

KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY**SECOND ASSEMBLY- SECOND SESSION****OFFICIAL REPORT
(THE HANSARD)****Wednesday 21st February, 2018**

The County Assembly met at 9.32 AM at the Temporary Chamber within the Kenya Forestry Research Institute Offices (Kitui Regional Branch).

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

PRAYERS**PAPER(S) LAID****REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY SECOND
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR**

(Hon. Kasina)

(Chairperson- Budget and Appropriations Committee)

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

Hon. Kasina: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. As I lay the paper, I wish to notify the House that consideration of the second supplementary estimates by the Committee which are more comprehensive compared to the first estimates started on Thursday last week.

Bearing in mind the strict deadlines on considering the estimates and tabling a Report for consideration by the House, the committee was forced to work overdrive including over the weekend which saw it finalizing with the Report yesterday at around 10.00 p.m. after which the Members left Nairobi reaching here (Kitui) at around 2.00 a.m.

In that regard, the committee didn't have ample time to review the Report and fix amendments and errors. Since the budget must be passed this week, I due to the urgency of the matter beg to lay the Paper on the Table and request the Hon. Members to be patient as the committees refines the report in a while after which more copies will be reproduced and issued to them.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): That is okay. The House will allow the committee to review the Report in a while before more copies are made and distributed to the Members. I understand we pushed you hard to consider the estimates and submit a Report within the shortest time possible. Hon. Members, are you in agreement with the committee's request? Because the committee is determined to ensure you get the best.

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(The Members answered in the affirmative)

Permission granted. Proceed Hon. Kilaa (Kasina).

Hon. Kasina: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 186 (3) (b) and Section 135 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 2012, I beg to lay on the Table of the County Assembly today Wednesday 21st February, 2018, the committee's Report on Consideration of the Kitui County Second Supplementary estimates for the financial year 2017/2018. Thank you.

(Hon. Kasina walked to the podium and laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018.

Hon. Kasina

(Chairperson- Budget and Appropriations Committee)

Hon. Kilaa: Pursuant to provisions of Standing order No. 186 (3), and Sections 135 and 154 (2) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) 2012, this Assembly hereby adopts the report on consideration of the Kitui County Second Supplementary estimates for the financial year 2017/2018 laid on the table of the County Assembly on Wednesday 21st February, 2018. I beg to give notice. Thank you.

MOTIONS

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY CALENDAR (SECOND SESSION) (REGULAR SESSIONS 2018)

Hon. Kilonzo

(The Majority Leader)

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I am much obliged to move a Motion on approval of the County Assembly Annual Calendar 2018;-

THAT, pursuant to provision of Standing Orders 25(1) and 155(5a), this Assembly hereby approves the second County Assembly's Annual Calendar for the second session (2018).

I wish, Mr. Speaker, to skip the second page which features the title and preface. The regular sessions of the County Assembly will be as follows; week 1 which began on 13th February 2018 has already been covered. Business centered on establishment of committees and parties' leadership.

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The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Hon. Kilonzo reading the entire Report will be tedious considering the content is repetitive. Members must have read the Report. Or Members you want the whole Report to be read?

(The Members answered in the negative)

Hon. Kilonzo just enquire if the Members have read the revised calendar and whether they are in agreement with the changes. That will make the work easier for us. Unless there are specific areas you want to highlight.

Hon. Kilonzo: Mr. Speaker Sir, for the sake of the Hansard and considering the possibility of the Assembly being taken to court for lacking business allow me to highlight on the business scheduled for the first week since the rest is repetition. But if the Members are not in agreement my take, then we can approve the revised calendar without reading the Report.

(Hon. Kilonzo summarized the contents of the Report as follows)

WEEK 01	
Tuesday, 13 th February, 2018 (Afternoon Sitting)	Precedence for Majority, Minority and Committee Business
Wednesday, 14 th February, 2018 (Morning Sitting)	Precedence for Business not sponsored by Majority/Minority parties or Committee
Wednesday, 14 th February, 2018 (Afternoon Sitting)	Precedence for Majority, Minority and Committee Business
Thursday, 15 th February, 2018 (Afternoon Sitting)	Precedence for Majority, Minority and Committee Business
WEEK 03 –WEEK 08	
	Business will remain the same
25 days recess	
WEEK 12- WEEK 27	
	Business will remain the same
27 days recess	
WEEK 32-WEEK 45	
	Business will remain the same
60 days recess	

Mr. Speaker Sir, I deemed it important to give those highlights for the Members to note. Preparation and review of the annual calendar is an habitual procedure done at the beginning of the each year and any other time within the year hence we don't have to spend a lot of time debating the matter.

With those few remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I request the Deputy Speaker-Hon. Kasee to second the Motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kasee): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I have risen to second the Motion on approval of the County Assembly Annual Calendar. The Calendar gives a framework through which the House's Business for the year is conducted. My request is for us to

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strive and generate Business in order to move the county forward in terms of oversight, representation and legislation. With those few remarks, I second the Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): May I put the question or there are Members willing to contribute?

(Hon. Nzamba stood in his place)

Yes, Hon. Nzamba.

Hon. Nzamba: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I am seeking clarification. It is indicated that the recess from 9th August, 2018 to 4th September, 2018 is for 31 days yet my simple calculation shows 27 days.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): That must have resulted from miscalculation. Table Clerks confirm if that is the case. Anyone else who might have looked at it?

(The Clerk consulted the Speaker)

Okay, the Clerk has confirmed that it is 27 days and not 31. You are right Hon. Nzamba. Hon. Kilonzo, what did you aim for; 27 or 31 days?

Hon. Kilonzo: Mr. Speaker Sir it happened due to miscalculation which is regrettable. Let us stick to the right calculation, which is 27 days.

The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto): Thank you. In that regard there will be an amendment which means the August recess will be for 27 days and not 31 as earlier scheduled. Who else wants to say something?

(Silence)

Okay, I will put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members that is the end of the Order Paper. We will adjourn the House to give the Budget Committee time to refine their Report and distribute copies to Members in readiness for debate tomorrow in the afternoon.

The Executive who have only 3 months to spend the funds have been calling me even at night to check on the House's progress in approving the Budget. They are keen for approval so that they start utilizing the money. Lets adjourn the House.

(The Members stood in their places)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members this House stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 PM.

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The County Assembly rose at 9.51 a.m.