

Kitui County Assembly

THE HANSARD

First County Assembly – First Session

Thursday, 1st August 2013

The County Assembly met at 2:30pm

[The Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

(Motion: Honourable Alex Mwendwa Munyoki – Select & Sectoral Committee Membership)

Hon. Munyoki: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir,

I beg to move that pursuant to the provisions of the Interim County Assembly Standing Orders numbers 154 and 159 respectively, that the County Assembly does approve the membership to the Select and Sectoral Committees as follows:

Select Committee members:

COUNTY ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Hon. Ruth Kinyumu

SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. Hon. Phoebe Kisee

COUNTY ASSEMBLY BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Hon. Mrs Mary Ndumbu

IMPLEMENTATION & DELEGATED LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

1. Hon. John K Nyamai
2. Hon. Angelina M. Kanza
3. Hon. Irene C. Muvea

Departmental/Sectoral Committee members:

AGRICULTURE, WATER & IRRIGATION

1. Hon. Jane Mueni Muli

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BASIC EDUCATION, TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

1. Hon. Jemimah Mbiti
2. Hon. Yestantinah M. Chawana
3. Hon. Mrs Mary Ndumbu

LANDS, INFRASTRUCTURE & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Hon. Irene C. Muvea
2. Hon. Mary Mbandi
3. Hon. Alex Mutambu Nganga
4. Hon. Beatrice V. Musyoka

TRADE, INDUSTRY, ICT & COOPERATIVES

1. Hon. Mrs Mary Ndumbu
2. Hon. Colleta Kimanzi
3. Hon. Mary Mbandi
4. Hon. Angelina M. Kanza

CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORTS & SOCIAL SERVICES

(Members start consulting loudly)

The Speaker: Order!Order!Order!Order!Order!

I think there is some confusion somewhere. Honourable Mwendwa you'll continue reading what you have on the paper...

Hon. Munyoki: Thank you.

The Speaker: He's going to clarify.

Hon. Munyoki: Yeah.

CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORTS & SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Hon. Catherine Kasimu
2. Hon. Alex Mutambu Nganga
3. Hon. Jennifer N. Munuve

HEALTH & SANITATION

1. Hon. John K. Nyamai
2. Hon. Mary Mbandi
3. Hon. Beatrice V. Musyoka
4. Hon. Jennifer N. Munuve

ADMINISTRATION & COORDINATION OF COUNTY AFFAIRS

1. Hon. Jennifer N. Munuve
2. Hon. Jemimmah Mbiti

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3. Hon. Catherine Kasimu
4. Hon. Phoebe Kisee

FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Hon. Jamhuri Mwango - Chairperson
2. Hon. Dominic K. Kauthi - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Boniface M. Katumbi - Member
4. Hon. Patrick M. Mutua - Member
5. Hon. Stephen K. Wambua - Member
6. Hon. Joyce M. Mutemi - Member
7. Hon. Karobo M. Musau - Member
8. Hon. Jane M. Muli - Member
9. Hon. Rhoda Wambua - Member
10. Colleta Kimanzi - Member
11. Hon. Alex M. Nganga - Member

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, MINING, NATURAL RESOURCES & TOURISM

1. Hon. Stanislaus Mulongo - Chairperson
2. Hon. James M. Munuve - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Mwendwa Munyoki - Member
4. Hon. Anthony K. Muthui - Member
5. Hon. Felix K. Kinuva - Member
6. Hon. Titus M. Kasinga - Member
7. Hon. Titus N. Mbiti - Member
8. Hon. Allan K. Kavindi - Member
9. Hon. Jonray Ngava - Member
10. Hon. Phoebe Kisee - Member
11. Hon. Ruth Kinyumu - Member

Mr Speaker Sir, before I move, I would like to highlight some changes and clarifications. I think members can see there was a merging of two committees i.e. Environment, Energy and Mining with Natural Resources and Tourism to form one department, and there is a creation of a new department i.e. Finance and Planning Committee; those are the changes which have happened.

I want also to bring to your attention that due to the joining of the new members; the nominated members which of course you say them taking their oath last week. The house has decided to incorporate them into committees so that they might join us in building this county of ours.

So Mr Speaker Sir, with those few words, I beg to move.

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(Applause)

The Speaker: Who is seconding the Motion?

Honourable... your boss wants to second the Motion.

Hon. Ngava: I wanted to say something Mr Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Oh! You wanted to contribute?

Hon. Ngava: Yes Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: No, second. It needs to be seconded; we have not reached debate yet.

Hon. Ngava: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I beg to second the same for approval.

The Speaker: Now Honourable Members, I propose that the members named here be members of their respective committees as proposed.

Now you can maybe say something about it now. Let's see Honourable Mwango.

