

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
KIAMBU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 24th 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

NEW CLERK

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, as some of you may be aware, we have a new Clerk in the Assembly. Yesterday he had the opportunity to meet with Members of staff for an interactive session and it was very successful. I also felt that it is prudent for the Hon. Members to meet with him formally so that he is introduced to you so you can know him.

We will have a short interactive session with him so as to know one another. Now we know that we have a change of guard in our Assembly. In that regard, I wish to announce that tomorrow immediately after the first seating we shall have that interactive session with the new Clerk so that he can meet with the Members for familiarization.

I urge you to be present so that he may know you and you may know him as well so that we start off on an equal footing.

MEMBERS' INSURANCE

I indicated to you that my attention has been drawn to the issue of insurance. I know this is a very touchy issue because it touches everybody.

I wish to announce that those Members who have attended hospital and have paid hospital fees with their personal money, to hand over those receipts to the HR office so that the process of reimbursement can be effected. If you have attended a hospital and paid with your own money for failure of the insurance company to liquidate the fees that you have expended there, kindly take your receipts to the HR for process of refund.

We are at the end of that year, and this week the advertisement will be placed so that we have a new provider of that service. I have instructed the office that is concerned with that service to expedite it as quickly as practically possible.

Please don't forget to hand over those receipts so that that process is done once and for all before we can see what we can do with the people who breached the contract that we had with them.

Thank you Hon. Member!

PAPERS

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Clerk, before we come to the House, you should look for the Hon. Members. This should be the tradition; that whenever there is important Business, you trace the Members, take them through it, guide them, show them how to do it and the correct language to use so that we are not guiding them when the session is on.

FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POWERS AND PRIVILEGES ON REVIEW OF THE SPEAKER'S RULES

(Paper Laid by Member Powers and Privileges Committee, Hon. Kagiri)

NOTICES OF MOTION

REVIEW OF THE SPEAKER'S RULES

Member, Powers and Privileges Committee, (Hon. Kagiri): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir!

I beg to give Notice of the following Motion;

That this Assembly adopts the first report of the Committee on Powers and Privileges on the review of the Speaker's Rules Tabled before this Assembly on Tuesday, 24th July, 2018.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

EQUIPPING COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH FIRST AID SKILLS

Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

On behalf of Hon. Yvonne, I would like to give Notice of the following Motion;

That, aware that the key aims of first aid are to save lives and minimize the threat of death, prevent the condition from worsening and the danger of further injury, promote recovery, and prevent the deterioration of injuries into bigger medical problems.

Noting with regret that, emergencies can happen anywhere and a majority of Kiambu residents do not have the requisite first aid skills to effectively deal with emergencies.

Recognizing that, there is a need to strengthen the capacity of residents through the provision of first aid training in the County. This will ensure that risk reduction and management and effective response to health emergencies, accidents and disasters.

Noting with appreciation that, the County Government has made significant efforts to improve access to health care, through improvement of infrastructure and development of new health facilities, scaling up ambulance services and creating public awareness on universal health coverage through access to the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

Bearing in mind that, Part II of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates the County Government with the role of promotion of primary health care. This Assembly therefore urges the County Department of Health to:

- (i) Develop programs for first aid education and training in all public institutions across the County including Government agencies and schools, and in other places such as markets, and churches, and;
- (ii) Partner with National Government and private organizations, such as St. Johns Ambulance, Red Cross amongst others, to leverage on funding, capacity building support and development of first aid skills in the County.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir!

STATEMENTS

BUSINESS APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY WEEK BEGINNING TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 2018

Chief Whip, (Hon. Njore): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

In avoidance of confusion, I am reading this Statement on behalf of the Leader of Majority. Whereas the Deputy Leader of Majority is here, I am doing it because I am a Member of the Assembly Business Committee (ABC) and he is not.

That is the reason.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Clerk, is that the normal procedure?

(Clerk nods)

Proceed!

Chief Whip, (Hon. Njore): Thank you!

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Mr. Speaker, you may organize that if possible in future, the Deputy be a Member of the ABC and be the one to read if possible.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 62...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Responding to your request, I am sure that Members are aware that our Standing Orders need to be reviewed and relooked at because they were made by the other Assembly so that they can be in tandem with the aspirations of the new House.

I have ordered that we have a session, maybe when we are on recess, to have the entire Standing Orders reviewed so that they are in tandem with what is appealing today.

