

Kitui County Assembly

THE HANSARD

First County Assembly – First Session

Wednesday, 3rd July 2013

The County Assembly met at 9:40am

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

PRAYERS

(Communication from the Chair)

The Speaker: Communication from the Chair; I have no communication to make.

Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk [Mr Mutambuki]: Messages.

The Speaker: Any messages to be laid on the table?

Next Order!

County Assembly Clerk:Petitions.

The Speaker: Any petitions?

Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Papers.

The Speaker: Any papers?

Notices of Motions?

County Assembly Clerk: Kitui County Appropriations Bill.

The Speaker: Statements?

You don't want to make statements?

Right, Motions and Bills...

Now, Honourable Members, in our Order Paper, we are going to discuss Kitui County Appropriation Bill. Bill number 01, 2013. And it is important we note time is of the essence, because of the importance and the urgency of this Bill. And in view of that, we are asking the Leader of Majority to move the relevant Motion to shorten the period required by law for publication of the Bill.

Leader of Majority.

It is just a Procedural Motion practiced in Parliament when you have something urgent and you don't want to take the time that is required; you

move a Procedural Motion to shorten the time. That is what the Majority Leader wants to ask the assembly to approve.

Hon Maundu: Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker Sir, pursuant to Interim County Assembly Standing Orders number 117 and 118 respectively, I seek leave of this Honourable Assembly to move that the statutory period of seven days for the publication of the Appropriation Bill be reduced to one day so as to fast track our 2013/2014 financial year budget and that the requirement of the Standing Order number 118 be shelved so as to allow the Bill to be taken to more than one stage in one assembly sitting.

Mr Speaker Sir, this being a statutory requirement, the Bill can be reduced from seven days to one day so as to fast track our 2013/2014 financial year budget.

Sir, I beg to move.

The Speaker: Honourable Kilonzo to second the Motion...

Is it Honourable Ngoima? Sorry, Honourable Ngoima, normally Kilonzo sits there, you sit somewhere else. You are shifting your goal.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I wish to second the Motion.

Mr Speaker Sir, we need to move with haste because the time is not on our side. If I may say, we need to fast track this lost time to provide services required of us to give development expected of us by our people and without passing this Bill, you find that we have no facilities to make us move forward and without this Bill, we have no muscles to work in the County Assembly. And because we want to convince our people that we are working for them as expected of us, I'm requesting our Honourable Members to rally behind me to support the Motion and move forward.

So I beg to second. Thank you.

The Speaker: Right. I'll propose the question; I'll give a few members – those who want to give a few things for a minute or half a minute, then I'll put the question because this is just a procedural motion. It's a straight forward procedure we want to adopt.

I'll now propose the question: that pursuant to Interim County Assembly number 117 and 118 respectively, I seek leave of this Honourable Assembly that the statutory period of seven days for the publication of an Appropriation Bill be reduced to one day so as to fast track our 2013/2014 financial year budget. And that requirement of that standing order number 118 be shelved so as to allow the bill to be taken to more than one stage in one assembly sitting.

Anybody who wants to say something about that procedural motion?

County Assembly Debates

I think you are all in agreement. Ill now put the question:that pursuant to Interim County Assembly number 117 and 118 respectively, I seek leave of this house that the statutory period of seven days for the publication of an Appropriation Bill be reduced to one day so as to fast track our 2013/2014 financial year budget. And that requirement of that standing order number 118 be shelved so as to allow the bill to be taken to more than one stage in one assembly sitting.

As many as are of that opinion say AYE!

Members: AYE!

The Speaker: As many as are of a contrary opinion say NO!

(Silence)

The Speaker: The AYES have it!

County Assembly Clerk: First reading of the Bill.

The County of Kitui Appropriation Bill number 1, 2013.

The Speaker: You have read the title of the Bill?

County Assembly Clerk: That's the title of the Bill Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Now, Honourable Members, the procedure is; the Appropriation Bill 2013 has been read for the first time, and once it is read, it stands committed to the Budget and appropriations Committee. I require the Budget Committee now, as soon as we adjourn to go and meet, look at the Bill, prepare their report and bring that report to this house at 2:30pm. Table their report to the house at 2:30pm so that the Bill can be read a second time, after which I will leave the chair and you got to the Committee of the Whole House to scrutinize the Bill step-by-step. And after you finish going through the Bill step-by-step, once you agree and you approve whatever you are going to approve, then I'll come back to the house, and the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House will report to me what you have approved, or what you have done.

So, as of now, the Bill stands committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and we will adjourn the house, allow the committee to go and meet, deliberate on it and bring the report this afternoon at 2:30.

Stand up.

Honourable members, the house stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2:30pm.

Every time I stand, when I bow you also bow; *hiyo ndio kusalimiana ya bunge...*

The County Assembly rose at 10:00am.