Hon. Mwango: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Mr Speaker I want to support the Motion and some few amendments, but Mr Speaker I can see in these committees as per the Standing Orders that some of the people have gone into committees only once. I don't know whether there is another balancing which is coming or what. So Mr Speaker I want to say that if there is something to do with fixing other members; another balancing Mr Speaker which will come, you can as well do that because I can see one person here who I have identified and seen that he/she has gone only into one committee – by the name Honourable Yestantinah Chawana.

The Speaker: Order! I think that must be an omission. Isn't it? It can't be intentional. Is that the position?

The clerk who was taking minutes this morning confirmed all was well. What has happened? Chawana is in only one committee, is it?

Order! Point noted, it is an omission, it has to be corrected and I'm going to cause it to be corrected. Thank you Honourable Mwango for bringing it to my attention.

Yes Honourable Minority leader Mwandia.

Hon. Hussein: Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand to pinpoint a few omissions in this list Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, as I do understand, all committees Mr Speaker are equal in this house Mr Speaker, and Mr Speaker it is unfortunate Mr Speaker; and I'm lamenting Mr Speaker because Mr Speaker I do believe that the Select Committee has all the mandate to arrange and include all the members in specific committees Mr Speaker. And Mr Speaker this morning of 1st Aug 2013 Mr Speaker, we had a meeting, and what we deliberated

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Mr Speaker is not what is appearing here Mr Speaker. I wonder if there is another committee outside which has overtaken our mandate Mr Speaker and overturned our recommendations.

(Applause)

Hon. Hussein: Mr Speaker, what we agreed is exactly out of this list Mr Speaker. Secondly Mr Speaker, I think each and every member in his/her file should be having a copy of the same Mr Speaker. So Mr Speaker I urge this honourable house to refer the matter back to the committee Mr Speaker.

I beg to oppose this list Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Okay, Order! Honourable Mwove.

Hon. Mwove: Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mine is some discrepancies or omissions that I have seen. I don't know whether it is my paper that is wrong, because I believe this is the right paper unless I did not hear the Majority Chief Whip properly: Thursday 1st August 2013 at 2:30pm. And on Finance and Planning Committee, the paper that I'm holding reads the chairman as Jamhuri Mwango, the vice chairman is Stephen K. Wambua. And then the Members are Honourable Katumbi, Dominic Kauthi... but now from what was read by the Chief Whip read that the chairman is Jamhuri Mwango, and the vice chairman is Dominic K. Kauthi. So maybe there is a mistake there or maybe the paper that I'm holding is the one which has a mistake.

The other thing that I've noticed is that on Environment, Energy, Mining, Natural Resources and Tourism whereby Honourable James N. Munuve is named as the vice chair and I understand, unless there was some changes, he was the vice chair in Culture, Youth, Sports and Social services. So I wanted to be corrected on that Mr Speaker unless I'm wrong or the paper that I'm holding has some maybe omissions, mistakes and discrepancies.

Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Yes Honourable Mwango... No! No! No! No! You have already spoken; you can't speak twice.

Hon. Mwango: I wanted to respond to that Honourable Member...

The Speaker: No you can't speak twice!

Munuve.

Hon. Munuve: Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mine is just clarification from the mover of the Motion. I would like to know whether the Honourable nominated members were consulted before they were slotted in these...

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The Speaker: Out of Order! They don't have to be consulted! That's the work of the Leader of Majority and the Chief Whip to slot members into committees and take the list to the committee for approval before it comes here.

Yes Honourable Mwathi.

Hon. Mwathi: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I stand to oppose the Motion.

In our meeting, Basic Education, Training and Skills Development, I'm just giving an example, we had proposed the Honourable Jemimah Mbiti, Yestantinah Chawana and Rhoda Wambua. But in this list that I have, we have Honourable Mary Ndumbu. So it seems like there was another meeting for selection.

Thank you.

(Applause)

The Speaker: Well... Order! Honourable Chief Whip. Something is not right. And therefore for us to continue, we have to put things right. It seems like as if somebody interfered with the list after the committee approved it.

(Applause)

I will therefore order for the withdrawal of this list. You go and sort out this list, and it should be resubmitted... We are not meeting until Tuesday. Is it? Therefore this list has to be brought to the house again on Tuesday at 2:30pm.

The way to do it... Order!

The way to do it is to take it back to the committee to slot back the names that you had agreed. And I do not... because the list that I have from the committee should be the final list. It's a simple matter; just reinsert the names as they were in the committee - period. Nothing more! The only change that can be authorised is when there is a committee with 12 people; somebody from that committee has to be moved to another committee. Otherwise the rest should be as it was when the Select Committee approved the list. And there are no discussions, no consultations, no favours, nothing should be done. Am I very clear?

(Applause)

The Speaker: I don't want anybody to say I want to be in this committee or any chairman to say I don't want this person in this committee or anybody to say I don't want this. It is the work of the Chief

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Whips and the Leader of Majority and Minority in consultation with my office to slot the names and you approve. Yours is to reject or to approve. And therefore... Order! Order! The Select Committee does not have to meet again; they met this morning, and I know the list they approved. That's the list I want! Period!