I agree with you that that issue needs to be looked at because that is the whole essence of having a Deputy, so that in the absence of the substantive leader of the unit or Committee, the deputy deputizes the Chairman.

I agree with you that they should be reviewed, and I assure you that that is going to take place.

Proceed.

Chief Whip, (Hon. Njore): Thank you!

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, 24th July, 2018.

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee met yesterday on Monday, 23rd July, 2018 in the morning to prioritize the Business of the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, the following Business for the week was approved;

1. Today Tuesday, 24th July, 2018, the Assembly will transact Business as follows;
 - a. Resume debating the Motion for promotion of agro-ecological farming in the County by Hon. George Gathuru, MCA;
 - b. Procedural Motion for reduction of publication period of the Kiambu County Skilled Database Bill, 2018, and;
 - c. First Reading of the Kiambu County Skilled Database Bill, Assembly Bill no. 11 of 2018.
2. Tomorrow, 25th July, 2018 during the morning seating, the Assembly will debate a Motion for equipping County residents with first aid kit skills by Hon. Yvonne Wanjiku ;

3. On Wednesday, 25th July, 2018 during the afternoon seating, the Assembly will consider the Motion for the adoption of the first Report of the Committee on Powers and Privileges on review of the Speaker's Rules;
4. On Thursday, 26th July, 2018 the Assembly will consider the motion for the adoption of the Report of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the consideration of the Auditor General's Report for the financial operations of the County Executive of Kiambu for the year ended June 30th, 2016.

Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank Members for their commitment in discharging their mandate so far. As the Assembly breaks for long recess on Friday, July 27th, 2018, I urge the Hon. Members to continue participating in their respective Committee activities and preparing for the forthcoming CASA games. Further, I wish them success in the said games, and a great holiday as they interact with their families and electorate.

I now wish to lay this Statement on the Table of this Assembly. Thank you!

STATUS OF PENDING BILLS IN THE COUNTY

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

Honorable Speaker, the Hon. Julius Taki, Member for Witeithie War, requested for a Statement concerning the status of pending bills in the County.

Honorable Speaker, the Committee conveyed the request for Statement to the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance, ICT and Economic Planning.

Honorable Speaker, on behalf of the Committee, I wish to report the communication received from the County Executive Committee Member as follows:

1. That, the department has just closed the 2017/2018 Financial Year;
2. That, therefore the department requests for more time to compile a comprehensive list of pending bills.

Honorable Speaker, I beg to lay this response from the Executive Committee Member. Thank you!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Taki!

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity; and thank you Hon. Chairperson for Finance Committee.

I request that you speed on the same so that we do not extend the same to the third quarter. You know we do not have a lot to do in this financial year, so I request that you give us a through Report, one that trickles down to the Ward. For instance, how much pending bills are there in Witeithie Ward, how much work was done, how much was paid, and how much is pending.

So many people have complained that the contractors are not willing to work with us because they are being auctioned. This is not the status that we want to see in our County. We need to prioritize the bills that we pay.

Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity!

POINT OF ORDER

(By Ndenderu MCA, Hon. Kinuthia)

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

Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): Mr. Speaker Sir, as you are well aware, the County transited to Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) in 2015 and all the transactions of the County are online and are done within a computerized system. IFMIS has an accounts payable module; we have e-procurement and an e-payment module.

Why would the CEC need more time to respond to a question, whereas we have a real time accounting system that handles all our transactions? Unless of course the CEC is admitting that we are procuring or paying outside the system. Why would he need more time?

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Member because we want people who know what they are doing, people who are informed about how the County is being run. It is the only thing that can make us perform.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to answer the Member. Everything in this department is in the IFMIS system. The said CEC Member was out of the Country for like two or three weeks. When this Statement was being requested for, he was not in. When he came back, he first of all started working by making payments of the contracts that were there. He was also working on how the year was to be closed.

Mr. Speaker, let me confirm to these Members that I also tried how I could come with a Statement of the pending bills. As Hon. Taki said, the Report we need on pending bills needs to be a scrutinized Report that is going to satisfy all the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker, even though the County has a very good system, I request for more time for the CEC Member to prepare himself well and for him to give a compiled Report that is going to satisfy us.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

POINT OF ORDER

(By Ndeiya MCA, Hon. Gacharah)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): What is your Point of Order Hon. Gacharah?

