

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 19th 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

NOTICE TO DISCHARGE MEMBERS FROM COMMITTEES

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, there is Communication from the Chair and this Communication is on a Notice to discharge Members from Committees. Before I read it, I would like to explain that the Speaker receives such Communication from the Leadership of the Party that has brought you to this Assembly and the Chair and the Speaker's role is to read what the Leadership has instructed him to do.

Any queries that may arise after that, it is the Leadership of the Party that is answerable in case of such matters arising.

Hon. Members, my Office is in receipt of a correspondence dated 19th July, 2018 from the Office of the Majority Party Whip whose reference is; notice to discharge Members from Committees.

The Letter reads and I quote:

"As earlier communicated, the review of Committee placements is now essential in order to promote fairness and equality, gender and regional balance, professionalism, good leadership, sanity , respect amongst the Honorable Members and above all preserve the dignity of the Assembly.

In this regard and pursuant to provisions of the Standing Order 188 (1) and (2) of the County Assembly of Kiambu Standing Orders, the Jubilee Party being the nominating party has discharged the following Honorable Members from the Committees listed below for being in either four (4) or more Committees while others are serving in two (2) Committees due to scarcity of Committee slots.

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A).COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION AND LAW AFFAIRS

By this notice, the under listed Honorable Members stands discharged from the Committee on Implementation and Law Affairs:

1. *Hon. Elijah Njore Njoroge, MCA*
2. *Hon. Jane Wanjiru Gathiga, MCA*
3. *Hon. Ann Wambui Ndiko, MCA*
4. *Hon. Daniel Ngugi Nguge, MCA*

B) COMMITTEE OF POWERS AND PRIVILEGES

By this notice, the below listed Honorable Members stands discharged from the Committee of Powers and Privileges:

1. *Hon. Eliud Ngugi Ngige, MCA*
2. *Hon John Njiru Njue, MCA*
3. *Hon Robert Kibe Githongo , MCA*
4. *Hon Stanley Wanjiku Kiarie, MCA*
5. *Hon Lawrence Gitau Kariuki, MCA*
6. *Hon Joel Munywa Ngigi, MCA*

C) COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

By this notice, the below listed Honorable Members stands discharged from the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries:

1. *Hon. Joseph Mwai Mbugua , MCA*
2. *Hon. Godfrey Waiyaki Mucheke , MCA*

D) COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

By this notice, the Honorable Taki Julius Macharia, MCA stands dewhipped from the Committee on Public Service and Administration.

E) COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES AND RULES

By this notice, the Honorable Yvonne Wanjiku Waweru, MCA stands discharged from the Committee on Procedure and Rules.

F) ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

By this notice, the under named Honorable Members stand discharged from the Assembly Business Committee:

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1. Hon. Joel Munywa Ngigi, MCA
2. Hon. Jane Thogori Karanja ,MCA
3. Hon. Ann Wanjiku Kariuki , MCA

G) COMMITTEE ON WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

By this notice, the Honorable Margaret Wanjira Mwago, MCA stands discharged from the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

H) COMMITTEE ON COUNTY INNOVATIONS, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

By this notice, the Honorable George Gathuru Mburu –MCA stands discharged from the Committee on County Innovations and ICT.

Finally, the Office Majority Party Whip congratulates all Honorable Members serving in the various Committees for the continued commitment to their work and participation in service delivery, NOT forgetting the outstanding performance demonstrated by the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services, and the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Education, Science and Research.”

Honorable Members, as matter of practice in other Commonwealth Legislatures, I am required to communicate receipt of such notification for your information. Arising from the above, I now direct that the Committee on Selection to expedite nomination and placement of the affected Members to serve in various Committees so as to void stalling of business of the Assembly.

Thank You, Hon. Members.

Next Order!

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Chairperson Public Investment and Accounts Committee.

Chairperson, Public Investment and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Eric): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Article 229 (8) of the Constitution, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Public Investment and Accounts Committee on the

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consideration of the Auditor General report for the Financial Statements of County Assembly of Kiambu for the year ended 30th June, 2016 tabled before this Assembly on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the County Assembly the Public Investment and Accounts Committee and pursuant to Standing Order No. 220 that informs the formation of this Committee, it is again my pleasant privilege and honor to present to this Hon. House the above report for the financial operations of the County Assembly of Kiambu.

