

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
KIAMBU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 11th July, 2018

The County Assembly met at the Assembly
Chamber at 10.00 P.M

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
FORM 4 HISTORY STUDENTS FROM THIKA HIGH SCHOOL

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to give special recognition of our very important guests seated in the Speaker's gallery. We are honored to host a delegation of form 4 History students from Thika High School, accompanied by their teacher Ms. Catherine Wambui Murimi, head of Humanities Department.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, the focus of their visit is to familiarize themselves with the devolved Government as it entails part of the History syllabus.

The County Assembly being the legislative arm of the County Government deals with representation, oversight and legislation; of late I added my own which is development. This is because Hon. Members are also in charge of development in their respective Wards, so there is a fourth one from today.

I trust the exposure will enhance and deepen your understanding of the devolved system of Government as entrenched in our Constitution.

We wish you a pleasant stay here as you learn and interact with the Hon. Members and staff of this County Assembly.

I also wish to announce that after we have this interactive Session, the students of Thika High School, which is my home area, shall be invited for a cup of tea and some snack because it is cold.

(Applause)

You were all students and you know when you receive a visitor it is always good to treat them well. So, after this Session, this Assembly will treat you to a cup of tea and some snacks.

Thank you!

CONVEYANCE OF A PUBLIC PETITION BY MR. SOLOMON MWANGI REGARDING DENIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hon. Members, I have another communication regarding the conveyance of a public Petition by Mr. Solomon Mwangi regarding denied employment opportunity.

Honorable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 235 (2) which provides that: “When the Order “Petitions” is read, the Speaker shall –

- a) In case of a petition presented by a Member, direct that the Member to present the Petition to the County Assembly or;
- b) In case of a petition presented through the Clerk, report the Petition to the County Assembly”.

Therefore, I wish to convey to the Assembly that through the Office of the Clerk, I have received a petition from Mr. Solomon Mwangi regarding denied employment opportunity by the Kiambu County Public Service Board.

Honorable Members, the Petition is addressed to the County Assembly of Kiambu, praying that the relevant Committee investigates the issues raised in the petition including the recruitment process followed, specifically;

- (i) Establish the number of nursing officers shortlisted and hail from Kiambu County;
- (ii) The gender ration per Sub County and Ward and especially Ndarugu Ward, including their qualifications, and;
- (iii) The reasons why the petitioner was not shortlisted for the job despite having met the qualifications required with a view to rule out any irregularities in the recruitment process.

Honorable Members, this Petition therefore stands committed to the Sectoral Committee on County Public Service and Administration for consideration. The Committee is requested to consider the prayers sought by the petitioner pursuant to Standing Order 237 and report its finding within 60 calendar days.

I thank you!

PETITIONS

Hon. Members, we have several petitions, the first of which I have read. For the other one, I am going to allow the Chairperson of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives to read. Is he in the House?

Chairperson, Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives, (Hon. Kagwe): Yes Mr. Speaker!

Mr. Speaker there is a Petition which you committed to the Trade Committee on an issue involving Kikuyu Dairy Farmers, the petitioner of which is one Mr. Paul Kung'u.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to inform this Hon. House that the Report is ready, and I will lay it before this House in the afternoon.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Very well!

There is another Petition by the Chairperson of the Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, the Hon. Member for Gitothua.

Chairperson, Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, (Hon. Kaberi): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir!

I want to respond to this Hon House that the Petition was laid committed to my Committee and the Committee deliberated on it. The Report is ready and we are going to Table it in the afternoon Session.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Very well!

There is still another Petition from the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural resources.

Chairperson, Water, Environment and Natural resources Committee, (Hon. Gacharah): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

Before I respond to that, I also want to join you in welcoming the Thika High School students. It is important for this House to know that in 1971, my dad joined Thika High School.

(Applause)

He later proceeded and became a meteorological officer. It is through his going to Thika High School that made me who I am. Should he have not gone through Thika High School, maybe I would not be here representing the great people of Ndeiya.