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Ndeiya MCA, (Hon. Gacharah): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I am wondering because here we are talking about an office and not an individual.

(Applause)

Even if the CEC was out for three or four weeks, the office was still running and there were offices running the same. So, is the Chairman in order to tell us that everything ground to a halt when the CEC was out of the Country?

(Applause)

POINT OF ORDER

(By Ngecha Tigoni MCA, Hon. Munywa)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Are you rising on a Point of Order or do you want to contribute? You know you just raised your hand up.

Ngecha Tigoni MCA, (Hon. Munywa): I am rising on a Point of Order Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Then you should shout Point of Order so that you can catch the Speaker's attention. What is it?

Ngecha Tigoni MCA, (Hon. Munywa): The Chair has said that the reason why we do not have a Report is because the CEC was out of the Country. Is it in order for the Chair to misinform this House because all of us know that the IFMIS system is not working at the moment?

(Applause)

Since 30th June up to now, the system has not been working, and therefore it is not possible to get any Report from the system. Is he in order to misinform this House?

POINT OF ORDER

(By Ndenderu MCA, Hon. Kinuthia)

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

The Chairman must respond to that Point of Order first.

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, let me first of all respond to Hon. Gacharah and notify him that the Statement that was requested in this House was

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directed to the office of the CEC Finance. So when I speak in this House, I must speak from the same individual who was being addressed by the...

(Interruption)

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

That will not be accepted. As Hon. Gacharah observed and which is the norm, the individual person is just the policy holder. He is the person charged with running the department. But he has got officers, from the CO to the Directors who should prepare the documents and that information. It is not personalized.

This is a Government office that does not cease to operate when the CEC is out of the Country. The House will not admit that excuse.

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Thank you Mr. Speaker, and I stand guided.

Mr. Speaker, what I would request if for you to allow me to fast track the process and follow it up because even if I can answer all the questions that the Hon. Members can ask me here, I won't overcome their questions because I do not have the Statement for now.

Mr. Speaker, I am requesting the Hon. Members to give me time and I will follow up on the same.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): The Hon. members are putting pressure on you so that you can put pressure on the CEC. The Members are doing that to you so that you can do it on their behalf. If there is somebody to be crucified, it is you, so that you can go and crucify the CEC. They are in order to demand that.

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I apologize for that, and I promise that I will put pressure wherever it is needed for me to deliver on the said Statement.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

(Applause)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): You have not responded to Hon. Munywa's concerns. Do you want him to repeat or you got what his concerns were?

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, I heard the concerns of Hon. Munywa, but as I said, even if I can answer all the questions that are in this House, what these Members need is the Statement on the pending bills.

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Mr. Speaker, allow me to put pressure on the Department of Finance and bring the Statement to this House.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): When?

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, if I can be allowed, I will do that in two weeks time.

POINT OF ORDER

(By Ngecha Tigoni MCA, Hon. Munywa)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Yes!

Ngecha Tigoni MCA, (Hon. Munywa): Mr. Speaker, I think it is only fair for the Chairperson to withdraw the Statement that he has read because now he has just agreed that the facts in that Statement are not right. So, we request him to withdraw and commit to bring another Statement.

(Applause)

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, I withdraw and apologize and promise to bring the said Statement back to this House.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

(Laughter)

(Consultations)

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

Hon. Dan, what is it you said during the time of my consultation?

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member requested me to apologize because of the Statement that I gave earlier before when I said that the CEC was not in.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw and apologize and promise to bring the said Statement in two weeks time.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

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

Let us make some progress.

POINT OF ORDER

(By Deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Alex)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): What is it Deputy Leader of Majority?

Deputy Leader of Majority, (Hon. Alex): Thank you Mer. Speaker!

I would like to add on what we just discussed. Now that we are sending the Chairman to the CEC, now that we are anticipating there will be a meeting between the Chairperson Finance Committee and the CEC Finance, even if he gets that Report on pending Bills, I think he should come with a proper structure. An example is what we call service delivery charter with timelines. For instance when a contractor wins a tender with the County, how long will it take for him to be paid.

It is unfair because there are contractors who maybe started working in June but for some strange reason they are paid, whereas there are some other contractors from last year and yet they have not been paid. So, as the Hon. Chair goes to meet the CEC to get that information, please make sure that is looked at.

