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The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Hon. Speaker on the Chair, Mr. Alex Ole Magelo)

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Sergeant- At-Arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(The Quorum Bell is rang for 10 minutes)

Hon. Speaker: Once again, good afternoon Hon. Members. I have the following communication to make.

ASSEMBLY FINANCES

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you will recall that on Wednesday 25th, February 2015 the Chair issued a communication regarding the financial status of the County Assembly pursuant to concerns raised by Hon. Peter Warutere, on the floor. It has been noted that the Assembly was in financial distress as a result of failure on the part of the County Treasury to meet its obligation to the Assembly.

Hon. Members, I wish to report as follows regarding progress on the foregoing:

The County Assembly Service Board held a meeting with the County Treasury in which it was agreed that the Treasury remit Kshs169 million to enable the Assembly cater for salaries (Kshs61 million)

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and operations (Kshs108 million). However, only Kshs70 million was disbursed to the County Assembly, way below the request made. Hon. Members, this state of inadequate financing now threatens to disrupt the conduct of business of the Assembly. If not remedied, the Assembly may be forced to halt all Committee work as regards inspection visits, workshops and benchmarking visits as well as delayed salaries.

Hon. Members, the Board sat to further consider the matter and sent invitations to the County Treasurer to attend its meetings. However, these invitations have not been honored nor leave sought for the lack of attendance. The Board has subsequently issued Summons for the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning, and County Secretary to appear before it on Thursday 25th March, 2015. The Chair shall report progress as soon as possible on any developments. Thank you.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, yes Hon. Chairperson PAC.

(Applause)

Hon. Robert Mbatia: Mr. Speaker, Order number 5.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Mbatia can we help you?

Hon. Robert Mbatia: I have some papers to lay, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Robert Mbatia: Pursuant to Standing Order number 180 (6), I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Wednesday, 25th March, 2015. This is the report of the Auditor General of the defunct City Council of Nairobi for the 8 months period ended 28th February, 2013. Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I just want to correct I said Thursday 25th and it's actually Thursday 26th. March, 2015 when we summoned the leadership of the County Government. Apology for the error. Yes, Hon. Mbatia, what have you done?

Hon. Robert Mbatia: *(Inaudible)*

Hon. Speaker: Very well, proceed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mbatia, the Chair PAC.

Hon. Robert Mbatia: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give Notice of the following Motion. That this Assembly adapts the report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts on the report of the Auditor General of the City Council of Nairobi, now defunct, for the 8 months period ended 28th February 2013 laid on the table of the Assembly today Wednesday 25th March, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well Hon. Chairperson PAC.

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Chief Whip, you have a Motion?

Hon. Minority Chief Whip (Mr. Hashim Kamau): No, it is not a Motion. Mr. Speaker, you just communicated that you are going to have a meeting tomorrow with the CEC Finance. You have mentioned that we will not be having sitting allowances for meetings because of the finances. How soon can we get the feedback after your meeting with the CEC? It is a serious issue that you've raised that Members will go without salaries and sitting allowances.

Hon. Speaker: As soon as we finish the meeting tomorrow morning, if they come. We waited today for them for nearly 3 hours, they never came. Therefore, subject to them coming then we will report to you tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. on the development as I had earlier said. We had invited them for today's 10 o'clock meeting but they did not show up and they did not give any reason. Of course you understand the arrogance of the other side.

Yes, Point of what?

Hon. Member for Kayole South Ward (Ms. Elizabeth Manyala): Mr. Speaker sir I think it is a precedent that I don't know whether there is now lack of complementation between the Executive and the County Assembly. Even in our Committees, even if we invite the CECs to come for meetings they do not honor. They do not even follow up or apologize. I am just trying to urge you that when you are having a goodwill meeting tomorrow, please also use that platform to address this before we reach a point of no return. We are seeing it is now a precedent. We don't know why there is lack of communication between these arms of the Government, the Legislature and the Executive wings. It is now worrying us. We cannot execute our mandate as envisaged in the Constitution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well Hon. Manyala, if they come tomorrow I will put that across. You as Members and the Chairpersons of Committees, take note of some of these things so that when we reign in on them, then we reign on them having evidence of them not coming and all the communication that you made. I can promise you, if they don't come tomorrow, we have all the avenues to bring whatever we want to bring on the floor of the House. It is provided for. Why are you talking to me when you are seated?

