

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
KIAMBU COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 10th July, 2018

The County Assembly met at the Assembly
Chamber at 2.30 P.M

(The County Assembly Speaker (Hon. Stephen Ndicho) in the Chair)

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
WELCOMING MEMBERS BACK FROM LAST RECESS

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, good afternoon once again!

Let me seize this opportunity to welcome all of us from the last recess, I am saying this because when you reconvened I was away, as well as welcoming those of us who have made it back from the foreign trips. It is my belief that those who have been abroad have brought back experiences and good exposure from the places that they visited.

Hon. Members, during my sojourn, I got daily briefings from the Deputy Speaker on what was going on in our Assembly. I wish to thank the Deputy Speaker for steering the Assembly well during my long absence and making things go on as if I was around. I wish to thank the Hon. Members for the exemplary behavior and good conduct that you carried yourselves with both here in the Assembly and abroad.

(Applause)

I got a positive report on how you conducted yourselves, which gave our Assembly the honour and respect that it deserves.

I want to encourage those who have not yet gone on their foreign trips, that your day is almost here and you will definitely also go. I urge you that when you go, hold our Assembly high and with honour and dignity in those foreign lands.

While on that issue, let me once again apologize for the time that we missed to utilize on the foreign trips and we got things wrongly, but I want to assure the members that we shall recover fully

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and that after we have gone through the cycle it will repeat itself so that those who started can start all over again. I urge the Deputy Speaker who I commissioned to foresee that, to expose Members to different Countries. I mean those who went to this Country should go to another Country in the next round so that they can be exposed as much as practically possible.

Hon. Members, let me also touch a very sensitive matter, and that is on security. Looking around the Assembly, it is evident that the security of Members is not at its best. We are going to install screening machines at the entrance for all strangers. All vehicles entering the Assembly other than those of the Hon. Members and members of Staff will have to be checked. We need to build a strong room to store visitor's things including handbags and suitcases. We shall also erect a vault to keep all the weapons of the Hon. Members in, as is the tradition in all commonwealth Assemblies all over the world.

(Applause)

All entrances to the Assembly shall be closed so as to have one entrance to avoid security lapses for the Hon. Members. By this I mean that anybody can access this Assembly from any direction, and we are living in a time when security is being taken with all the seriousness that it deserves all over the world, and there is no one single reason why we in Kiambu County Assembly should not take similar measures to ensure that the security of Members has been taken to the maximum levels.

Hon. Members, infrastructure will be improved, starting with the Members' lounge, which is ongoing. You know my passion about that particular development project and I note with a lot of regret that it has taken more time than I anticipated. But I believe that in due course it will be okay, and Members will have a place where they can rest.

Our Compound will be landscaped to show a facelift that befits a legislative Assembly away from the current status. The entire compound will be lighted to enhance security at night.

Hon. Members, the issues of car loan and mortgage for Members is a matter that still troubles my mind. We have made positive steps towards sorting out this matter so that Kiambu County Assembly Members will not be left behind by other Assemblies where I have personally benchmarked on what they did with their Members, lounge.

In particular, I have a case of Kajiado County Assembly where I learned and I was informed that members of the Assembly come from what we call group ranches. The group ranches themselves don't have title deeds. If such a ranch does not have a title deed, asking a Member to bring a title deed so as to access his car loan or mortgage is a difficult exercise.

I also consulted the Chairperson of CAF who informed me about how they have gone round the provisions of the law so that many Members can access the mortgage loans. Actually it is regrettable that 11 months after having joined this Assembly, some Members haven't been able to access the same. But soon we will reach a consensus to benefit all the Members in this matter.

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Hon. Members, on the issue of insurance scheme for Members, I have directed that tenders be floated for new suppliers of goods and services with insurance being top on the list. I also note with regret that the suppliers that we contracted let us down, but I want to assure the Hon. Members that this time round it is the Hon. Members as we agreed, that after the due diligence in procurement and prequalification process is carried out, it is only important that Members have got a say as to who shall insure them.

Hon. Members, let me inform you that during my visit to the United States, I was able to visit France after my training at Tulane Law University. I was introduced to institutions which are ready to help our hospitals with medical equipment for the dispensaries, health centers and hospitals; information which I have already passed to the Governor and the Department of health.

Hon. Members, I met a lot of friends in these facilities that the United States considers not useful for them, but very useful for Africa. I have in mind that many of our hospitals, dispensaries and health centers need them, and after informing the Governor who is also travelling there in a week's time and having connected him with those people, our hospitals and health facilities will have a facelift in so far as these facilities are concerned.

I also got simple equipment of making homemade bio gas from food leftovers that will go a long way to save our forests as energy is becoming expensive by the day to most families. I have also handed this information to the Governor for action by the relevant departments.

Hon. Members, while I was away, it is not only that I went to training, but I used that opportunity to visit the many friends that I have in America and Israel and I can assure you that we are going to have good things.

I wish everybody a good stay as we continue with our deliberations in the Assembly.

Thank you!

(Applause)

STATEMENTS

BUSINESS APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY WEEK BEGINNING TUESDAY, 10th July, 2018

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 62, on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee, I rise to give the following Statement regarding the Business appearing before the Assembly the week beginning Tuesday, 10th July, 2018.

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Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee met on Monday, 9th July, 2018 in the morning to prioritize the Business of the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, it was quite evident that there is nothing much happening in terms of Business in the Assembly, and therefore the Committee observed that the Assembly will transact preliminary Business from today Tuesday, 10th July, 2018 to Thursday, 12th July, 2018.

Hon. Speaker, I now lay the Statement on the Table of this Assembly. Thank you!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members before we adjourn, I had given counsel to the Hon. Members to populate the Assembly and the Order Paper with Businesses of the House, and I thank those who brought issues on Motions, seeking Statements and also raising issues that pertains to their Wards and in general those of the County.

I still continue to urge you, that instead of us coming here for 10 - 15 minutes, it is important to bring issues from your representation areas. Let us make the CEC's busy, let us make the Government busy responding to the many queries. I believe in your areas of representation there are many issues from the members of the public that needs to be addressed, that needs attention, and you are the people that have been elected by the people of Kiambu County to raise their and litigate their issues so that the Government can respond to them; issues to do with roads, health, water, education, security and many more.

So Hon. Members, I still urge you, kindly populate the House with Business so that we can also enjoy doing that Business on behalf of the people who elected us.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday, 11th July, 2018 at 10.00 A.M.

Thank you!

The House rose at 2.52 P.M.