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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 11th November, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMPLETION OF HOUSE BUSINESS

Speaker: Hon. Members, I just wanted to bring to your attention that we are here for another like two weeks, because our recess comes sometime in early December. Therefore, any business that requires to be completed before December, we must fast track it so that we can be able to do that. I think this one defers to a committee that I chair, the Rules and Procedures Committee on the amendments of Standing Orders. Any amendment must come within this period before we go for recess because once that business gets to the other year, I think we have timelines that you cannot amend a Standing Order six months before the end of the term.

Therefore, we will be having that meeting for the Rules and Procedures on Monday next week, so that we can then be able to look at some pending businesses. Any other business that the committees have; you know we have a long recess that will take us from December to February. Therefore, if there are issues to do with supplementary budget and all those kinds of things, we must handle them within the short time that we have. I hope the Chairs have gotten that and that they will fast-track the business in their committees. Thank you.

PAPERS

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Hon. Simon Kanyutu (Through Hon. Patricia Muthoni): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the annual report by the Sectorial Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources for the period between July 2019 and June 2020 for the department of Agriculture, livestock and Fisheries dated 9th November, 2021 on behalf of the Chairman, Hon. Simon Kanyutu.

(Hon. Patricia Muthoni laid the Paper on the Table)

Speaker: Thank you. Next…

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Hon. Simon Kanyutu (Through Hon. Patricia Muthoni): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the annual report by the Sectorial Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources for the period between July 2019 and

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June 2020 for the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries dated 9th November, 2021.

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RESPONSE STATEMENT ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH PROGRAMME NHIF SUBSIDY

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, a Statement was tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Joseph Kiguru on 21st July, 2021, requesting for a response regarding the Statement on Universal Health Programme named NHIF Subsidy for the indigent and vulnerable.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee sent the letter to the department of Medical Services requesting for a response to the Statement on the same day and a reminder letter on 30th September, 2021 vide REF: CGL/CA/CM/0019/VOL 3/0038. The committee is yet to receive any response. The committee hereby requests for an extension of fourteen days' period so as to table a comprehensive response on the statement.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Veronica Ikunyua. Hon. Joseph Kiguru you are the one that raised the statement, I don't know whether you have any comment before I make my remarks.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Hon. speaker. I don't know how to put it because am disappointed because this response has delayed for a while and I remember very well when I was requesting for the statement, Hon. Speaker. I have given the committee three consecutive appropriated deal. For three budgets we have appropriated more than Kshs.32 million, Kshs.20 million more.

Mr. Speaker, it will all depend on your chair, on how to rule it. If we go beyond the end of this year, I don't know if this statement will be of any use. Hon. Speaker, this budgetary Financial Year we have also appropriated another Kshs.30 million more for the same. I don't know how we are going to do the oversight because of the same. We just needed to be furnished with the list of the beneficiaries. I don't know how hard it is for the committee to follow the same, I am disappointed and I plead to rest my case there. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Joseph Kiguru, I wish to rule that the extension is hereby granted. But also request the chair, if you are able to respond to this statement even before then, if you are able to make the response by next Thursday that is 7 days. Because as this business nears the end of year, for that recess that comes at the end of the year, then it means we will be back in February and as the Member who raised the statement is saying, maybe it will have been overtaken by events.

To make some general comments on the response to statement, I would really wish to say that we as the committees or as the House we need to really be tough on the executive for them to give responses. Even when you don't have a response as a committee chair, you have to do an extension to this House. I don't know what happens, whether you also get that request for extension from the Executive, whereby they say *"we have received your letter"*. Because it is courteous to say, *"I really got your letter, but I can't be able to provide this information, am working on it*".

We only send letters to the Executive but they don't respond, then as a committee, we just keep quiet on them, then we are trying to work hard, come to House requesting for an extension. Do we also demand to know how far they have gone with the information? Because, they might be working on it. This is not a question to Hon. Veronica, but a question to all of us, as far as this statement that is sent to the executive is concerned, do they update the

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committees that they received your letters? We are working on that information; we need to be given a certain period to work on the same. Or do we really get these updates or not. I think I would really wish to hear from the committee's chair to know how it happens. Those who are able to respond, to know how it happens. Hon. Veronica, maybe we could start with you.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was a bit of a hiccup because when we asked for these statements, immediately the CEC was changed. I don't want to talk on behalf of them but I think that is why the delay came on our side. Last week I tried to call them pertaining to the same but they told me that they will bring the statement next week. Because I am not sure, I don't want to come here and ask for another extension. That is why I have given fourteen days but I believe this time they will act on it. Sometimes they do not pick calls and I had to go to the County Secretary for this matter.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nafikiri hili ni swala nyeti na nilifikiri Mheshimiwa hakuwa na jibu. Kwa sababu nimewahi kuwa Mwenyekiti wa kamati mbalimbali nafikiri shida ambayo tuko nayo kama kamati ni kwamba wakati unapeleka taarifa hakuna wakati unapatiwa barua ya kusema utangoja siku ngapi. Huwa tunafuatilia kwa waziri bila barua nyingine ya kuonyesha amechukua. Tukituma barua tunangojea jibu.