Next Motion.

(Private Member's Motion: Honourable Peter Mutemi)

Hon. Mutemi: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Interim County Assembly Standing Order number 30 (1) as read together with Standing Order number 49 (b), Mr Speaker Sir, I seek leave to move a Motion to discuss a definite matter of urgent county importance by this honourable house.

Mr Speaker Sir that on the 26th day of July 2013, there was the Kitui County Stakeholders Forum organised at the Kenya Forestry Research Centre in Kitui County by the executive to outline policy and system milestones achieved since coming to the office of the County Government of Kitui. Aware that Honourable Members of this house attended the function in their official capacity as leaders representing all 40 County Wards. Appreciating that matters of county importance, which include a report given by the executive on the achievements within the first 100 days by the County Government, further appreciating that during the stakeholders forum, a roadmap to development trajectory of the County of Kitui was also outlined by the executive noting provision of article 195 of the Kenya Constitution (2010), read together with section 8(e) and (f) of the County Governments' Act (2012), understanding that this honourable house is a very important organ in spearheading positive and successful development of this county. Mr Speaker Sir, I urge this assembly to comment, discuss and move recommendations with reference to this Kitui County stakeholders Forum which was organised on the 26th day of July 2013 and attended by majority of these Honourable Members.

Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move.

The Speaker: Yes, unless there is a seconder, the Motion dies. Is there anybody to second Honourable Mutemi?

You did not do your lobbying well Mutemi!

(Honourable Kasinga stands and bows to signify that he seconds)

The Speaker: Oh, honourable Kasinga is on his feet. Seconded. Thank you.

I will propose that pursuant to Interim County Assembly Standing Order number 30 (1) as read together with Standing Order number 49 (b), this house gives leave to move a Motion to discuss a definite matter of urgent county importance by this honourable house as follows:

That on the 26th day of July 2013, there was the Kitui County Stakeholders Forum organised at the Kenya Forestry Research Centre in Kitui County by the executive to outline policy and system milestones achieved since coming to the office of the County Government of Kitui. Aware that Honourable Members of this house attended the function in their official capacity as leaders representing all 40 County Wards. Appreciating that matters of county importance, which include a report given by the executive on the achievements within the first 100 days by the County Government, further appreciating that during the stakeholders forum, a roadmap to development trajectory of the County of Kitui was also outlined by the executive noting provision of article 195 of the Kenya Constitution (2010), read together with section 8(e) and (f) of the County Governments' Act (2012), understanding that this honourable house is a very important organ in spearheading positive and successful development of this county. Mr Speaker Sir, I urge this assembly to comment, discuss and move recommendations with reference to this Kitui County stakeholders Forum which was organised on the 26th day of July 2013 and attended by majority of these Honourable Members.

That's the question I have proposed.

The way to go is; if you want to support the Motion, or to oppose the Motion, now this is the time to do it. Should the house give permission to members to air their views on the forum or they should not? That's the question.

Okay, I'll put the question:

Which is that the house does agree with the mover of the Motion that the house be allowed to make comments on the stakeholders meeting.

As many as are of that opinion say AYE!

Members: AYE!

As many as are of the contrary opinion say NO!

Members: NO!

(Members engage in loud consultations as no clear side wins the call)

The Speaker: I will repeat the question to make me determine the correct position.

As many as are of that opinion say AYE!

Members: AYE!

As many as are of the contrary opinion say NO!

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Members: NO!

The Speaker: The AYEs have it!

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Now, the way to go about it; you are not discussing anything other than maybe complementing, giving ideas, giving views, how you saw it, what you thought was good, what you think can improve, full stop. It's just commenting on policy issues.

Right, anybody who wants to say something about the meeting?

Order! Order! Order!

Majority, Minority... can I give... what?

Hon. Hussein: Can you please repeat the question so that members can take their sides again?

The Speaker: [*holding Standing Orders up*] I want you to read this book very carefully again. We are past that one!

Honourable... yes.

Hon. Mwendu: It seems we are more confused than ever. I may request the Honourable Member; Peter Mutemi to shed light for us as pertains this Motion because we are in the dark.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: No, I think I'll help Honourable Mutemi; if you have nothing to say about the Stakeholders Meeting, we simply stop. Isn't it?

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Order! Order! You don't have to say anything; we can just bypass that one and go to the next order. You don't have to say anything. don't say anything that you had not planned to say.

Let me hear what Mwove is saying.

Hon. Mwove: Thank you Mr Speaker.