Hon. Speaker, my Committee held several Sittings in which we closely hawkeyed the Audited Statements of the County Assembly. Hon. Speaker, the Committee heard and received both oral and written evidence from the then Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr. Mwivithi Mutie and also from the relevant officers.

On that note, I would like to commend them because Hon. Speaker, you realize that most of those officers were not here during the period mentioned but they were very resourceful and they really brought out facts and issues as requested by the Committee.

Apart from that Hon. Speaker, the Committee experienced several challenges, one of them being the usual under staffing and unavailability of officers from the Auditor General's office, the slow movement of information and requested evidence from the client.

Nevertheless, my Committee moved on and ensured that public funds that were allocated to the institution were not exposed to risk of misuse, misappropriation and even loss.

In conclusion Hon. Speaker, I wish to once again pay tribute to Members of this Committee, most of them, including myself, having dealt with this issue for the first time, it is my humble plea that your office continuous to invest in this Committee especially through trainings and benchmarking, specifically in The National Parliament so that Members can continue to sharpen their skills even as we go through this figures and ensure that public funds are used in accordance with what they were allocated for.

Therefore, I thank my Hon. Members and also your office for facilitating a smooth flow of the process and also the Clerks that are attached to the Committee. I also thank the whole House, even as we listen to this Motion, it is my humble expectation that this House will adopt the report and I can assure you that we did to the best of our ability and most if not all the issues were really looked into and we ensured that we got the right answers.

I want to say that even if this report is handled by the best people who can be in PIAC, I am sure they too will come up with a similar report.

Hon. Speaker, with those few remarks, I tried and because of what had happened one time, when a report was not communicated to Members, I ensured that I 'hawked' the report to all the Members.

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Yesterday, I literary distributed copies of the report to Members to avoid problems of Members not having accessed the report before the debate...

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member! You used the term 'hawking'! You said that you 'hawked' the report to Hon. Members. You know that when you hawk something they must pay some cash. So, were you hawking to receive something from Members after you had done the hawking?

Chairperson, Public Investment and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Eric): No Hon. Speaker, it is hawking with no monetary attachment. You can pick the physical aspect of hawking that is, moving around from one place to another, without necessarily giving out something.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Okay proceed.

Chairperson, Public Investment and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Eric): Thank you Hon. Speaker, so I am sure most, if not all the members have gone through the report and it is my conviction that they will act on it positively.

There are several issues that the Auditor General had raised, which are highlighted in the report. So, I am sure that Members have gone through them and if I may just pick one or two issues, there was lack of prudence in use of public funds.

There was also the issue of mortgage and car loans. There was pending bills and I can assure this House that the current management is very keen to ensure that they do not repeat most of these issues that were raised then.

I can attest that now before you get loans Members are giving collaterals. There was the issue of Ward offices. Right now the Members were not directly involved in procurement of the offices. The process was handled by the procurement Department.

All pending bills have been cleared. There was also the issue of Members going for workshops and just signing, others did not sign attendance but were paid, but the current House has gone out of that habit. All Members attend workshops and sign accordingly.

POINT OF ORDER

(By Hon. Nungari)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): who is on a Point of Order? Yes, Hon. Jackline!

Bibirioni MCA, (Hon. (M/s) Nungari): Mr. Speaker, is the Chairperson, PIAC in order to be doing the Auditor General's work? Right now we are discussing the previous Assembly, we are not discussing the current Assembly!

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So, he should not draw comparisons. We should wait for Auditor General's Report to be tabled next year for us to discuss it. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): The Hon. Eric, what did you say to offend the Hon. Member for Bibirioni? I was engrossed in getting the details of what you are talking about. What is it that offended the gracious lady?

Chairperson, Public Investment and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Eric): Mr. Speaker, I am trying to recollect where I might have stepped on her toe, but I just did a comparison of what happened then, the issues that were raised then, and I was just highlighting because now I have witnessed what is happening and I am saying that the issues that happened then are not happening now.

But I think she says that it is the Auditor General's work to ascertain whether they are happening or not, and not me.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Did I hear you saying that you are kind of cautioning the present composition of the Assembly not to repeat...

