrSpeaker sir.

(Hon. Titus Mbiti rose in his place)

Hon. Titus Mbiti: Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I want to agree with the honourable member, the chair of that committee Mr Speaker. I have a few words to say about that motion or rather what we are going to discuss about the guidelines programs.

Mr Speaker sir, you understand that these guidelines were supposed to be here last year and there has been a delay on that and we have an information which is not confirmed Mr speaker that what we are trying to discuss here is still going on at the ground Mr speaker. we might be caught up because the executive brought those guidelines here for us to approve so they can hide behind that Mr speaker that have delayed this thing and they continue to break the law and they will blame this house because we are not doing enough to confirm what they have brought here . So I urge honourable members to be keen on this and if we agree on tomorrow let us do this thing and finish MrSpeaker. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Kithuka: Thank you MrSpeaker sir. I am a member of the said committee on Administration and Coordination of County Affairs and I agree with what our chairman has proposed; that yes, the way honourable member from Nguutani has said, we have been working on these guidelines for quite some time and Mr speaker, these guidelines are the back bone of what we as elected members either specially or by vote are about Mr speaker. That is why we have taken so long because we don't want to make a mistake on these guidelines because if we do that Mr speaker, we will have committed a big crime to ourselves and the people that we represent. We therefore request and support what our chairman is suggesting that you allow us to discuss this with the other honourable members of the assembly, we dispose of this matter once and for all tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Kasimu: Thank you MrSpeaker for giving me the opportunity. I also want to comment on the seeking of leave as our chairman has requested. I support him because I belong to that committee. I understand that most of the honourable members in this house have a problem with those guidelines especially the place of one million and since we want to consult with the honourable members. It is also good to be with them, consult wisely so that as we pass them, we do not make any mistake that will haunt us in the future. Otherwise I support the request by the chairman. Thank you.

The Speaker: Well, I think the mood of the house is that we hold the debate until tomorrow in the afternoon. I am going to allow it very reluctantly because these regulations have been moving up and down for quite some time. As honourable Kithuka has said although

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from a different angle, this is the back bone of what you consider hectic projects in your wards. I will accept this on one condition that the chairman has promised we do it and finish up with it tomorrow.

I will not allow any more delay on this tomorrow please come prepared we finish it either way tomorrow because soon or later we are going to be accused of sitting on these things which is not the case. But soon or later someone is going to say that all the bills and legislations are with the assembly and nothing is coming out of it. I plead with you that tomorrow in the afternoon you come prepared to finish up this. If there are any consultations amongst yourselves or between you and the assembly, the chairman will spearhead that to make sure it is complete. The necessary amendments on this must be on my desk two hours before that is it must be on my table this afternoon so that it can be included in the order paper.

The second point I want to say and I have said it before but I want to remind you is that; these bills/regulations belong to the executive they don't belong to the assembly. I want you to understand me honourable members. The executive is mandated to achieve something and they are making rules/laws/regulations to achieve what they set to achieve in the beginning when they went to ask for votes. Ours is to assist them to achieve that which they want to by the ways of making the laws.

As you consider amendments, remember that the regulations belong to the executive and you want to assist them to assist the wards. Do not make adjustments which will portray that the regulations are ours. No, they belong to the executive, ours is to make sure they are within the law and they serve the people we want them to serve. If you want to do something, bring it and then you say what you want to say in your bill, that one the house will agree with you. Otherwise we agree with the chairman to push the debate. Since we had not put anything else for discussion in the order paper this morning, it is unfortunate we have to adjourn the house because of lack of business. Let us rise to adjourn the house.

(Members rose in their places)

The Speaker: Honourable members, the house now stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30pm.

The County Assembly rose at 10:01AM.