Hon. Member for Roysambu Ward (Mr. Peter Warutere): Mr. Speaker, my only concern was if the said person cannot honor your meeting--- if you had a date with him and he didn't make it to come then can we do a substantive Motion to discuss the conduct of the CEC Finance? Are we in order?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chair, it is prudent that we just follow the laid down procedure. Hold your horse, we will bring everything. If they don't come tomorrow we have a lot of alternatives. But I can tell you it is the height of arrogance on the part of the County Government to think that they can put us down. They cannot. These men and women have a following of the City and they must understand that. And I want the Chairpersons, whichever Committee that the CEC does not come without apology, we take action immediately, immediately. Next Order.

MOTION

ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS SPACES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Hon. William Abuka (Nominated Member): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to move this Motion:

THAT, aware that Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) provides the citizens of this republic comprehensive equality and freedom from discrimination; further aware that Article 56(b) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the state shall put in place affirmative action program designed to ensure that minorities and marginalized groups are provided special opportunities in economic fields; concerned that people with disabilities have not been given priority in allocation of business space within the Nairobi City County (CBD); noting that there are many disabled youth with potential to do business effectively for the betterment of the County; this Assembly urges the County Government to give special consideration to people with disability when allocating spaces for traders to put up modern kiosks for business.

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I think we might not be able to reinvent the wheel.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, are you on this?

Hon. Carolyne Muga (Nominated Member): Mr. Speaker, this is to inform you that I intend to move the following amendments to the Motion on allocation of business space to people with disabilities by Hon. Abuka. That the Motion be amended:

- i. Substituting the words '*central business district*' appearing immediately after the expression in the 8th line with the words '*Nairobi City County*'
- ii. Substituting the words '*special consideration to people with disability while allocating space to traders to put up modern kiosks for businesses*' in the 10th line with the words '*set aside at least five percent of all business spaces within the County markets, Central Business District and trading center to benefit people with disabilities.*'

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well Carol, can we have Hon. Abuka to continue and then--- yes, Hon.---

Hon. Member for Nairobi South Ward (Mr. Manoah Mboku): Mr. Speaker, I thought the amendments are supposed to be proposed and seconded?

Hon. Speaker: That is what I'm doing. So Hon. Carol, can you elaborate and then look for a seconder

Hon. Carolyn Muga: The first amendment that I wanted to move, the Central Business District, it confines it to a small region and so we were looking at--- because persons with disabilities cannot just be given space in the Central Business District but within Nairobi County and I call Hon. Athembo to second this amendment.

Hon. Florence Athembo (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I beg to second the Motion.

(Applause)

(The question is proposed)

Hon. Karen Wanjiku (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I beg to support the amendment because we need to support the disabled of Nairobi County as a whole and not only in the CBD. We know that they are not able to scramble for the minimal resources that are in the County so we need to give them at least five percent of the resources, in this case the modern kiosks. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, *Mheshimiwa*.

Hon. Tabitha Juma (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion, my reasons being that in the past we have noticed the disabled people being harassed by the County Inspectorate. At times it has been a very sad scene when you find a disabled man or woman in the wheelchair trying to sell his or her wares in order to earn a living and when the Inspectorate come, they are chased away, their things thrown and end up getting desperate.

This has encouraged the habit of so many disabled people lying in the streets begging for support instead of them being given a chance to earn a decent living as any other person in this Country. I therefore beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, Order! You are supporting the amendments?

Hon. Tabitha Juma: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I support the amendments.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. I want us to deal with amendments part because that is what is on the floor, let us not go on with the Motion itself. Yes, Hon. Maggy Sewe.

Hon. Margaret Sewe (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the amendments because the original Motion was confining the spaces to CBD but in the amendments, now the space is expanded for the marginalized groups especially the women and the disabled. I also stand to support the amendments because in part two of the amendments, it is now not confining us to infinity or something that is not specific. We are now specific in the 2nd amendment because at least particular size which is five percent of the spaces is allocated to these marginalized groups who are women and disabled.

Mr. Speaker sir, it is on that strength that I support. If it is left open then we will not know what percentage of room is given to these marginalized groups. Mr. Speaker, I am being told to---

Hon. Speaker: To do what?

Hon. Margaret Sewe: To call the Mover to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jack *Wetu* is on the floor.

Hon. Member for Githurai Ward (Mr. Jackson Ngare): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the amendments but with a small concern. The figure five percent is what I have a problem with, I believe 5% should be supported with some reason because we don't know how many disabled we are dealing with. I am afraid if we allocate five percent, it might be too small or too big. I have no problem with the proposal but are we giving too little or too much? Let the proposer give some evidential research because we are going to pass this. We are all together in this but let us have some facts so that we don't give too little or too much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Marion.

