

Kitui County Assembly

THE HANSARD

First County Assembly –First Session

Wednesday, 26th June 2013

The County Assembly met at 9:45am

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker: Communication from the chair.

No communication from the chair.

Next order.

County Assembly Clerk[Mr Mutambuki]: Messages

The Speaker: Any Messages?

Next order.

County Assembly Clerk: Petitions.

The Speaker: Next order

County Assembly Clerk: Papers.

The Speaker: Next order.

County Assembly Clerk: Notices of motions.

The Speaker: Next order.

County Assembly Clerk: Statements

The Speaker: Next order.

County Assembly Clerk: Motions and Bills.

(Motion for Adjournment)

Leader of Majority [Hon. Jacob Kilonzi]: Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move, pursuant to the interim assembly Standing Order number 28 (1), that the assembly do adjourn to 2:30pm today to give time to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to finalise its work on the 2013/2014 financial year County Budget.

I beg to move.

The Speaker: Honourable Members, I wish to propose that pursuant to the Interim County Assembly Standing Order number 28 (1)...

Sorry...

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(Consults with the Clerk)

Sorry. Sorry for that.

Who is seconding the motion?

Hon Mativo: I beg to second.

The Speaker: Yeah. I wish to propose the following motion; that pursuant to the Interim County Assembly Standing Order number 28 (1) this assembly do adjourn to 2:30 today, to give time to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to finalise its work on the 2013/2014 county financial budget.

The procedure is; I have proposed the question, now you are free to discuss the motion, whether you want to adjourn to 2:30 or not. Mujadiliane, then later I will put the question. So you are free now to contribute to the motion, for or against the motion.

Yes Bwana Ngwele.

Hon. Ngwele: Mr Speaker Sir I seek to support the motion and...

Point of Order Mr Speaker!

Hon. Mbivi: Is the Honourable Member...

The Speaker: What is the Point of Order?

No... No! No! No! No! Sit down!

Sit down Ngwele!

Honourable Members, this is not a funeral meeting.

If you want to speak, say 'Point of Order' and if you catch my eye, then I'll give you permission. You just can't wake up and say "is the Honourable Member..."

So if you are rising on a Point of Order, say 'Point of order' and I'll allow you to raise the Point of Order.

Are you on a Point of Order?

Hon. Mbivi: Yes. Point of Order Mr Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Okay give him the mic.

Hon. Mbivi: Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you.

The Point of Order I had was to ask whether Mr Honourable Ngwele is in order to be seated where he is seating right now. And this Honourable House will be pleased to know; when was he elevated to be the Deputy Chief Whip or whichever.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Eh, Yes Honourable Members; Honourable Ngwele is completely out of order. He is sitting in the wrong place. We will allow him to contribute from that place and when he finishes, we'll allow him to go and sit where he is supposed to sit.

(Laughter)

Hon Ngwele: Thank you very much Mr Speaker Sir.

I actually had made a temporary arrangement with the leader of opposition, that for this session only, I can be his Chief Whip.

(Laughter)

Hon. Ngwele: Thank you very much Mr Speaker.

I wanted to support the motion, but also on behalf of my chairman in the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I wish to give this update, that yesterday, the committee sat very long hours working through the budget of the assembly. As this house does know, Mr Speaker, we are working with two budgets; the budget of the assembly, then the budget of the executive.

We had on the previous day had discussions on the budget of the executive, and we had been told that it would be with us by yesterday at 12noon, and it was not. I am aware, Mr Speaker, that at the end of yesterday the chairman asked for the progress of the adjustments that were being made on that budget, and he was assured that it was going to be with us today at 10(am).

So we do kindly plead with this honourable house to give us time today, to be able to complete the work that we are doing on the budget of the assembly, and hope that within the course of the day, we will be able to receive from the executive, the information that we had asked for from the governors side of the government.

I do actually wish to correct myself that we actually did receive the budget of the executive, but we had asked for additional information for us to be able to complete the work that we had started on that budget.

So the house would really help us if you gave us the time of this morning, so that we can continue and complete that work.

I beg to support.

The Speaker: Very well.

You are supposed to sit where you were supposed to sit.

(Hon. Ngwele switches seats)

The Speaker: Thank you.

Honourable Ngoima.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

I wish to join my colleagues the Honourable Members in supporting this motion, that we adjourn the sittings, or the session up to 2:30(pm) to give the budget committee time to finish the budget, so that we start discussing it in the afternoon session.

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Another (reason), because they are short of time and we are left with very few days now to deliver this (budget), I wish to support the motion.

The Speaker: Very well.

I think this is a straight forward motion, isn't it? It doesn't need a lot of discussions, and I think the house seems to be in agreement, the way forward. Because the budget issue is the issue you are waiting for. You are not in a mood to discuss anything until you finalise the budget, I think that is what you are waiting for.

But I'm very concerned, before I put the question, about the delay of the budget. This budget was supposed to be with the budget committee yesterday at 12noon. It did not come to the committee, was not brought to the committee. Now, this morning, I'm not sure whether the budget is yet with the assembly because I am the person to receive the budget from the Clerk, and I have not seen it.

So as we adjourn to give the committee time to do its work, I don't even know what work they are going to do, whether they have the budget or not. And I am getting concerned, because it's getting late, and we don't want to be given the budget when we have no time to discuss it. That one is not acceptable. We want the budget on time to be able to look at it carefully before you approve it.

So I am directing the Clerk, and this is the Speakers directive; that please would you make sure that the budget is with the assembly in good time for the budget committee to look at it and bring it to the house this afternoon at 2:30. That is my decision.

It is not the responsibility of the budget committee to go looking for the budget; it is the responsibility of the Clerk to tell the executive that the committee needs that budget urgently because they are under instructions from the house to finalise that matter and bring the budget to the house this afternoon.

So we hope that we will have the budget this afternoon at 2:30.

I would also like to ask all members to remain behind after we adjourn, for some other businesses which are not related to what we are discussing. So you remain seated after I adjourn the house.

I will now put the question, that pursuant to the Interim County Assembly Standing Order number 28 (1), the assembly do adjourn to 2:30pm today to give time to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to finalise its...

(Two members walk in)

The Speaker: Order! Order! Go back!

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It's not your fault Mr Kilonzo. When you come and find the speaker on his feet, you wait until he sits. You wait at the gate, just there until I sit down, and then you can come in. That's the standard procedure; parliamentary standard procedure.

Pursuant to the Interim County Assembly Standing Order number 28 (1), the assembly do adjourn to 2:30pm today to give time to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to finalise its work on the 2013/2014 financial year County Budget.

As many as are of that opinion say AYE!

Members: AYE!

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

(Silence)

The Speaker: The AYEs have it.

Now this house stands adjourned until this afternoon 2:30pm.

And as I had said, when we finish, I'll come back. Remain seated.

Thank you.

The County Assembly rose at 9:55am.