Chairperson, Public Investment and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Eric): No, no, no!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): What is it that you said? What is it that offended her? I want to capture that?

Chairperson, Public Investments and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Erick): I said the issues that have been raised here including Ward offices; in the previous Assembly, the Members did the procurement themselves. But I am saying in this particular House, that issue will not arise again because it was handled directly by our procurement officers. That is the comparison I am doing.

Like the Car and Mortgage Loans. They used to be given without collateral, and I was highlighting in this House, Members are being given loans after giving collateral. So, I am saying that I believe these issues will not be raised again.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Is that what you said?

Chairperson, Public Investments and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Erick): That is what I said.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): What is the offending portion in that statement Hon. Jacqueline?

Bibirioni MCA, (Hon. (Ms.) Nungari): Mr. Speaker, he is the Chairperson of Public Investments and Accounts Committee (PIAC) and not the Auditor General! So, he should stick to the Report, and we should wait for what the Auditor General will query come next year.

Let him not condemn the previous Assembly!

POINT OF INFORMATION

(By Hon. Waiganjo)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Is it a Point of Information? Because if it is a Point of Order, make sure it is a Point of Order!

What is it Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari?

Kahawa Sukari MCA, (Hon. Waiganjo): It is a Point of Information!

Hon. Speaker, I have been very keen listening to the Report tabled by the Chairperson of Public Investments and Accounts Committee, and I am very encouraged by the level of information that the Chairperson has.

Mr. Speaker, for us to move forward, we must look at where we have come from, we must look at where we are and where we are going to. The Chair was trying to inform/enlighten us where we are, where we were and where we ought to be.

According to me there was no offence. I also do not understand when the Member for Bibirioni says that she is being condemned for being in the former Assembly. I think what we are supposed to discuss right now is this Assembly.

But reference is very important so that we do not make mistakes if they were done then. The Chairperson of PIAC has not said that the previous Assembly made any mistake, but he was just trying to enlighten us. I like the vigor and energy that he has for this information.

I just want to inform the Member for Bibirioni that she is not under siege in any way. Thank you Mr. Speaker!

(Laughter)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Member for Bibirioni is protected by the Member for Kahawa Sukari who has assured her that she is not under siege.

Bibirioni MCA, (Hon. (Ms.) Nungari): Mr. Speaker, sorry for this, but the Member for Kahawa Sukari did not understand me. I just told the Chairperson of PIAC not to anticipate what we will expect in next year's Auditor General's Report. I never said that he did wrong, I just said he should stick to his lane, we discuss the 2016 Report and wait for what the Auditor General will query come next year.

It was as simple as that Mr. Speaker. Thank you!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Is the Chairperson okay with that?

POINT OF ORDER

(By Hon. Karuga)

Member for Limuru East had a Point of Order!

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I am rising on a Point of Information, that from where I am sitting Mr. Speaker...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Hon. Member!

You know you rose on a Point of Order. If it is a Point of Order, you stick to the Point of Order. The Point of Information I heard was from the Member for Kahawa Sukari.

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): He raised a Point of Information and I want to raise a Point of Order.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Yes, what is your Point of Order?

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Mr. Speaker, my Point of Order was that you exercise your bestowed powers and settle the issue because we have not even started the debate, and due to time we ought to spend, we don't want anyone to divert our attention from this Report which is most important to us.

As the Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari has said, we ought to refer to where we have come from so that we can know where we are going; reference is of utmost importance.

Mr. Speaker, I beg your indulgence to settle the matter, and allow the Chairperson to continue.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Okay!

The matter is settled, let us proceed!

Chairperson, Public Investments and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Erick): Thank you Hon. Speaker!

On that note, I wish not to speak any more, but to invite my very able Vice Chairperson, Hon. Mwago, to second the Motion.

Thank you Hon. Speaker!

Vice Chairperson, Public Investments and Accounts Committee, (Hon. (Ms.) Mwago): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I wanted to contribute on what the Chairperson was saying about the previous Assembly because I was a Member, but I beg to second the Motion. I congratulate PIAC for the work they did.

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We faced a lot of challenges when we interrogated the Clerk of the Assembly and the Accounts Officers because for most of the queries, they had not given all the documents to the Auditor, and that is why we faced all these challenges.