Hon. Marion Njeri Githinji (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to support this Motion but as Hon. Jack said, I think the figure is one third not five percent. 30% should go to the disabled, youth and women. So the five percent is too small, it should be 30% and it is the law. I would like to support with 30% not 5% and it should include youth, women and persons with disabilities. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Very well, Hon. Tabitha.

Hon. Tabitha Ndigirigi (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to support the amendments from Hon. William Abuka concerning the marginalized and the minority, I belong to that side. Two, I had 15 kiosks costing Ksh. 2.4 million in South C that were demolished. This is high time that I support the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Zulfa.

Hon. Zulfa Hakim (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I was rising on a Point of Information. I would like to inform my very able colleagues that they are not using Constitutional language. You are not supposed to call these people disabled but persons with disability; that is the Constitutional language, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you for the correction. Hon. Manyala.

Hon. Elizabeth Manyala: Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to support the amendments but further, the last paragraph which states that 'when the County Government is giving special consideration to people with disability.' Most of them are youth, even if you allocate them it will remain as a white elephant. What I am proposing is that the amendments should capture that the County Government should also ensure that when these kiosks are being allocated, they should be given to them fully fledged so that even if they don't have money, they are able to actually access and take them fully without being allocated and not having any business that they can conduct. With that, I fully support the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamweru.

Hon. Racheal Kamweru (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker I support the amendments but adding a rider where it says, youth, for me it should read, two thirds of either gender because a youth can be a man or a woman. If we don't specify two thirds of either gender we have all these possibilities going to men or women. For me two thirds of either gender should be added to this. I support the amendments.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Diana Kapeen.

Hon. Member for South C Ward (Ms. Diana Kapeen): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I would also like to support the Motion with the amendments to read the same as Hon. Rachael two thirds of either gender to mean either a man or a woman and again Mr. Speaker sir when we talk about PWP's, I heard my colleague saying here that she belongs to the minority group, I don't know where she falls here and whichever way if we are giving people allocations which I support that they be given she does not qualify anywhere, so with due respect let her not dare put them there because this time she'll not even find a *Mabati*. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Order Hon. Diana Kapeen! What you have asked, I would also have asked the same that she falls on the category of people with disability, we really want to find out because you never know people could be disabled in their heart.

Hon. Diana Kapeen: Mr. Speaker sir I just don't want to land on the wrong side of the Law, I know she's not in this group unless and otherwise everybody in this Assembly is okay and for the record let her just not put them there.

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Tabitha! Just clarify to us what you mean that you are in this category to be given the 5%.

Hon. Tabitha Ndirigi: Two thirds, thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I have already answered it is two thirds, and I also want to know whether the Hon. Member is supposed to be here in rubbers or not. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Order Hon. Members! Order Hon. Diana Kapeen.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Diana Kapeen: Mr. Speaker sir I have to answer, in the communication yesterday you said we should not come here with open shoes, I am also assuming the eyesight of the Hon. Member is good my rubber shoes are closed, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Very well! Order Hon. Members! Hon. Hashim Kamau!

Hon. Hashim Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker the mood of the House is very clear and I am requesting that you call the mover to reply. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Very well, Hon. Carol Muga, the mover of the amendment to move please!

Hon. Carolyne Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker and thank you Hon. Members for supporting the amendment Motion and we'll consult with the mover of the Motion---

Hon. Speaker: Go ahead and do the amendments.

Hon. Carolyne Muga: Oh! I do the amendment, Ok sorry.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Carolyne Muga, you moved an amendment and that is where you are and not the Motion.

Hon. Carolyne Muga: Yes, the amendment that is what I want to say. I wanted to read the whole Motion.

Hon. Speaker: The amendment.

Hon. Carolyne Muga: Just the amendment? Okay, thank you Members. You know I was just concerned that there were some things that came up during amendment's debate. I was thinking that maybe we consider the proposal that were made by Hon. Marion and Hon. Jack in including women and persons with disabilities into this Motion. So I do not know how to go about that, do we consider that or do we just amend it the way I read it.

Hon. Speaker: Read it the way it is written here.

Hon. Carolyn Muga: Okay. Thank Mr. Speaker, thank you Members for allowing amendments to this Motion, that it be amended by substituting the words '*Central Business District*' appearing immediately after the expression within '*the*' in the eighth line with words Nairobi City County and for allowing the substituting of the words *special consideration to people's with disability when allocating spaces for traders to put up modern kiosks for businesses in the tenth line with words set aside at least five percent of all business spaces within the County markets Central Business District and trading centers to benefit people with disabilities*. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Very well, Hon. Members I put the question that amendment on the Motion on allocation of the business space to people with disabilities by Special Elect Hon. Caroline Muga be accepted.