This being a Private Member's Motion that has come to this house, I'm supporting it. But there are things I wanted to comment on because I think we can comment; because the way the Motion has been stated, the work of the assembly is to be allowed to comment, discuss, move amendments in reference with this Kitui County Stakeholders Forum. The big thing, because I'm supporting the Motion, I feel that I have the feeling of the house that this maybe did not belong to the house. But my thinking is; Mr Speaker I feel our comments and maybe discussions and recommendations if adopted by this house by a future such forum, I think more can be done and this house can be included because we are part and parcel of the County Government although we have the Executive and the Legislature. So I feel Mr Speaker because I'm supporting the Motion, it is

good that we discuss it because there might be things that happened there that maybe the members did not like, or there are things that took place there that this house can make recommendations and we have a better forum of such nature in future.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Honourable... That gentleman at the back!

Hon. Kithuka: Thank you Mr Speaker.

I'm Kithuka from Mutonguni Ward...

The Speaker: Sorry, I had not seen you. I thought it was somebody else...

Hon. Kithuka: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I want to contribute to this Motion. But Mr Speaker, the meeting that was held on the said date was a very important meeting Mr Speaker Sir, and what was discussed during that meeting was of great importance to this county. But Mr Speaker, majority of our electorate complained that maybe the system that was used to select those who would attend that function, Mr Speaker it was not very impressive to them. Because Mr Speaker they were wondering whether there are special people to go and attend the governor's meeting and be told the successes of 100 days. So Mr Speaker I wanted to suggest that if the executive could in future maybe have an open air kind of gathering Mr Speaker where every member of this county is free to attend. We know there are logistics where the executive has maybe to feed people and that kind of thing, but what our people are looking for Mr Speaker is to understand what the County Government has for them.

The other aspect Mr Speaker that I wanted to talk about Mr Speaker is that as Honourable Members, when we arrived at the venue, we felt quite lost. Mr Speaker, there were no seats reserved for members of this honourable house, and our electorate were seated and we could see them struggling so that we could get somewhere to rest our... somewhere to rest our bodies. Also when it came to taking that 10 O'clock tea or whatever time it was Mr Speaker, Honourable Members had to struggle together with the electorate to get a cup and it was very frustrating. Actually Mr Speaker I want to say that most of us went without the tea. Myself as I was arriving to where the tea was being served, I was accompanied by Honourable...

(Hon. Hussein rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker: Yes Honourable Mwandia.

Hon. Hussein: Mr Speaker, is it in order for an honourable member of this house Mr Speaker to talk about tea, while there are very important issues to be discussed in this house Mr Speaker?

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(Laughter)

The Speaker: Order! Order! It is his constitutional right to say what he thinks...

(Laughter)

Hon. Kithuka: Thank you Mr Speaker...

The Speaker: Order! Order! It is his constitutional right to say whatever he wants to say, although I agree with you; we should be discussing very important issues...

(Laughter)

The Speaker: But I think he has got the right to say what he thinks should be said. But also at the same time you are right; this is the time to talk about policies, not small little things.

You can continue Honourable Member.

Hon. Kithuka: Thank you Mr Speaker.

I was just giving an example of how the rights and privileges of members Mr Speaker are violated when we are at public function, not specifically Mr Speaker, but I was just using tea as an example. Some of us Mr Speaker, when there is no tea they get sick.

Mr Speaker I'm done. Thank you.

The Speaker: Honourable Mbandi... Mrs Mbandi.

Hon. Mbandi: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

I think the members of this house and the letters which had invited them, and it had also stated the agenda of the day. It had talked about the logo, the emblem and also electrification of this county. I thought those were the issues which His Excellency the Governor wanted the stakeholders to discuss. And although Mr Speaker it was discussed, as these members are saying; they were not given a chance to air their views. And when the stakeholders tried to discuss about the emblem, I don't think they were taken seriously. I remember we were given some papers to write what we think about what we think about the county, but those papers were not collected. So I think the invitees gave up, and those papers were finally scattered everywhere. I think it was a very important forum, but as the members are saying, they should have been given a chance earlier to look at that emblem and the logo, so that they can comment on them from an informed position. The people who commented and most of us also, when we looked at that emblem we thought it was too crowded, and there was no....

The Speaker: Order! Order Honourable Mbandi! Order!

I want to let you know that the flag, the logo, the seal, the emblem and what a view will have to come to this house for approval. So let us not anticipate... in fact I cautioned the Governor at the conference when he said: "When these people have approved these in the assembly..." I told him no. I cautioned him and told him you cannot discuss anything about the assembly outside the assembly. So even if you did not get a chance to comment about the items, they will be forwarded to me, they'll be brought to me for discussion and approval. What will be the flag of this county, the seal, the logo; the final product will be approved by this house.

Hon. Mbandi: Thank you Mr Speaker for that information, I didn't know that it was supposed to come to the house, because as you say, the Governor was already feeling that whatever we were discussing was endorsed by all the stakeholders. But if it is coming to this house, I support the Motion and I hope that we shall be able to discuss about the whole thing when it comes to the assembly.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Yes Senator... eh, Mwingi Central.