Thank you!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): He stands guided!

POINT OF ORDER

(By Mwiki MCA, Hon. Mburu)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Are we opening a big debate on this?

Okay Hon. Kimani!

Mwiki MCA, (Hon. Mburu): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

The Chairperson is telling us that he will Table the Report within fourteen days and we are going for recess on this week. My opinion is that he should hasten and by Thursday we should be getting the response.

As we all know, contractors are running from the sites because of the pending bills. It is a serious matter and as such, we should give as short a period as possible.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Chair, my attention has been drawn to the fact that we will be proceeding for recess the day after tomorrow yet you are talking of two weeks. The Member is asking whether you can fast track that and do it on Thursday. That is if the CEC is in the Country, and not out of the Country.

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Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, allow me to confirm that after this seating; if it is possible for me to bring the Statement on Thursday.

Adding on that, I think I will respond to Hon. Kimani from Mwiki Ward...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Not to Hon. Kimani, but to the House.

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): To the House Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Once you raise the matter in the House it becomes property of the House and it departs from the individual Member.

So, by Thursday?

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Mr. Speaker, let me confirm after this meeting if it is possible. I can confirm that they can do it by Thursday and if I fail, these Hon. Members will not take it easy.

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

You will report to the Chair tomorrow morning. This is a serious matter because it is about service providers and the eventual sufferance of the electorate. So make sure that you fast track it and by tomorrow morning let the Chair know if it can be rescheduled and allocated some other time.

Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

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

I hope that brings to a close those concerns.

MOTION

AGRO-ECOLOGICAL FARMING IN THE COUNTY

(Resumption of Debate)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): The Hon. Gathuru had started this debate and we are resuming it today. Maybe Hon. Gathuru can bring us to speed to remind us what it was all about when we put a halt to it.

Kamburu MCA,(Hon. Gathuru): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. The debate was about Agro-Ecological farming in the County and the Motion was about urging the County Government of Kiambu to recognize and partner with other Agricultural departments in the County, so that they can work towards attaining the levels of farming that are not as destructive in terms of use of chemicals, fertilizers and inputs but putting biological methods in food production.

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Mr.Speaker, the Motion was also urging the County Government to initiate sustainable Agro-Ecological farming in the County, more so by partnering with farmers training Institution like Waruhiu and other private sector Institutions. Mr.Speaker, by the time we seize the debate, we were talking about how this debate can bring us two systems of farming; on that is chemical based while the other one is biological. By the time we seized debate, we were looking at how the two can co-exist, given that we need to start slowing down the use of chemicals due to the harm they are doing on our soils Mr.Speaker.

The Motion brings out information that we need to heal the soils so that in our County, we can be able to produce adequate food that is enough to feed our people. Mr. Speaker, the Motion was taking the detergent towards looking at how we as a County, can use the different systems of farming, so that we can increase the food that we are producing for our people.

Recently, the National Government has been debating the Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy, and a key proposal is the use of Integrated Pest Management and also Integrated Land Use management, both strategies recognize that we need to use a lot of biological materials in our farming, we need to use different approaches in management of pests and diseases and Agro-Ecology provides one such strategy that can be used to make sure that we produce adequate, healthy and safe food for the population of this County.

Mr.Speaker, we also need to look at how the World is progressing, the people in the World are moving towards Agro-Ecologically or organically produced food that are safe and healthy. Even the markets are changing and people are moving towards purchasing more of organically safety produced foods, rather than buying food that is grown using chemicals, either fertilizers or pesticides.

So, this Motion is urging the County Government to exactly do that, move interdem with the global trend of recognizing other systems of farming, such as Agro-Ecology, so that it can place the County and the farmers, in a better negotiating position, once they take their produce to the market Mr.Speaker. Thank you!

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Yes, Hon. Taki!

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): We do not have quorum.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Sergeant, ring the quorum bell.

(Quorum Bell Rung)

I am informed we have realized quorum, can we proceed? The Hon. Gathuru has refreshed our minds, about his Motion that was interrupted and I see that we had a few Members that had contributed and is now time for debate on this important Motion on Agriculture.

Yes, Hon. Taki!

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Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is to just congratulate the Hon. Member for Kamburu for this Motion. There was a time especially we in Juja Sub-County, we agreed that for us to realize food security, we must come up with segments of area where we must improve areas of Agriculture and bearing in mind that we do not receive so much rain, if this can be adopted, an area like Kiahuria in my Ward, can be a bread basket for my own Ward.

