

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 13th September, 2018

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

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

PRAYER

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, my attention is drawn to the fact that we have not realized quorum and I order that the quorum bell be rung according to the Standing Orders.

(Quorum Bell Rung)

PROCEDURAL MOTION
REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF A BILL

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Chairperson Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

Chairperson, Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee: (Hon. Gitau): Thank you Mr.Speaker, I wish to move a procedural Motion on the Reduction of Publication Period of a Bill.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 149 (5) , this Assembly resolves to reduce the publication period of the Kiambu County Cooperatives Bill (Assembly Bill No.12 of 2018) from 14 days to 2 days.

Mr.Speaker, all Members are aware that Cooperative services are devolved services. As such we need a Bill that will provide a framework for legislation and regulations of Cooperative Societies for Implementation of the schedule to the Constitution.

Mr.Speaker, in the previous regime, I am being informed that there was an attempt to publish an Act of a Bill but it never saw the light of the day. There has been many issues being raised to the formation of regulations of Cooperative Societies before and as such, a number of petitions have been forwarded to the Assembly.

Therefore Mr.Speaker, currently there being no law providing a framework, there is an urgent need to enact Kiambu County Cooperatives Bill 2018, so that the County Executive department in charge of Cooperatives can set up structures and frameworks for legislation and regulations of Cooperatives in our County.

Mr.Speaker, that is the reason why I am appealing to the Hon. Members, to resolve that we reduce the publication period from 14 days to 2 days so that we begin with public participation as

soon as possible so that we have a Bill enacted by this Assembly. With those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I call upon Mheshimiwa...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order! You beg to move...

Chairperson, Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee: (Hon. Gitau): Sorry, Hon. Speaker, with those few remarks, I beg to move.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Very well, now call upon your seconder.

Chairperson, Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee: (Hon. Gitau): Hon. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Muhindi, MCA, representing Nachu Ward, to second.

(Hon. Muhindi Bows)

(Laughter)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): We were expecting the Hon. Muhindi to second it by saying something, but that being the case I now propose that question.

(Question Proposed)

Leader of Majority!

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Thank you Mr. Speaker, and I wish to take this early opportunity to congratulate the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives, through the very able Chairperson, the Hon. Gitau Kagwe for the good job they have done so far.

Mr. Speaker, the Cooperative Bill or rather a legislation that pertains to the running of Cooperatives, has been long overdue and so we cannot wait any longer and we need to be expeditious on this process. We are in a County where virtually everything that we produce, we need to bring our strategies together and hence the formation of Cooperatives and the way Cooperatives are run, it is important to have a guiding framework upon which Cooperatives can thrive and can Cooperate and can be regulated.

This has been long overdue, it has been hue and cry all quarters of this County, in regard to having a legislation that will see to it that Cooperatives are run using the best practices and in conformity to a certain regulation. Mr. Speaker, we need to expedite and ensure that we have a legislation in place as soon as possible. Mr. Speaker, I support.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): It is debate time, Member for Limuru East.

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, and indeed the Hon. Members of this House would want the best from this House and from the mood and knowing very well that the Members are in unison that a legislation ought to be done, the earliest time possible, I seek your indulgence to invoke Standing Order 118 and call upon the mover to reply so that...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order! Order Hon. Member! Actually somebody was telling me that you might be nicknamed Standing Order 118, because you are always calling upon it, before you call it, maybe there is a Hon. Member or two, who would like to contribute.

What is the mood of the House, we go by him?

(Laughter)

That being the case, may I call upon the mover to reply.

Chairperson, Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee: (Hon. Gitau): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Members. I wish to thank the Hon. Members for supporting this Motion and assure them that as soon it is enacted as a Bill, Members will be happy together with those who brought us here, because among other things, Cooperative Societies stakeholders will benefit, is that there will be an increment of efficiency in Cooperatives, they will not be going to registration in Nairobi, it will be done here in Kiambu, the County will also benefit because the registration fee will also be paid in Kiambu, raising the revenue to the County Kitty. The issue of Auditing Cooperative Societies which currently is being carried by people from National Government, will also be done here in Kiambu. I therefore believe if it sails through, our people, those who brought us here will benefit. Thank you.

(Question Put and

Agreed To)

FIRST READING
KIAMBU COUNTY COOPERATIVES BILL
(ASSEMBLY BILL NO.12 OF 2018)

A Bill for

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Kiambu to facilitate the Implementation of Section 7(e) of part 2 of the fourth schedule of the Constitution, to establish a framework for registration and regulations of Cooperative Societies, to promote the realization of Article 36 of the Constitution and for purposes incidental thereto.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Having being read for the first time, Kiambu County Cooperatives Bill (Assembly Bill No.12 of 2018) now stands committed to the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives, for consideration in accordance to the provisions of Standing Order 152.

I would like to advise that from tomorrow copies and those who will be available and those of you who will be around can pick their own copies and those who will not make it tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday, pick your copies and acquaint yourself with the contents thereof, so that the Bill comes for debate, we shall have the knowledge of what it is saying and you can contribute constructively from what you have studied from the Bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned until, Tuesday, 18th September, 2018, at 2.30 P.M.

The House rose at 02.53 P.M.