Hon. Munyasya: Thank you Mr Speaker.

I wanted to comment on the conference and say that it was okay, though according to me, the timing Mr Speaker was not in order because the Governor should have brought the logo, the Coat of Arms, the emblem...

(Honourable Kasinga rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker: Order! Yes Bwana Kasinga.

Hon. Kasinga: Mr Speaker Sir, is the Honourable Member for Mwingi Central to continue commenting about something that you have already ruled about; the issue of the emblem?

The Speaker: He is definitely Out of Order!

Mwingi Central, I've already ruled about that issue because you'll have time to look at it, discuss it, reject, add, subtract. I've already ruled on that one.

Hon. Munyasya: Okay, thank you Mr Speaker. I have agreed with my friend; Honourable Member Kasinga, [chuckles] though it is unfamiliar for him to interject like that, especially when it me who is on the floor talking.

(Laughter)

Hon. Munyasya: The other thing that I wanted to talk about is something which has been touched on by the Honourable Member for

Mutonguni though he has gone so deep. I wanted to say Mr Speaker that these Honourable Members should be recognised in such forums; for example there should be a sitting arrangement for them. It is so bad when an Honourable Member comes and finds that all seats are taken and he leans on the walls because he has an interest of listening to what is happening. So Mr Speaker in future, when we have such conferences or such occasions, let there be an arrangement for Honourable Members. But when it comes to taking tea, I totally disagree with my colleague here; when it comes to such a time, we should take tea with members of the public; our electorate, because that is the time to interact with them.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Yes, those are the views of member for Mwingi Central.

Let's now hear what Honourable Mulongo is saying. You are telling us about mining?

Hon. Mulongo: Thank you Mr Speaker.

I want to contribute about the forum which was held at KEFRI. Mr Speaker Sir, as most of the Honourable Members would concur with me; before that forum, especially I as a representative of a ward, I was getting a lot of calls from my electorate asking where we are since we were elected as a county. Because we were given a mandate to run the affairs of this county. Most of the electorate were lost; they never knew what we have been doing since the Governor took his oath and we as Members of County Assembly also took an oath. They were asking where we had taken the county. So mine is to support the forum; the idea by the Governor was very important, and it was timely. After the forum, Kitui County citizens got to learn about the 100 days since we were elected; that we have at least gone some steps towards good governance of this county. I would urge and request Honourable Members in this house to emulate what the Governor did; we go to our wards and also call the stakeholders, because not all of them attended, and give them our scorecard for those 100 days, including that of the Governor and us as an assembly. Because that is the only way they can get to know what is happening; most of them don't get the chance to come and listen to what is happening here in this house, most of them don't even know whether we had something like a budget and we passed the budget, some of us don't know whether we have that strategy paper for the county. So I think it is a very good idea if we as Members of County Assembly embrace it.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Jamhuri...

Hon. Mwangi: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

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Mr Speaker I think the executive and the County Assembly are very important entities in this county. Mr Speaker the reason you find members lamenting about that organisation is that several times the executive organises the functions of the Governor, but sometimes... not even sometimes, always, this assembly is not consulted Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker I wanted to say that maybe the Governor doesn't know about this; the poor planning of the events – official and social functions of the Governor. Mr Speaker, whoever who is organising the events for the Governor do not recognise this institution. Mr Speaker I want to say this; if the executive is not recognising this institution, then this institution should not recognise the executive.

(Honourable Kilonzo rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker: Yes Honourable Kilonzo.

Hon. Kilonzo: Mr Speaker, is the Honourable Member in order to continue casually repeating 'institution', 'institution', 'institution' which institution is this? I thought we are an honourable house and not just an institution?

The Speaker: Which institutions are you referring to Jamhuri?

Hon. Mwango: Mr Speaker I wanted to say that... first of all thank you my learned friend...

(Laughter)

Hon. Mwango: But Mr Speaker I want to say that English is an ambiguous language where we can use any word. I've travelled to so many places and...

(Honourable Kilonzo gives Honourable Ngoima a thunderous 'hi-five in the air and they laugh nonchalantly)

The Speaker: Order! Honourable Kilonzo and Ngoima!

Hon. Mwango: Yeah, I was saying that English...

The Speaker: Order! Order! Order! Order Members! That is totally Out of Order the two members; Ngoima and Kilonzo! We are not outside the chamber! You cannot greet each other as if we are outside the chamber!

(Laughter)

Hon. Mwango: Thank you Mr Speaker for your protection.

Mr Speaker, I was saying that English is an ambiguous language, you can consult your ideal teacher when you want to know what I'm saying.