There is an area for example in Theta, where they can practice Agro-Ecological farming and realize the potential of that area. However, due to the consistent use of traditional methods of farming, we have not even realized the potential. Yesterday, we were discussing with some people that Kiambu used to be the tea zone, the best coffee and tea used to come from Kiambu but currently, we are converting our glory to real estates. I therefore urge all the Hon. Members to pass this Motion and do some follow-ups in its implementation. If implemented, we can be self-sufficient. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Hon. Members, you all come from Agricultural areas expect maybe a few like Hon. *Kidim* who comes from a completely urban area, Majority comes from the high potential Agricultural areas, I was thinking that this was a Motion that would draw a lot of interest from Members, the Hon. Member for Limuru East!

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Member for the well thought Motion. Indeed, it is good to watch what we are eating and you realize that most of the diseases that come up are from what we are eating and if we do this Agro-Ecological farming, in our County, we shall save more while spending on our Health.

Mr. Speaker, it is also prudent to think of informing the farmers the residence, the alternative that they should use, instead of using the chemicals. Mr. Speaker, I remember in the olden good days, when we were not using pesticides, we used to do ash for probably mitigating the pests that is the kind of information that the residents ought to be told. As I retaliated earlier, the end product because most of the farming that is being done, is done for commercial and we should seek ways where, the cost of production is low and so the returns are very high. I therefore support this Mr. Speaker, and urge Members to support it with haste. Thank you!

(Hon. Speaker Left Chair)

(Temporary Speaker, Hon. Kahinga in the Chair)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): Hon. Mucheke may you contribute!

Kalimoni MCA, (Hon. Mucheke): Thank you Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to congratulate the Hon. Member from Kamburu for having thought and bringing such a Motion, to this Assembly and also the energy and passion that he has towards this. I remember one morning, he came and sat in the Agriculture Committee and he was pleading with us to support this Motion, because he knew that it would bring several benefits along with it.

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One thing that I would like to note Mr.Speaker, is that the Motion is not trying to introduce something new in our County or Country, on the farming Industry. But one thing that the Motion is trying to do, is trying to emphasize that the County Government of Kiambu should recognize this kind of farming in order to benefit our farmers.

I come from an Agricultural zone and I know without doubt that if we can emphasize and teach our constituents and farmers the importance of using Anglo-ecology farming, it would bring a lot of benefits to us. We know nowadays that a lot of diseases like cancer and so many others come along by way of things that we consume and the foods that we eat. The chemicals that are generally used, in our farming industry, usually bring these problems to our bodies. However, we can use the Anglo-Ecology of farming, we know that we will not be consuming harmful chemicals and so the health of our people will be taken care of. I support this Motion and request Members of this House to also support it, because I know, it will bring more important things to our County. Thank you so much.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): Whip!

Chief Whip, (Hon. Njore): Thank you Mr.Speaker, I also join all the Members in congratulating him for the good Motion and from the view of things, I have noted that there is no Member who has objected to this Motion and this is to mean that Members are very happy with the Motion and they are in support. With that, and because of fear of lack of quorum, I kindly ask you to invoke Standing Order 118 and ask the Hon. Gathuru Mburu, to respond.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): Members, aware that this was resumption of the debate, I rule the mover to reply.

Kamburu MCA,(Hon. Gathuru): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Members who have made contributions to this very important Motion Mr. Speaker, they have cited important areas and provisions of the Motion and considering that our County is largely small scale in farming, this is very important. They have cited the issues of health, non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes and cancer. We also note that markets produce are also going to be improved, and there is a huge potential of job creation if we adopt this Anglo-Ecological Farming. It is also sustainable, because it involves very low inputs. I therefore thank all the Members for having supported this Motion and I say thank you to all Members.

(Question Put and

Agreed To)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF A BILL

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): Hon. Taki, Member for Witeithie!

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Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the following Motion.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 149 (5), this Assembly resolves to reduce the publication period of the Kiambu County Skilled Labour Database Bill (Assembly Bill No. 11 of 2018) from 14 days to 8 days.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, in realization to the fact that we have already consumed 7 days and this being the eighth day, I request for the reduction period so that at least this Bill can be interdem with the said time. If the Bill is passed, we shall have an opportunity to know each individual and the courses he/she has done per Ward. For example, in Witeithie Ward, if I want to know how many people have done the Hospitality course, I will just go to the computer, click and I will be able to view to all details.