Members now that we have one Motion, Hon. Members, the Motion by Hon. William Abuka,

Hon. Speaker: ---That, aware that Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) provides the citizens of this republic comprehensive equality and freedom from discrimination; further aware that Article 56 (b) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the State shall put in place affirmative action program designed to ensure that minorities and marginalized groups are provided special opportunities in economic fields; concerned that people with disabilities have not been given priority in allocation of business space within the Central Business District (CBD); noting that there are many disabled youths with potentials to do business effectively for the betterment of the County; this Assembly urges the County Government to give special consideration to people with disability when allocating spaces for traders to put up modern kiosks for businesses.

Hon. Members, I now insert the words "Central Business District" to the Motion amendment substituting the word appearing immediately after the expression within the 8th Line with the word "Nairobi City County".

Hon. Members substitute in the word "Special consideration to people with disability when allocating space for traders to put up modern Kiosks for business" in the 10th line words "set a side at least 5% of all business spaces within the County Market Central Business District and Trading Centers for the benefit of people with disabilities". Order Hon Members!

(The question of the amendment is put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members I now call upon Hon. Abuka to move the Motion as amended.

Hon. William Abuka (Nominated Member): I want to thank you most sincerely Mr. Speaker for the opportunity once again to freshly move the Motion as amended. I didn't know that I had such a huge battalion of supporters and people who have sincerely expressed interest in this Motion, because they really captured the spirit of law and Constitution as enacted in 2010 whose interest was purely to empower our people. Mr. Speaker I want your attention.

I think it has been very unfortunate on many occasions that the County Government and especially our Inspectorate Department have on several occasions---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Abuka, you are supposed to move the Motion and then call a seconder.

Hon. William Abuka: Mr. Speaker I thought I would put meat to the bones then I will call the seconder.

Hon. Speaker: No! No! Move the Motion.

Hon. William Abuka: Okay thank you again, Speaker. That, aware that Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) provides the citizens of this republic comprehensive equality and freedom from discrimination; further aware that Article 56 (b) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the State shall put in place affirmative action program designed to ensure that minorities and marginalized groups are provided with special opportunities in economic fields; concerned that people with disabilities have not been given priority in allocation of business space within the Nairobi City County; noting that there are many disabled youths with potentials to do business effectively for the betterment of the County; this Assembly urges the County Government to set aside at least 5% of all Business spaces with Central Business District, (CBD) County Markets and Trading Centers for the benefit of people with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker you have asked me to immediately call the seconder and I will do no less I would like to ask my beautiful sister Hon. Karen to come up and please second this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Karen Wanjiku (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to second this Motion as you know we need to give attention to the physically challenged. As you know in the Constitution 81 (b) says that we should give fair representation of persons with disabilities and also in 56 speaks of how we can also support the disabled and give equal measures of resources without discriminating them.

I want to second this Motion and I want to say that in Nairobi County we have seen especially in CBD there are running battles of Hawkers with City County *Askaris*. The Physically Challenged cannot be able to struggle Mr. Speaker sir, so we need to at least allocate that 5% spaces for them not to struggle. They already struggle in day to day life and we don't want to put them in much hassle.

Also you can see even a good example is City Hall we don't even have lamps for them. I usually sympathize with *Mheshimiwa* Bishop when he climbs the stairs every day up and down, without the use of the lamps. What about the other people, who come every day in this City Hall and also in other buildings in Nairobi Mr. Speaker sir, we need to put considerable measures to look at the disabled and we will start with this. I second strongly and I urge our Members who are ready to support this Motion to do it quickly. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I now propose the question.

(The question is proposed)

Hon. Speaker: I call the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. William Abuka: Once again I thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. This is a very timely Motion as far as the spirit, the life and the minds of this Assembly is concerned, and by extension the Government of the County of Nairobi.

I want to sincerely appreciate the support that we have got from the Assembly Members. Ideally every one of us here is concerned about the plight of our brethren, sisters and brothers who are physically challenged, leaving their lives at the discretion and mercy of the County *askaris* has been too expensive and we cannot afford it anymore.

I now want to thank the Members sincerely for the support and believe that the passage of this Motion at least will give some lifeline to our brothers who for one reason or another suffer physical challenges. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well Hon. Doctor William Abuka HSC. Hon. Members, I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Next order. Yes Hon. Warutere what is it?

Hon. Peter Warutere: Mr. Speaker, I still rise on the same issue I had raised about t three weeks ago about the status of this Assembly. I am made to understand that we are on the last straw of water because I do not think we will even have some water to take tomorrow. Owing to our situation as it is, you can even see that the Members are not even obliged to be in the Assembly. Our financial situation is dire and something needs to be done because I do not think that we are going to get the salaries for this month.