Mr. Speaker, another challenge we faced was the lack of human resource in the Auditor General's office. We worked so many times without an Auditor in our Committee, and this can result in more risk of misuse or misappropriation of funds of the public.

Mr. Speaker, our Committee also doesn't have scheduled time for the Committee, so we really struggled to get time to discuss all this.

Mr. Speaker, most of the queries raised were because of IFMIS. We learnt that IFMIS started in April 2016, and they did not tally with the financial statements. If we look at page No. 8 of the report, we have a table there which is showing the receipts, and if you look at the column of the amounts as per the IFMIS records, we learn that it is zero. When we go to the amounts as per the financial statements, we find that we have Kshs. 872 Million. Meaning we had variances of Kshs. 872 Million.

Mr. Speaker, it doesn't mean that we did not have the receipts from the IFMIS; it is only that IFMIS by that time was not working. When the audit was being done, the Accounts Officers never surrendered the documents on time to the Auditor.

That was the biggest problem we had, but we tried coping with it by requesting for all the manual documents which we perused and got all the information right.

Mr. Speaker, if you go to the unsupported balances, it shows that there was negligence because the officers...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Hon. Member!

What is happening to Hon. Emmah Wanjiku?

(Laughter)

With all the seats in the House, you are sitting on an armrest?

(Specially Elected MCA, Hon. (Ms.) Emmah found a seat)

Hon. Mwago proceed!

Vice Chairperson, Public Investments and Accounts Committee, (Hon. (Ms.) Mwago): Sorry *Mheshimiwa* Emmah for that.

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I was saying that if you look at the unsupported balances, we also found that everything was in order. We also requested for the manuals, and it was only due to negligence and laxity from the officers in the Accounting department that they never gave out the documents.

Mr. Speaker, most of the queries from the Auditor General only came because of the negligence from the Accounting Officers who never gave all the details to the Auditor by the time they were required to do so.

Mr. Speaker, with all this, we advised the Clerk and the Accounting Officers that according to the Audit Act, 2015, all the financial documents should be given to the Auditors at the right time to avoid wasting of time so that public funds can be accounted for.

Mr. Speaker, Section 201 (a) of the same Act demands for openness and accountability, including public participation in financial matters. As a Committee, we recommended that all the financial statements for the public be in an open place, we should have public participation for accountability, and we also recommended to the Clerk and the Accounting Officers that they should give all the documents, be it manual or through the IFMIS. They should give all the records in time to the Auditor General for verification.

All in all Mr. Speaker, we were given all the documents, we did all the verification and everything was in order. It is only that they delayed in giving the Auditor General the documents.

Mr. Speaker, I second. Thank you!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Thank you very much Hon. Mwago for that in-depth exposition of that report.

This House takes cognizance of the fact that Hon. Mwago, Hon. Jacqueline and Hon. Mubea, the Deputy Speaker were also Members of the Former Assembly and so we rely on their expertise, relevance and experience on what happened in the last Assembly, being the first Assembly since the creation of the new Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Being the first Assembly, it was expected to have teething problems, but as the Chairperson, PIAC said, we should learn from the mistakes of that other Assembly so that we may not repeat the same mistakes so that when we are being audited, we shall not be read as having committed those same mistakes.

Before I propose the question, I would like to bring to the attention of the Assembly that I want to seize this opportunity, because the issue of car loan and mortgage has been mentioned as one of the highlights in this Report.

I seize this opportunity to inform the House that for those of you who have not yet accessed your mortgage, we have enough money now, almost Kshs. 150 Million. There is money now, and for those who have not accessed, seize the opportunity.

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I had a meeting in Mombasa with other Speakers, and I was trying to copy what they have done in their places. I urge the Members, if you have collateral, bring it so that your process of acquiring that mortgage starts. We also need to check on time because as time condenses, the more money you will be required to pay per month before you liquidate the whole amount.

For those of you who are willing to take the Mortgage and the Car Loan, this is the opportunity. The money is there now.

I would also like to bring to your attention a circular that indicated that you are entitled to Kshs. 5 Million which you can access either through a car log book or a title deed. You don't have to bring both a car log book and a title deed. Either of them that surpasses Kshs. 5 Million; you can bring it to access the same.