(Applause)

So, it is a school I hold and treasure a lot. I also wish them all the best in their endeavors to become respectable people and also join us in building our nation.

Thank you Mr. Speaker...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Before you continue, are you prophesying that one of the students there shall also join the meteorological department and shall have a son who shall become an MCA?

(Laughter)

Chairperson, Water, Environment and Natural resources Committee, (Hon. Gacharah): Precisely Mr. Speaker!

For them to join the meteorological department, they have to do a lot of mathematics. So they should not fear mathematics, and they should also be very good in sciences. I am very good in sciences; actually, my training is in Computer Science, so it is an engineering course.

(Applause)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): I hope the students stand advised by the Member for Ndeiya, the Hon. Gideon Gacharah. Be meteorologists and fathers of MCA's in the future. I wish you all the best.

Proceed!

Chairperson, Water, Environment and Natural resources Committee, (Hon. Gacharah): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

As a Committee we also received a Petition, we have deliberated on it, and we shall also be tabling the Report in this House in the afternoon.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Very well!

(Consultations)

Sorry, we also have one from the Public Service Committee. It's at the back of the Order Paper, and sometimes we forget to look at the back of the Order Papers. It is always important to read the back of the papers we have.

Chairperson County Public Service and Administration Committee!

Member, County Public Service and Administration Committee, (Hon. Mwai): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I am a Member in the said Committee, and I hereby beg this House for an extension. We are considering this Report, and meanwhile we are requesting you to give us 21 days for full consideration so that we can present the accurate information concerning the workers in Waruhiu Farm.

Thank you!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): If my recollection does not fail me, this Petition came sometime back. Of course it has taken over 60 days, and you are still looking for more days?

Member, County Public Service and Administration Committee, (Hon. Mwai): We are still investigating the issue because it involves so many workers. There are some who are claiming to have paid; others are claiming not to have fully paid. There are so many deliberations that are involved, and therefore Mr. Speaker, we kindly request the House to give us extra time to consider the matter.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): This is an issue where people worked, they gave their blood and sweat, they were not paid their dues and they are suffering. Some of them have children to take to school and families to feed; you are given 60 days and you are still investigating. Are you sure that in 21 days you will bring a comprehensive investigative Report to the House so that they are helped?

Member, County Public Service and Administration Committee, (Hon. Mwai): We are hoping so Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): You know when a Member of the Committee says that he hopes you throw the whole thing to the spanners. You should give an assertive answer.

Member, County Public Service and Administration Committee, (Hon. Mwai): Give us 21 days and the work will be done.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): 21 days you are granted. Let us see that Report by then.

Member, County Public Service and Administration Committee, (Hon. Mwai): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, if you look at the Order Paper, you will realize that we have no Business this Morning. I still continue imploring upon the Hon. Members to generate Business for the House.

I wish to congratulate Hon. Gideon Gacharah the Hon. Member for Ndeiya. He has come up with the first private Bill on animal feed which he brought to my office yesterday and it is getting the necessary positive attention. I believe when it is through, it is a Bill that is going to help farmers in this

County who sometimes get substandard animal feed. They pay a lot of money and they don't get value for their money.

So I wish to congratulate the Hon. Gacharah, and I wish to call upon other Members to emulate him and those others who have very active minds to generate Business for the House, please do. Our visitors could have enjoyed some debate and an interactive Session, but unfortunately we do not have Business. I hope the students from Thika High School shall have another opportunity to come to the Assembly when we shall be having very hot debates. Sometimes this place is very hot, actually hotter than Jeff Koinange's bench. But this morning it is cold and the bench is also cold, and I look forward to seeing them come again when we have very good debates.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday, 11th July, 2018 at 2.30 P.M.

Thank you!

The House rose at 10.34 A.M.

Before we go, the students will join their fellow students out there for a cup of tea outside there, and I hope Hon. Members can interact with the students and encourage them like the Member for Ndeiya has done.

Thank you!