So Mr Speaker I'm saying this; there must be some coordination between the executive and this house Mr Speaker. I feel that we are often overlooked by the executive when we have meetings. As we were saying when we met with His Excellency the Governor that there must be proper coordination between this house and the executive, so long as we know that we are working towards the same direction. His Excellency the Governor was talking and he was praising this assembly so much because of the coordinated way we are working, but that is not true Mr Speaker. We feel that we should be honoured by the executive because we are working disjointedly. If they want us to work in coordination with them, they should honour this house Mr Speaker.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Alright. Ngoima.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

I want to say that I'm supporting this stakeholders' meeting which we had on 26th...

The Speaker: Order! Order member! Actually that is what we are doing; we are supporting the stakeholders' forum or we are not supporting, and we are giving views. We are not supporting Mutemi's Motion; *hiyo tumemaliza* – we have finished with that one. Go on.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you.

What I want to say as my contribution to that meeting we had is that in future, maybe I can suggest, because we have radio stations in Ukambani or in Kitui County, you find that the people who came to that meeting were very few, and because we wanted to reach to everybody in Kitui County to know what we have done, what the Governor has done within 100 days. I think in future it's better for our radio stations to be involved so that the meeting, the speech of the governor is covered live by these radio stations we have, namely: *Syokimau, Mwatu, Musyi, Athiani, Wikwatyo* and many others I have left. So this component was missing, but it could have been live because it could have reached everybody within the county.

The Speaker: Very well. Honourable Kasinga.

Hon. Kasinga: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

I want to congratulate the Governor for the good work. The good work was manifested in the scorecard that he gave us for the 100 days that he has been in office. In giving his scorecard, as one of my colleagues has said, the Governor brought to the limelight the good side of this assembly. And I believe the many people who attended the forum went home knowing that there is a County Assembly in Kitui that is actually working for the greater good of the county. There were so many things that were

highlighted there, and I don't want to bore the house by repeating them, but one thing that remains memorable to me is that the people I interacted with were very happy with this County Assembly. Happy in the sense that they heard that we are practicing zero tolerance as far as corruption is concerned. And I think that as Honourable Members, this is something that we should be very proud of. We all know what has been happening, what happens perhaps, and I want to say the rumours that normally come from the National Assembly and other places, we are here and the stakeholders who came to that forum went home knowing that we are employing people without asking for money, and I think that that is something worth being proud of as a house. The Governor praised the Speaker, praised the Members of this Assembly, and this is the way to go. I believe we'll be having more forums like those ones in future, and I'm looking forward perhaps having such a forum, not in a small place like the JICA hall, maybe the BAT grounds or somewhere else that can accommodate a bigger crowd.

When I was reading the write-up of what was going to happen in the forum, I found out that their target was 200 people, and that is maybe why there was a limited number of people, and again we were invited as MCAs but we were not told to bring somebody. I found a number of people from my ward, and I think it was alright. But we can improve on what was happening, otherwise let us encourage the Governor, let us encourage one another because we are just beginning and the sky is the limit.

Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Honourable Kilonzo.

Hon. Kilonzo: *Shukran Bwana Spika.*

Kwanza mimi ni kutoa kwa heshima yangu kuu kwa Bunge hili la Kaunti, na naomba jumba hili kuelewa ya kwamba natoa heshima zangu kwa sababu ya fikira ya Mheshimiwa Gavana kuunda kongamano kama lile ilia je aeleze ni wapi amefikia kwa siku mia moja za kwanza afisini. Ninataka kusema fikira kwa sababu kwa bunge hili, wale labda tunaweza kuchanganyikiwa kidogo ni kwamba Gavana fikira zake zilikuwa sawa, lakini wale ambao waliotwikwa jukumu la kupanga mkutano ule, wale ndio watu wa kuchukua lawama. Na hebu niseme hivi, kama vile Mheshimiwa mwingine amezungumza, ni sawa tunastahili heshima, lakini lawama yote isimwendee Gavana, na wala simtetei. Wale waliokuwa wakiunda kongamano lile kwa njia moja ama nyingine hawakulifanya kisahihi vile ilivyostahili. Upande ule mwingine niliweza kuona walikuwa wamekaa vizuri, lakini sisi Bwana Spika, kulikuwa na mushkil kidogo. Hivi nataka kusema si vizuri sana sisi kama bunge la heshima kuzidi kuzungumza maneno ya chai na chakula; wabunge hawa wako na hiari ya kuchagua kama wanataka kula pale ama kwenda kula Hilton Bwana Spika, ama kula chakula chake kile kizuri. Lakini pia ni maono mazuri, na naona huyo mheshimiwa hakuwa ametoka nje na

kupoteza mwelekeo ila alikuwa akieleza yale ambayo yalimkumba. Mimi kama sikupoteza kuona, niliweza kumuona Mheshimiwa Gavana mwenyewe alikuwa kwenye laini ya kuchukua chakula. Kwa hivyo mimi nataka nitoe heko kwake kwa kuonyeshamfano ambao ulikuwa ni sahihi.

