



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

First County Assembly – Fourth Session

Thursday 1st September, 2016

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

(Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Samuel Nyangwara) in the Chair)

PRAYER

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we don't have a quorum, I direct the Serjeant-At-Arm to ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell is rung)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, still we don't have a quorum. I will allow three Members to give us directions because I am not foreseeing adding the other five minutes from the look of things. So, there is no need of us wasting time. Yes, Hon. Moses Ogeto.

Hon. Member for Kilimani Ward (Mr. Moses Ogeto): Mr. Speaker, you know very well most Members have gone to Mombasa. I would wish that you use your powers and adjourn the House. Even if you tell the Serjeant-At-Arm to ring the bell for the next one hour, we cannot attain the Quorum. Next time when Members go for these activities, let them consider that we need to be in a Plenary which is very important. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nyang'ala.

Hon. Jacqueline Nyang'ala (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to *(inaudible)*.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: You are protected. Can you proceed? Indeed, it is the tradition of the House that you have to stand to honor the House.

Hon. Jacqueline Nyangala: Mr. Speaker, I am up and I hear you and it is noted but nobody needs to give me a lecture but only you. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the leadership of this House should know that more than three quarters of this House is in Mombasa. There is no reason why we have to come here and ---. By one o'clock we knew we would not get a quorum. So, I don't see why we have to be told to come here and the leadership knows we should be--- and I concur with the Hon. Member Ogeto that we should be reasonable and have wisdom enough as the leadership of this House to know that this thing will happen and we would have adjourned yesterday if we knew that three quarters of the House is not going to be in the House and I think the leadership of this House is not being fair and sincere to others, thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Alex Ouda

Hon. Member for Mugomoini Ward (Mr. Alex Ouda): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I do concur with the two speakers but let us consider the Plenary and Committee meetings, these are the most important things that we should be doing. These activities of games and the rest are just supplementary. So next time we should be considerate when we are allowing other Members to go and take part in these activities as opposed to attending to the Plenary. Today most of the Members have wasted a lot of their time waiting for the Assembly to be adjourned yet others don't think that these Members are also wasting their time.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, there is no leadership in this Assembly apart from yourself. We don't have the Majority Leader, the Minority leader and both the Whips. It is as if they were aware that Plenary will not take off and that is why they are not here. We request you to use your own discretion and Standing Order and give us a direction. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Members. I've been informed from the Office of the Clerk that the Hon. Members that went to Mombasa and those who never went to Mombasa are supposed to be in the Assembly. Those who are supposed to be in the Assembly are more than the required quorum. We cannot just put the blame on the Office of the Clerk for having allowed Members to go and participate outside there when we know that the Members who are not out on official duty are more than the quorum required in this House. That notwithstanding, I therefore invoke Standing Order number one and adjourn this House till the 27th of September, 2016 as per our calendar. Thank you very much. Hon. Members I had already made a ruling on the same. Our Standing Orders and parliamentary calendar is very clear. We'll follow the calendar. If it allows those Committees to continue they will continue

(The House rose at 3: 40 p.m.)