We read in the papers that there was an issue that was being raised by the Senate but even before we get to that, I am seeking your indulgence so that at least we know the way forward on our financial situation. We are doing badly and the Executive is still out there, not much is being done and we are sitting here not knowing what will happen tomorrow. I am told beyond this day, tomorrow we will do without water, the next day without the Clerks and I do not know what will happen the day after that.

I seek your indulgence on the same. This matter is of great concern and I think we need to address it before the end of today.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members it is true as I did in my communication and this was further for those who were not here. February 25th I sounded an alarm and as I told you, we had invited the Executive to a meeting with the Board today but they did not turn up. No excuse or apologies. As I have told you Hon. Members we have now summoned them for tomorrow's meeting at 10.00 O'clock and after that I will bring you a full report thereafter tomorrow 2:30pm. All I can tell you is that things are not very rosy on the part of Nairobi Assembly.

You are aware Members as per today's paper, Bomet County Assembly has closed down because they have no money. Let us hope that the gentlemen and the lady will come before us tomorrow so that we can bring you a proper comprehensive report and as I had earlier told you, we have other avenues to use in regard to this matter. It will be unfortunate because we had given them the opportunity to come and address the issue. Tomorrow 2:30pm there will be a report that I will give to you at the Assembly. Thank you. Next Order.

MOTION

Hon. Alexina Moddy (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I am standing in for my Chairman for Labour Committee Mr. Wilson Ochola that this Assembly adopts the report of Sectoral Committee on Labour and Social Welfare of the Nairobi City County Public Service Board Annual Report 2013/2014 laid on the table of the Assembly on Wednesday 15th October, 2014.

Mr. Speaker the background is that section 59 (1) of the County Government Act 2012 requires the County Public Service Board to prepare and submit a report to the County Assembly on the execution of its functions.

On Tuesday 15th April, 2014, the Leader of Majority party tabled the Nairobi City County Public Service Board annual report for the year 2013. The report was thereafter committed to the Sectoral Committee on Labour and Social Welfare for considerations. The Committee invited the Board secretary to take Members through the report and to clarify on issues raised. The report is the first annual report for the Board since its inception and as such dwells on preliminary work of the board.

Mr. Speaker sir the Committee observations;

1. The board lacks capacity to deliver on its mandate effectively especially recruitment of staff and performance monitoring due to lack of efficient systems. This has been caused by the lack of secretariat to help the Board run its affairs and previously due to the lack of specific budgetary allocation.

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Zulfa Hakim

Hon. Zulfa Hakim: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise on Standing Order No. 74 to address your Chair. In as much as we appreciate the good work of this particular Committee, it is apparent that this is a very detailed document and I don't think it is in place for us to discuss this document considering the fact that we also do not have quorum. We seek for some time to go through it because it is a Motion and we need to know what we are passing or rejecting Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Alexina Moddy: Mr. Speaker sir as I was going through I was not taking the Hon. Members through the whole document, I was giving the observation of the Committee and its recommendations. The document will be laid here and the Hon. Members will be open as we go through the report.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members let us give the Chairperson time to give us the observations so that we can interrogate it.

Hon. Alexina Moddy: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I was going on, I was on number two of the Committee observations.

2. The board's independence is not guaranteed since it has to depend on budgetary allocation from the office of the Governor to facilitate most of its operations.

3. The recruitment conducted during the period under review did not consider the marginalized persons and persons living with disabilities which is against the provisions of the Constitution.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker sir, in view of the above findings and observations, the Committee urges the Assembly to resolve as follows:

- 1) The Board should be facilitated by the Executive to enable the establishment of a fully-fledged secretariat to assist the Board in the discharge of its mandate and avoid dependence on the County Executive.---

Hon. Peter Warutere: Point of Order!

Hon. Speaker: There is a Point of Order.

Hon. Peter Warutere: I am still seeking your indulgence Mr. Speaker on Standing Order no. 32. I can observe that we don't have quorum in the House. It will not be in order for us to pass this report without a quorum.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chief Whip, approach the Chair.

(Minority Chief Whip approaches the Chair).

Hon. Speaker: Clerk, can you find out how many we are. Chief Whip, can you summon your troops? Where is the Chief Whip of Majority? Okay, can you ring the bell for ten minutes?

(Quorum bell rung for ten minutes)

Order Members! Hon. Members, there being no quorum, the House is adjourned until tomorrow 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 4:23p.m.