

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on 25th February 2021 at 2.50 P.M

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay welcome Hon. Members to our afternoon session, Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Members we have one communication here, from the Speaker Hon. David Kerich that following the proceedings of 11th February 2021 the afternoon session whereby the Assembly was delivering on the BBI Constitutional Amendment Bill 2020, members are hereby notified to launch their complains or their voluntary witness statements on the events of that session to the committee of Powers and privileges through the clerk to the County Assembly.

So you have been informed to voluntarily launch your complaint to the Assembly through the Clerk, you can be a witness and give your statement to the Clerk, on behalf of the Powers and Privileges Committee so that the events that happened that day be handled; Clerk!

STATEMENTS

SUPPLY OF WATER TANKS IN ECDE CENTRES IN TIRIOKO WARD

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, Members we have statement number 005 of 2020 by Hon. Sam Lourien MCA Torioko Ward to the Chairperson Education, Vocational Training and ICT; Chairperson Education.

Hon. Limo: Okay Mr. Speaker, this statement was referred to the two investigate further and deliver the 13 tax by all means. The answer is supposed to be brought by the Public Accounts and Investment Committee Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): It seems that it is written down there that it has been deferred to the Public Accounts, any information on the same committee, members of pick and pack any information in the said statement; yes Hon. Kibai, give us the information on it.

Hon. Kibai: Mr. Speaker, my Vice Chair is around; I had not seen him, you have to give it to him because he is my Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay Hon. Cheserem.

Hon. Cheserem: ThankyouMr. Speaker Sir I rise to give information on the statement which was said by Hon. Sam Limo Lourien, we have already done the fact finding and this info is included in the report that we are to report to the House and we requested for deferring to next week and last session, the information will probably be available by Wednesday next week.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you, Clerk you know there is information that we are waiting as he has said so we wait for the report so that we see whether the question will be answered well.

(Statement deferred)

REGISTERED CBOs AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN SERVING THE PEOPLE OF BARINGO

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay it will be next week Wednesday afternoon. The next statement is 020 of 2020 by Hon. Musa Cheruiyot MCA Koibatek Ward seeking a statement from county heritage gender culture and social services, Chair Hon. Saphina.

What's your point of order Hon. Lourien?

Hon. Limo: Mr. Speaker there was a motion that I was intending to bring here and it's still forthcoming the motion is to advise members on Thursdays to wear African attire but before the motion is passed I have seen Hon. Ng'otie is in that attire can you advise.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Lourien, Hon. Ng'otie can you do the necessary. Members when a member has brought up an issue we should handle it properly. Hon. Saphina go ahead.

(Loud consultations)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Order members can you give the Chair time to answer

Hon. Saphina: My committee is requesting for two weeks so that we can bring the answer.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Two weeks will be on Thursday 11th March 2021 at 2:30P.M

(Statement deferred)

ASSAULT ON TRADER BY COUNTY STAFF

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): The next statement is 001/2021...than you Hon. Ng'otie. 001/2021 by Hon. Jeruto Kiptalla MCA Baringo County to the Leader of Majority.

Hon. Leparsalaach: Thank you Mr. Speaker I promised on Tuesday that I was going to avail the statement sort by Hon. Kiptalla and half an hour ago I talked to the county secretary who informed me that he received the letter from the county assembly yesterday however he said that he has already compiled the report and we will table the report on Tuesday afternoon.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is it Hon. Kibai before I make a ruling.

Hon. Kibai: Thank you Mr. Speaker my concern is about the issue of statement and actually the issue of project implementation in this county. Mr. Speaker our work is to make sure that there is speed implementation of projects that our elected Hon. members have in various wards but it is unfortunate that there is slow implementation of projects, secondly there is slow answering of questions asked in these assembly and I want to plead to our elected colleagues that when we are discussing matters in these House we need not to divide ourselves I have seen a lot of retreats and seminars in Cheptebon and Nakuru but now the Executive are using divide and rule approach by sidelining the nominated and pretend to love the elected but this is dividing us in terms of implementing our projects. That is my concern to the House.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Kibai for those concern members we handled the implementation report recently from the implementation committee yesterday and we saw the implementation status I think we are on the right track. Hon. Chair, I have not yet ruled on the issues that I was to give direction

Hon. Ng'otie: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity not that I want to ask anything on implementation but I wanted Mr. Speaker for you to guide me on this rule of wearing neck tie or smartly dressed as you want me to believe applies to anybody who enters this Honorable House or it applies only to members.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): It applies to all who enters this Assembly.