Bwana Spika, hapa kuna changamoto kwa sababu waziri atasema anatafuta hizo nakala na wiki moja inaisha. Miezi mbili inapita akisema kuna kitu anangojea na wakati mwingine Mwenyekiti akifika hapa anapelekwa mbio na mwenye taarifa. Mambo huwa hivyo, kuna changamoto na tungefaa kuwa na jambo kama lile ambalo umeelezea Mheshimiwa Spika kwamba ukipatiana taarifa unafaa kupewa barua ya kuonyesha taarifa imechukuliwa na tunapatiwa siku tatu za kukamilisha taarifa.

Hakuna kitu huwa tunapatiwa ila tunakaa tu kungojea. Hao wanajifanya kama malaika. Huo utaratibu tunafaa kuwalenga ipasavyo kwa sababu Waheshimiwa wako hapa kuhakikisha wamefanya kazi na tumepewa nguvu ya sheria kuhakikisha ya kwamba yale yote yanafanyika katika Serikali yamekaguliwa. Kwa hayo machache, asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nakukaribisha kwa hiki kikao. Tangu tutoke michezo juzi tumekuwa hapa na tumepelekwa vizuri na wale ambao walikuwa wameshikilia kiti chako. Asante sana.

Speaker: Thank you. I have been addressing other issues which pertains to this House because the work of the Speaker, apart from presiding over the House, he has other responsibilities as the Chairperson the County Assembly Service Board. Therefore, I have been busy on a number of things. Any other comment on the same? If there is not, I would wish to request the Table Clerks although I will communicate to the Clerk that whoever writes that letter, the letter should be very clear that *we demand to know the following*.

It should also indicate the day that matter is supposed to come back to this Assembly. As a Committee Chair, we have given you timelines on when you ought to have done that work. Let the CECM know that this matter is coming up in the Assembly on a certain date. Please, I wish you will have a quick reply on when to expect the answers. That way, it will be courteous for that person to write to you saying that "*I will be able to comply, expect the answers in the next few days or one week"*.

That way we can be able to programme ourselves. It will be very bad for the committee Chair to be there not knowing whether the statement will be responded to or not. In the morning of that day, when it comes and he has not received any response he will be writing some extension. I think it is important they be clear. Also write another letter through the Clerk and the County Secretary to request the CECM to make sure that they must respond to the statements of this House on time.

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When you write to somebody and ask for this information and you do not give timelines when that matter is coming up or when you expect that response, somebody can be with it for a year. We have seen those statements delayed in the House.

Most time what we find the matter in question is a very important matter but is overtaken by time. When we want to scrutinize through that document a list of students who are awarded bursary then it takes a year. Even when we are discussing that in the House and then the year has ended, then it becomes of no benefit. It is important we be strict with our timeline. The next bit is by Hon. Deputy Speaker

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NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for allowing me to take the House through the tentative business for the next week. It is notified that the House Business has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper of Tuesday, 15th November, 2021.

A. PAPERS- Report of the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Trade Tourism and Enterprise Development.

B. PAPERS- Report by the Health Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Medical Services and Public Health.

C. PAPERS- Report by the Transport and Public Works Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Roads and Public Works.

D. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report by the Health Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Medical Services and Public Health.

E. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report by the Transport and Public Works Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Roads and Public Works.

F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Trade Tourism and Enterprise Development.

G. MOTION- Report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2020 for the department of County Planning and Economic Development.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) November 16th, 2021.

A. MOTION- Annual report and financial statements for the period between July 2019 and June 2020 financial year for the department of Agriculture, Livestock and fisheries by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

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It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) November 16th, 2021

A. MOTION- Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Trade Tourism and Enterprise Development.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Afternoon) November 17th, 2021

A. MOTION- Report by the Health Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Medical Services and Public Health.

Thank you Hon. Speaker and Members. Please for various Members of these committees headed by their Chairs, ensure that those businesses appear next week as scheduled by the House Business committee. Thank you hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Just a correction. I had said we are here for the next two weeks but it's actually three weeks because we are adjourning on the very first Thursday of December.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, this House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 15th November, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 2.55 p.m.

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