This is your money, it is you to access it, much ado should not be there, it is for you and it has been appropriated for you by the Government.

(Question Proposed)

It is debate time. This is a moment where you are discussing about the public investments and accounts of this Assembly. This is a time that you may speak with a borderless limitation; anything you think will be prudent for you to advise and discuss about our investments and our money.

Yes Member for Ndenderu!

Member for Ndenderu, you know when you keep on shifting from here to there you confuse the coordinates of the Speaker.

Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir!

Mr. Speaker Sir, I apologize for shifting in the House, but I am learning from Niccolo Machiavelli who said that to win in politics, you have to assume formlessness so that the enemy may not know when to attack you.

(Laughter)

I rise to support...

(Laughter)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Do you by any chance have any enemy in the Assembly whom you are trying to shift and not locate you?

(Laughter)

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Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): This is politics and having enemies is an occupational hazard that we have to live with.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Okay, proceed!

Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for catching my eye or the other way round.

(Laughter)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Is the other way round.

Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): I rise to support the adoption of the report of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee, on consideration of the Auditor General's report for the Financial Statements of the County Assembly of Kiambu for the year ended, 30th June 2016, and in doing so, I want to draw the attention of this Hon. House to the Audit queries that were raised, by the office of the Auditor General and out of a possible nine audit queries, only two relate to the Hon. Members.

The other seven relate to the Management and the financial stewardship of the Assembly. It is therefore important to note that when audit queries arise, they are not related to the Members of this House and the term 'Audit Query' ought not to be used to blackmail or rather intimidate Members of this House.

I also want to commend the Financial Management of the Assembly, for having answered to the satisfaction of the Auditor General, the said Audit Queries. However, it is regrettable to note that on issues to do with Tax Compliance, much of the concerns that were raised by the Auditor General, still continue to entangle the operations of the Finance Department in this House.

A case in point is issues to do with tax exemptions for a pension fund contribution, which is still not being granted as per the laid out memos of the Kenya Revenue Authority and that might give us issues going forward in further audits.

I wish to join him in expressing those remarks, it is always good when you drive forward, to use the rear view mirror to get some insights into the past and avoid the same mistakes going into the future.

So, in as much as we want to express the support, the confidence that this House has, in the Management of the Assembly and financial stewardship, we also need to note that we need to learn from the past and avoid errors that occurred in the past going forward.

With those few remarks, I join the Chairman and the Hon. Vice Chair, of the Committee in supporting the adoption of this good report by the County Assembly.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to seat.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Member for Kamburu!

Kamburu MCA, (Hon. Gathuru): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member! The Member for Ndenderu is saying that, he can now resume his seat, although he was speaking while seated, but he is reminding me of what we have decided to do in the Chamber as you proceed on recess.

We intend to have the seats raised up some few inches up, so that when you are seated down, you knee is bent at 90 degrees, now I think you bend at 45 degrees and also raise the gooseneck microphones, so that in future when you are contributing, you should do so while standing, as is the practice in Commonwealth Jurisdictions and Legislatures and we hope that during that time, the Hon. Member for Ndenderu, will now say, *'I am pleased to resume my seat after contributing.'*

God willing, that is what we intend to do, and let us have the Member for Kamburu, proceed.

Kamburu MCA, (Hon. Gathuru): Thank you Mr. Speaker and we look forward to that promise. Going forward Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Committee, led by the able Chairman for this report.

But, I also want to draw the attention of the Members to the addendum to the report, which is indicated. There is one Internal Memo from the Clerk, then the following is the responses by the Management.

My attention is drawn to page five out of 14, I do not know whether we are there Hon. Members? No. 40, 'avoidable penalties and interests on tax arrears.

The observation by the Auditor general was that there were penalties and interests amounting to Ksh 11, 868 216. This Mr. Speaker is a huge amount of money, which was just paid as penalties and interests on penalties because of non-payments of non-deductions, of the money that was supposed to be deducted. I mean the Value Added Tax and other remittances that were not paid by the management.

Mr. Speaker that is a huge amount and such penalties dents the image of the Institution.

Even in the response by the Management, it did not really come clear if that penalty or the interest was really paid because they say that: 'As stated by the Auditor General, the Assembly in inadvertently, did not include unpaid tax amounting to Ksh.11, 868, 216, the unpaid tax was largely the fringe benefit tax and the same has since been paid.