Jambo la pili Bwana Spika ni kusema hivi; sisi kama bunge ambalo lina heshima zetu, na kama umetuongoza mahali pale ambapo tilifaa kusimama. Na ukasema, ukatoa amri ya kwamba wabunge wa bunge la kaunti wazungumze kusema jina na mahali watokako, si sahihi Bwana Spika kwa wabunge wengine kutoa hotuba pale. Na hotuba zingine zilitoa kando ikawa kidogo ni kama tumepoteza mwelekeo. Zingine zikaonyesha ni kama tuko na mgongano katikati, lakini mimi naamini kwamba tumeshikamana na tuko pamoja. Kwa hivyo sisi kama waheshimiwa ni maoni yangu ya kwamba kama tumepewa nafasi na amri kwamba tufanye hivi, ni muhimu kwamba tukae vile.

Bwana Spika jambo la tatu ni hili; hapa kuna watu wanaozungumza wakisema “mimi niko katika serikali,” “mimi niko katika muungano wa kupinga”, pale wabunge wote waliungana kususia kuja pale. Na kama kuna mmoja hapa anasema ati mimi ninapinga bunge lile, wajue wabunge wetu; wawe ni wabunge wa chama kile kimetuleta hapa ama kingine, wajue kwamba wote hawakuja pale. Na hiyo iwe ni ishara dhahiri kwamba wabunge hawatuungi mkono kabisa. Kwa hivyo hapa hivi wakati tunaleta mgawanyiko katikati yetu kusema oh mimi ni TNA, mimi hili na lile wanafurahia. Mtu ambaye mimi nilimuona pale ni mheshimiwa Seneta wetu Bwana David Musila, ndiye pekee alikuja pale. Ingawa tunasema kongamano la washikadau wa kaunti lilikuwa la maana sana, wabunge wetu walikuwa wapi? Mbona hawakuja?

(Applause)

Kwa hivyo tutokapo hapa tukienda kule ujue viwalavyo vimo nguoni mwenu. Nyinyi mnaenda kule mnapata mambo yamesambaratishwa na mheshimiwa ambaye mlichaguliwa pamoja. Sisi kama bunge la kaunti lazima tusimame pamoja, na kwa sababu wao ndio wameleta vita, tuwapige pia. Kwa nini wao hawakuja pale? Nilishanhaa! Na hakuna hata mmoja, sikuskia hata mmoja ambaye alisema haji kwa sababu hili; wote walinyamaza tu kimya na hakuna hata mmoja alikuja. Bwana Spika mimi nasema tuko na vita, na kila mmoja hapa anaskia, na kila mmoja hapa anasoma magazeti, wanaangalia runinga wanaona zile vita ziko; mara sijui maaskari wametolewa kwa huyu wakapewa huyu, nimesoma gazeti leo eti sasa tunahitaji maaskari. Wa kufanya nini? Bwana Spika hilo nimeskia leo na wala sijasoma. Lakini kama serikali imeshindwa kulisha askari wao, sisi hatuna pesa za kutosha kulisha hawa askari. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika mimi

nataka kusema hivi; hao wabunge wetu wapewe maaskari wa kuwachunga, sisi hatutaki askari.

Kwa hivyo mimi ntasema mpango ule ulikuwa ni mpango ulikuwa mahsusi, pia kuna watu, na mahali nilikuwa nimekaa kuna watu walikuja na wao nia yao ilikuwa ni kuja kuskia tunasema yapi, eti hii ni ile serikali ya kaunti tunaskia. Na hebu niwaambieni wabunge wenzangu; hapa kuna watu pale nje wako na muskil, wanasema wao wanataka kuona bunge ile bidii mmeweka waone ikianguka. Wengi wa wale walikuwa wamekaa pale, wengi wao wakija kuskiza tu ili waende kupeleka maneno mtaani. Lakini nafurahia jinsi Mheshimiwa Gavana aliweza kueleza kinagaubaga, akaeleza yale ametenda mpaka hata wale walikuwa wamekunjamana nyuso zao nikaona wakitabasamu. Hiyo ni kumaanisha tunaelekea sawa sawa, kwa hivyo tuungane. Mimi nazungunzia tu muungano wa jumba hili. Lakini kusema oh, huyu ni wa upinzani, oh huyu ni wa chama hiki... wale walikuwa wameungana kususia kongamano lile na hawakuja kabisa. Kwa hivyo nataka kuuliza hawa waheshimiwa wakienda nyumbani walulize waheshimiwa wao wa bunge la kitaifa walikuwa wapi tulipokuwa na kongamano lile la wahika dau wa kaunti ya Kitui.

Asante Bwana Spika.

(Calls for a Point of Information)

The Speaker: Order! Bwana Kilonzo amemaliza, sasa unampatia information wapi? Ameshamaliza tayari, unless you want to contribute on your own. Yes there is a gentleman there, who is it? Oh, Ngwele!

(Laughter)

The Speaker: You were beamed by light so much that I couldn't recognise you. Sorry.

