

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 23RD March 2022

Assembly Building

The House met at 10: 40am

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi) in the Chair].

PRAYER

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Honorable Members welcome to the morning plenary session. Clerk next order.

PAPER

THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE
OF NAKURU FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Honorable Members we have a Paper, the report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of County Executive of Nakuru for the year ended 30TH June 2020 to be laid by the Leader of Majority pursuant to the provisions of Section 49(1) of the Public Audit Act Number 34 of 2015.

Hon. Leah Sang: Thank you Honorable Temporary Speaker, I am the Deputy Minority Whip and on behalf of the Leader of Majority, I want to lay the report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of County Executive of Nakuru for the year ended 30TH June 2020. I beg to lay.

(The Report was laid on the table)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Thank you very much for laying the Paper. Clerk next order. We have another report, the report of the Committee on Members Welfare, Catering, and Library Services on the Nakuru County Assembly Members Office Bill 2021 to be laid by the Chairperson for the Committee on Members Welfare, Catering, and Library Services. I think we have the Vice Chairperson Honorable Benazir Busienei.

PAPER

MEMBERS WELFARE AND CATERING COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE NAKURU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OFFICES BILL NO.7 OF 2021

Hon. Benazir Busienei: Thank you Honorable Temporary Speaker, I want to lay the Report of the Committee on Members Welfare, Catering, and Library Services on The Nakuru County Assembly Members Office Bill 2021. I beg to lay.

(The Report was laid on the table)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Thank you Honorable Benazir. The Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the County Executive of Nakuru for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2020 is committed to the Public Accounts and Investment committee. So, Hon. Leah Sang you are a member of that committee. So that Paper remains committed to your committee. Thank you. So, thank you, Hon. Benazir, our next order!

MOTION

THE NAKURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OFFICES BILL NO. 7 OF 2021

(SECOND READING)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Phillip Wanjohi): Honorable members, we have a motion that the county Nakuru county assembly members offices Bill number 7 of 2021 be now read a Second Time. Hon. Benazir.

Hon. Benazir Busienei: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker. I wish to move a Motion; -

THAT the Nakuru County Assembly Members Office Bill number 7 of 2021 be now read a Second Time.

In objectives and the reasons, the Bill seeks to provide a framework for effective discharge of duties by Members in making provision of members office space and staffing of members' offices ... transition and financial provision, part one of the Bill provide for interpretation and general provision.

Part two provides for office construction of members office under laid down guidelines and condition on how property can be leased or constructed. From who it can be leased and the custodian of the lease agreement.

Part three provides for financial procedures in members' offices. It sets guidelines of how expenditures is managed. That is who is signatories of account or under who proposes expenditure. It also provides an elaborate system for financial accountability.

Part four for staffing of members offices, this part set aside guidelines on how recruitment is done, who determines the remuneration of members offices' staff, qualification of such staff, the entitlement and procedure to be followed when staff time comes to an end.

Part five provides for handing over of the offices, this part gives guidelines on what takes place during the transition period, a member exits and before another member takes over and who takes care of transition expenses and for what duration.

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Part six, provides for the miscellaneous provisions and more particularly the powers of the County Assembly Service Board and ... on certain regulations. Mr. Temporary Speaker Sir, I request Hon. Kamwana to second the Motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Phillip Wanjohi): John Mwangi

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir, I stand here to second the Bill because it aims at enhancing smooth operation of the office activities at the Ward level as well as to avoid the conflict between the County Assembly Service Board and the Honorable Member at the Ward level and therefore, this particular Bill is going to be put into force. This is going to make sure that we are going to have a good relationship between the office staff and the board and each operation at the Ward level is going to run smoothly and when the Ward activity run smoothly, this means that the role that has been given to the Honorable Member is also going to be achieved. Therefore, I second. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Thank you Hon. John Mwangi.

(Question proposed that the Nakuru County Assembly Members Offices Bill number 7 of 2021 be now read a Second Time)

Hon. Douglas Ayabei: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir, this Bill is timely because the way Members Ward offices are operating has not been really well coordinated. Coming into effect of this Bill, it is going to settle the grey areas in operation of Members offices. I like the part of transition because it has really put everything in black and white in the handing over of offices. During this term, I have seen Members who unfortunately ceased to hold office through demise. There are a lot of unclear ways of handing over. I remember when one Member passed on sometimes during our term, there was a lot of confusion on the handling of office of the Member. This law is going to guide on how the exiting Member and handing over of the offices is going to be handled so that we do not have confusion between the Members who are there. I remember when the Member died, there were some people saying the staff should vacate the office immediately. Others were saying they should remain until another Member comes. All that is because there was no law guiding the office staff of members.

Where this law is proposing to construct member's offices, there has been a lot of allegations by members of the public that there are members who are using their houses as ward offices. These allegations I think is going now to be cleared by this Bill because it is now clear on what type of office should be rented by members as the members ward offices.

Thirdly Mr. Temporary Speaker, it is going to protect the members from unwarranted accusations from people of ill will. Therefore, I think this Bill is timely and I want to support it totally because I want to believe it is going to streamline operations and it is going to ease members from many things which sometimes brought by confusion in the operation of the ward offices. I think also it is going to remove conflict of interest between members and maybe the operations of this office

because we are going to have a full-time assistance and it is outlined very clearly of how this office staff are going to be appointed. I want to support; thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Thank you Hon. Member for Mariosioni. Hon. Members the mover

Hon. Benazir Busienei: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I wish to thank my colleagues for their contribution in this Motion and I think *ile yote wamekuwa wakisema ama kuhusu maofisi yao , naamini yote imenakiliwa kwa hii report. Kwa hivyo nashukuru sana kwa wote waliochangia mjadala huu.*

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Thank you very much Hon. Benazir. Hon. Members I now wish to put the question

Question proposed that the Nakuru County Assembly Members Offices Bill No. 7 of 2021 be now read a Second Time)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Nakuru County Assembly Members Offices Bill No.7 of 2021 was accordingly read a Second Time)

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Members the House remains adjourned until 2.30 in the afternoon.

(The House rose at 11.00am)