This actually conflicts, because, the unpaid tax as the response says, was the fridge benefit tax, but the Auditor General states its penalties and there interest thereof. Therefore, it is not clear whether actually it was the tax that was paid or the penalties.

Moving forward, it is important that the Management takes care so that in future, such a thing does not happen, because apart from denting the image of the institution, it is also a huge loss. Kshs.11 million close to Ksh.12 Million is a lot of money, and it could have been used for better uses rather than paying penalties and interests. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Silence)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): You know, the Chair never moves, he is always moved.

POINT OF ORDER

(By Hon. Karumba)

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Karumba): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to rise on a Point of Order. 'However the buttocks are in a hurry they always remain behind!'

Mr. Speaker, noting with concern that most Members are not conversant with this report, I think you should invoke relevant Standing Order and adjourn the Motion.

(Loud Consultations)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): The Hon. Chris has the floor and he must be heard in silence to make his point. The Hon. Chris is on her point of order, he has to complete his point of order. Can you complete your point of order?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Karumba): Mr. Speaker, I was requesting that you should invoke the relevant Standing Order and adjourn the House to give Members time to go through the report, so that they can debate when they are conversant with the information that we have here.

Mr. Speaker, 'however far you can urinate, the last drop will still fall on your feet.'

(Laughter)

And we need to look at this report. Mr. Speaker! Sorry I am not referring to you...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member!

(Laughter)

You have used several Unparliamentary adjectives and you see the Members are not amused! And it is the Member to refrain from using some rather irritating adjectives which should be preserved for some other Sittings.

Anyway, you have made your point through, but I wish to inform you that it is late in the day for you to request for invocation Standing Order because the mover moved the Motion, it was seconded, the question was proposed and the debate is midway!

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So, what you are suggesting, I am sorry it will fall on its face. I wish you did this from the beginning!

Member for Kahawa Sukari!

Kahawa Sukari MCA.

Kahawa Sukari MCA, (Hon. Waiganjo): Mr. Speaker, you have just addressed what I was about to say. However, Mr. Speaker, it is important for Hon. Chris not to judge the intelligence of Members of this House by saying that we have not understood! The right terminology would have been: 'I have not understood!'

This is because we have read the report, we have understood, we have contributed and when we were just about to close the debate is the time that he decides to raise on a point of order.

I noted he was asleep for the better part of the afternoon Mr. Speaker!

(Laughter)

So this should not hamper the debate, thank you.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member for Kahawa Sukari! Members don't sleep in the Chamber, they only rest their eyes! So, Members can sometimes rest their eyes and 'sleeping' is out of order!

So, Hon. Chris, you are out of order for your request and the Member for Kahawa Sukari is also out of order to intimate that you were asleep, you were only resting your eyes.

Can we proceed! Yes Hon. Munywa.

Ngecha-Tigoni MCA, (Hon. Munywa): Thank you Mr. Speaker, there was a mood that preceded the debacle and the mood of the House was for us to end the debate and therefore I wish to invoke Standing Order 118, unless there is any objection, that the mover be called upon to reply.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Well, that seems to be the mood of the House and the mover can reply to his Motion.

Chairperson, Public Investments and Accounts Committee, (Hon. Erick): Thank you Hon. Speaker, in my reply, I am keenly going to follow the history and the mood of the House. Before I was told to reply and I think I am in agreement with myself.

So, Hon Speaker, once again I would like to encourage my Committee to continue pressing on. We had a mandate workshop last week and the facilitator was from Parliament. He told us that the three watchdog Committees, that is PAC, PIC and Special Funds are some of the Committees that are given unlimited time.

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This is because they are always at work. I can imagine the workload there might not be the same as in our Assembly but we anticipate that in the near future as my fellow Hon. Member indicated yesterday, issues like the municipalities and also the big water companies will increase our business.

So before we get a solution to that, just to encourage my Members to continue pressing on and not that service to humanity is service to God.

With those few remarks, Hon. Speaker, I also wish to seat down.

(Laughter)

*(Question Put
And Agreed To)*

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members there being no other Business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Thursday 24th July 2018 at 2.30 P.M.

The House rose at 3.32 P.M