Hon. Ngwele: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

I'm seated at a very unfamiliar place but I'm in excellent company, so I'm not complaining.

(Laughter)

Hon. Ngwele: Thank you. I wanted to make a small contribution to the Motion of the day, but first I wanted to begin by informing the Honourable Member for Athi though belatedly that the Members of Parliament had actually sent their apologies. If I heard the senator correctly, he said that they had sent the Members of Parliament to go to Makueni where there was a by-election and I think the Governor stressed

that, that it was important for them to be there so that the Wiper Democratic Movement party of Kenya that had a candidate there could get justice. That is just by the point of information to the Honourable Member. I don't think that it was a deliberate boycott. Actually to stress that point, I did get a call very early that Friday morning by my own Member of Parliament stating that they would not be coming here and that they had been sent to Makueni. And he was regretting that they had made an arrangement to have a private meeting with the Governor and they thought that it was very important to come but the wiper party said that they should instead go to Makueni. And they went to Makueni.

To comment on that stakeholders' forum, I think my view is that as a Public Relations exercise it was very good. We were there, we felt nice, sometimes, and sometimes not very nice because I think the invitations as somebody spoke about the invitations not being clear on how people were invited to come to that forum. I combed through that crowd and I saw only one lady from Ngomeni ward, and Ngomeni ward is not a very small place to be represented by only one person, and a very unlikely person, actually it's a female shop keeper called Kasyoka wa Munyambu. She's a very important person in Ngomeni but you'd expect that there would have been others coming to attend that forum. So we would kindly request that in future when such forums are organised, the executive takes great care to ensure that there is fair representation of all sectors and all regions of this county and especially of our professionals so that we can have productive discussions at forums like those.

The other small bit Mr Speaker Sir is that I got a bit worried with the officials from state agencies who came there and were trying to use fake statistics to lie to us. I remember particularly a report that was presented there that claimed that electricity coverage for Mwingi North Constituency, I can't speak for any other region, but for Mwingi North Constituency where I come from has electricity coverage of 78 per cent. Really, that is a shameless lie! The ward that I represent – Ngomeni, has four locations, 11 sub-locations and only three out of 11 sub-locations have connection to electricity. And I remember consulting with other members; the Honourable Kasinga was seated close to me at the time and I remember him complaining also that Mumoni and other areas that he has been to – Kyuso, Tseikuru ward, worst of all Tharaka, are all not connected to electricity. So we would be worried Mr Speaker to go to conferences like those or forums like that one and sit there as spectators to watch as state corporation officials tell lies about achievements that they have not made in their work in this county.

Finally Mr Speaker Sir I want to commend the Governor for the scorecard that he gave. Commend particularly also the Senator for the

scorecard that he gave; very good account of his work for the last three months on behalf of this county. And as an elected member of this assembly, I would say that I'm very proud of the track record so far of those two gentlemen. They provide leadership for important issues in our county.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Well, I think we have said just about all we wanted to say. In fact I thought what has been said lately by Kilonzo and Ngwele. That's what I wanted to come out and what others have said. Its good when you have a speech by the president or by the Governor in a meeting like that one for the house to come and open up, say it was good, it was not good, the scorecard was good; you comment. That's why I decided or I have decided to allow his Motion to go through so that you can say what you want to say here, not in the bar, because you are Honourable Members. Not when you are taking a cup of tea. What should be said by Honourable Members about that meeting should be said here. You say it as you have said here; that Members of Parliament maybe were not there, that they were in Makueni, we have known that they were in Makueni, he gave a very good scorecard – the Governor, he gave a very good account of himself, you saw what he said, you have known that you are going to discuss a lot of things like the flag, the seal, the what a view for your approval. It was necessary for you to ventilate because you should. And I will be, as long as I'm your Speaker, giving you chances to ventilate on issues like that one because it's your duty now. As I told that meeting, we are no longer going to say "*hii serikali imetufanyia nini?*" what has the government done? It is no longer '*hii serikali imetufanyia nini?*' it is you now. It is now, not tomorrow. It is you and the executive to lead this county to the next level of development, to the next level of welfare, to the next level of wealth. It is you and the executive; it is not Nairobi any more. It is not Honourable Uhuru the president. No. he has given you the resources, he has given you the mandate, it is now time for you to do the job.

With those few remarks, I think it is now time to interrupt the business of the house. Tomorrow we are having a joint meeting? We have a joint committee meeting. Is that so? you want it at 9 o'clock? 9 or 10 o'clock?

(Members unanimously agree that the meeting should be held at 9)

The Speaker: 9 o'clock tomorrow, thank you. So we are meeting tomorrow at 9 o'clock for consultation at the full house committee. Now we can stand to adjourn the house.

Now the house stands adjourned until next week; 6th of August on a Tuesday at 2:30pm.

County Assembly Debates

The County Assembly rose at 4:45pm.