Further, bearing in mind that we are going for recess, that is why I am requesting for the reduction of time. Thank you. I request Hon. Karuga to second this Motion.

(Limuru East MCA, Hon. Karuga, Bows)

(Question Proposed)

It is time for debate. Member for Limuru East!

POINT OF ORDER

(By Hon. Mucheke)

Kalimoni MCA, (Hon. Mucheke): I think the Standing Order does not allow for any Member to second and then contribute thereafter, he ought to have contributed when you gave him the chance to do so.

POINT OF INFORMATION

(By Hon. King'ara)

Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I believe your ruling on giving the Hon. Member for Limuru East a chance to contribute was within our standing orders, because when the Hon. Member bowed, when he was seconding, he reserved his time for contributing to the Motion and that is per our Standing Orders. I believe the Hon. Member for Kalimoni, the quarry zone is well informed.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): Continue the Hon. Member for Limuru East!

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker and I actually thank the Hon. Member, but I will concur with the Members, that the publication period ought to be reduced. However, due to the fact that we might run out of quorum, it is my humble plea that you invoke Standing Order 118 and call upon the mover to reply. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): With that I call upon Hon. Taki.

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Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Members, for accepting to reduce the publication period, bearing in mind that most of us do not understand the number of people under taking certain courses in our Wards and their qualifications and with this Bill we shall be able to know.

For example, when an opportunity comes up, I will be know, how much people are needed in accounting. Thank you, I appreciate.

(Question Put and

Agreed To)

POINT OF ORDER

(By Hon. Muthondu)

Kihara MCA, (Hon. Muthondu): Mr.Speaker, I fear that we do not have quorum, we cannot proceed.

(Consultation)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): Hon. Members, the next item does not need debate, it is just the first reading and I request Members to be patient.

POINT OF ORDER

(By Hon. Muthondu)

Kihara MCA, (Hon. Muthondu): Mr. Speaker, I seek for your indulgence, can the business of the House proceed, without a quorum?

POINT OF ORDER

(By Hon. Munywa)

Ngecha Tigoni MCA, (Hon. Munywa): Could you request the Hon. Member to cite the relevant Standing Order he is referring to? He might delay the business of the House and we have been informed that it is just the first reading.

(Laughter)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): Hon. Member for Kihara!

Kihara MCA, (Hon. Muthondu): Mr.Speaker, I think common sense does not sometimes allow this, the business of a House cannot go on when we do not have a quorum, irrespective.

(Several Members Rise on a Point of Order)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Kahinga): No point of orders, I order the Sergeant at arms to ring the bell for five minutes.

(Laughter)

(Quorum Bell Rung for ten Minutes)

(Quorum Bell Rung for Another Five Minutes)

(Loud Consultations)

Hon. Members, it is good to familiarize yourselves with the Standing Orders and Section 48 reads;

‘When the quorum bell is ringing, Members shall maintain order in the Assembly’.

Therefore, the Majority Leader, Chief Whip, you maintain order in the Assembly when the Bell is ringing.

(Laughter)

Further section 45 reads;

- 1) *‘A quorum of the Assembly or of a Committee of the Whole Assembly shall be a third of its Members’;*
- 2) *If there is no quorum present when the chair is taken, at the time appointed for a meeting of the Assembly, immediately after the saying of the prayer, the Speaker shall order the bell to be rung for ten minutes, and if no quorum is present at the expiration of the ten minutes, the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes and if there is still no quorum present, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly forthwith to the next sitting’.*

FIRST READING

THE KIAMBU COUNTY SKILLED LABOUR DATABASE BILL (ASSEMBLY BILL NO.11 OF 2018)

POINT OF ORDER

(By Chief Whip)

Chief Whip, (Hon. Njore): Thank you Mr.Speaker, I am rising under Standing order 46 (2) (a), that says if during the proceedings of the Assembly, the Assembly lacks quorum, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly, until the next sitting without the question being put.

I am therefore requesting the Speaker to invoke Standing Orders 46 (2) (a). Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, under Standing Orders 46 (2) (a), this House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 25th July, 2018 at 10.00 A.M.

The House rose at 3.50 P.M.