Hon. Ng'otie: I have seen members of the forth estate when they are here they don't do that

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): The Sergeant-At -Arms will start handling it from today

Hon. Ng'otie: Thank you and have a blessed weekend.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you, I want to give direction, Hon. Kibai you are right and the issues are being handled by the implementation committee and the chairs of the departments and they should start holding meetings as from next week with the Executive so that we see the status of every department it is the role of the oversight committee which to oversee the sectoral committee. Secondly what it Hon. Saphina.

Hon. Saphina: Thank you Mr. Speaker just before you wind up I just want to support the concern of Hon. Kibai and escalate also my concern and dissatisfaction right from the meeting we had in the morning at the Liaison committee Mr. Speaker I don't understand where it is written in the standing orders of these county assembly that when you are doing budgeting process or reviewing implementation of projects it is only supposed to be the elected members and not the nominated members Mr. Speaker I am raising that concern not because of the meeting you went to Nakuru but as a result of the last three years a pattern has been seen in these assembly there is a tendency of sidelining the nominated members and as a senior member of these House just like you I do not understand where that order came from because in the last assembly where our current clerk was the chief officer we never saw any kind of discrimination in fact anytime they had an engagement with the Executive or the leadership they never discriminated the nominated members in the budget making process. Mr. Speaker we are just raising a concern and we are saying that you consider us as your colleagues and we move together. I am not trying to raise any kind of fights between the elected and the nominated but as brothers and sisters please Mr. Speaker maybe you can discuss that and make a consideration.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Saphina going forward we will see if there are events that have happened that way and we will not approve any discriminative activity and we will balance it well as you have requested. Hon. Minority leader what is it

Hon. Limo (Leader of Minority): Mr. Speaker I am raising on a point of information to Hon. Kibai and Hon. Saphina, I am a senior member of these Hon. House a very senior member and being in a rank of the Leader Minority Mr. Speaker, is the biggest rank in this Assembly and therefore Mr. Speaker I have that right to give some clarifications to some issues that are raised by Members. Mr. Speaker sometimes there are meetings that are called by the Executive, meetings for the entire House. First of all Mr. Speaker any meeting in this House, we are in committees ad we don't discriminate any Member.

My Chair of Culture and Heritage is Hon. Saphina Chelagat and she is special elected Member. We did not discriminate her and it has never happened in this Hon. House Mr. Speaker that any of our committees and meetings we have never discriminated specially elected members but Mr. Speaker there are meetings called by external forces like the Executive. If the Governor wants to clarify on issues of ward projects, Mr. Speaker for instance that one touches directly on an elected Member and maybe there are some issues that they wanted to talk and then clarify to the

elected Members, that one Mr. Speaker we don't have powers to invite all of us. We are only invited as guests and therefore we don't have that power to tell the Governor who to call.

Like a meeting convened in Nakuru by some Non Governmental Organization (NGOs). Mr. Speaker they have a budget for atleast this number of Members. Therefore, I just want to tell my brothers and sisters who are Hon. Members that we don't discriminate them whatsoever. Those meeting that we have been doing in Cheptebo has always lasted even to midnight with them being present but sometime Mr. Speaker...

(Loud Consultations)

Saphina here is a Chair and she has been defending her department at Cheptebo and therefore sometimes when we have a meeting for maybe..., this is a cake Mr. Speaker that maybe we have seen the Governor has a big cake and we want to chop part of the cake and we go and negotiate and therefore I just want to urge Hon. Members who are specially elected, before I finish my clarification, that we are heading to elections, you can seek to be elected in whichever ward you come from so that you represent your people but now we represent the entire Baringo and we want you also to challenge issues like budget that goes to the office of the Governor and for youth.

(Hon. Saphina loudly consults)

I want Hon. Kibai to challenge and ask where this money is going than coming here to attend a certain meeting in Nakuru or Cheptebo. I think that is the biggest thing we want, over sighting the Executive. Thank you Mr. Speaker and that is my contribution...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): I was in statement by Hon. Jeruto Kiptalla so Hon. Minority Leader that statement should come on...

(Loud Consultations)

We had come to an end of the statement from Hon. Jeruto...

So that answer should come on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 2:30PM, Clerk.

(Statement deferred)

So Members, Clerk.

(The Deputy Speaker Consults with the Clerk)

ADJOURNMENT

Being there no any other business Members there are two communications here. Hon. Lotela is asking for his power bank which got lost when we were debating on Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), so whoever saw that power bank should give to Hon. Lotela.

(Loud Consultations)

Secondly, the chair finance is requesting all the Chairs and their Clerks to collect the second quarter report and discuss with their counterparts in the Executive side by next week so that we can deliberate on it.

(Loud Consultations)

Order Members! Okay there being no any other business this House stands adjourned until Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 2:30PM.

The House rose at 3.13p.m