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KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY- FIRST SESSION
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(THE HANSARD)

Wednesday 28th February, 2018

The County Assembly met at 9:46 A.M. at the Temporary chamber within the Kenya Forestry Research Institute Offices (Kitui Regional Branch).

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Members, the Majority leader will this morning lay on the Table the Senator's address to this House. I will allow those who want to ventilate on the speech. We are not going to debate but no vote will be taken.

The purpose of laying the Paper is to make speech a public document. It will thereafter be archived for referencing. We are not debating the speech with a view to Approving or rejecting it. We will just ventilate.

PAPER(S) LAID

FIRST ADDRESS TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY BY KITUI SENATOR HON. ENOCH KIIO WAMBUA DELIVERED ON TUESDAY -THE 27TH FEBRUARY 2018.

(Hon. Kilonzo-the Majority Leader)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Kilonzo.

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Kilonzo, if you have any comments put them on hold until you lay the Paper.

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I beg to lay on the Table of the County Assembly the speech by the Kitui Senator Hon. Enock Kiio Wambua delivered to the County

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Assembly yesterday- Tuesday the 27th February, 2018. This is pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 21 and the Second Schedule of the County Government Act 2012.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Members, you clearly heard the Senator's speech yesterday. It was a good speech. You can now ventilate on it. You have the freedom to do so. It is now a public document.

(Hon. Kanandu stood up in his place)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Yes Hon. Kanandu.

Hon. Kanandu: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. We have no copies of the speech.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): All right; the best thing to do is to postpone ventilation of the speech to this afternoon when all Members will have been issued with copies of the speech. Is that okay?

(The Hon. Members answered in the affirmative)

I, therefore, direct that after this session, each Member should be given a copy of the speech. Do we have a photocopying machine here?

(The Speaker was informed that there was no photocopying machine at the temporary Chamber)

Please, ensure you collect your copy and read it in readiness for your comments this afternoon. Are we in agreement?

(The Hon. Members answered in the affirmative)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Right; anything else?

(Hon. Musili stood up in his place)

LEAVE TO MOVE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: DESTRUCTION OF COUNTY OFFICES AND CRUCIAL RECORDS IN A MYSTERIOUS FIRE

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Kivunzi (Hon. Musili)

Hon. Musili: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I beg to move a Motion on adjournment of the House on a definite matter of urgent public importance: Destruction of County Offices in a mysterious fire.

THAT, pursuant to provision of Standing Order No. 30 (1) to (4), this Assembly hereby adjourns to discuss to logical conclusion the outbreak of the mysterious fire which destroyed

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the Tourist Building where several county government departments are hosted leading to loss of crucial records. .

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): That's the Motion you want the House to discuss?

Hon. Musili: Yes Mr Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Have you read the whole Motion?

Hon. Musili: No!

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Continue.

Hon. Musili: Thank you, Motion on Disaster Management Preparedness. Mr. Speaker
Sir,

AWARE, that part one of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates the County Government to establish disaster management unit to respond to emergencies.

APPRECIATING that the County Government had acquired firefighting engines to respond to outbreak of fires within the County.

CONCERNED that on Sunday, 25th February, 2018, a mysterious fire occurred at the Tourist Building hosting some county ministries namely Basic Education, Training and Skills Development, Environment, among other offices..

REGREATING the significant damage caused by the inferno and failure by the County Government to respond the emergency yet the firefighting engines are stationed at the headquarters of the County Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure, Urban Development (LIUD) which is not far from affected building;.

This Assembly hereby resolves that a special committee be formed to:

- i. Investigate whether the County has active disaster management unit
- ii. Investigate why the County Fire Fighting Unit did not respond to the incidence promptly.
- iii. Investigate cause of the fire and the action taken by the County Government in safeguarding vital records which are necessary the investigation.
- iv. Establish whether the building is insured, extent of damage caused to the building, official documents and equipment.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): To support the request by Hon. Musili, the law requires Members to stand up as a sign of being in agreement with the request for adjournment of the House on a definite matter of urgent public importance. Stand up those who are in support of the Motion.

(The Hon. Members stood up in their places)

That's unanimous. Thank you and sit down. This is the Motion I approved. The one you have read is not what I approved.

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(Hon. Musili spoke off-record. He insisted that the Motion he read was the correct version)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): What you have read is not what I approved. Hon. Kivunzi (Hon. Musili) you are misleading the Speaker. Can you read the one you gave me?

(Hon. Musili spoke off-record again. He insisted that the Motion was what the Speaker had approved save for a typing error)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): No. Can you read the Motion again? It is not a typing error. What you gave me is what I approved.

(Laughter)

Hon. Musili: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Motion on disaster management as approved on 28th February, 2018.

AWARE, that part one of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates the County Government to establish disaster management unit to respond to emergencies.

APPRECIATING that, the County Government had acquired firefighting engines to respond to outbreak of fires within the County.

CONCERNED that the Tourist Building which hosted the county ministries of Basic Education, Training and Skills Development, and Environment was burned by a mysterious fire on Sunday, 25th February, 2018.

REGREATING the significant damage caused by the inferno and failure by the County Government to respond the emergency yet the firefighting engines are stationed at the headquarters of the County Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure, Urban Development (LIUD) which is not far from affected building;.

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The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): That is the Motion you gave me but the one you read earlier is something different. As per Standing Orders, I am supposed to allocate time for you to debate on the Motion. This is because you have opted to debate. What do you think is the best time? Because it has to be debated today and not tomorrow.

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(The Hon. Members opted to debate the Motion in the afternoon)

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): This afternoon after we are done with the Senator's speech. Is that okay?

(The Members answered in the affirmative)

What the Motion was lacking was the time frame. You will now be able to add your contribution and propose amendments. The Motion is open ended. The committee should be given time for tabling its report to the House. I have no objection if they want the House to form a special committee on the matter although we have a committee which is supposed to do that. Its your Motion whichever way you want to deal with it. I have approved it for debate this afternoon. Let us adjourn the House.

(The Members stood in their places)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the House now stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 pm.

The County Assembly rose at 10:01 am.