



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Tuesday 13th November, 2018

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

(Hon. Acting Speaker (Mr. Chege Mwaura) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

Hon. Acting Speaker: Let us proceed with business, we have enough quorum.

PAPERS

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Nancy, you have some Papers to lay.

Hon. Nancy Muthami: Hon. Speaker, I wish to present the certificate of registration of the Nairobi City County Women Caucus for safe custody as it is the property and instrument of the Assembly. Attached is also the list of new leadership of the Nairobi City County Women Caucus.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Nancy, you can proceed and just list the new Members for purposes of record.

Hon. Nancy Muthami: Hon. Speaker, this is the list of leadership:

1. Hon. Doris Kanario, MCA – Chairperson
2. Hon. Nimo Haji, MCA – Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Juliet Ndegwa, MCA – Secretary General
4. Hon. Jackline Apondi, MCA – Vice Secretary General
5. Hon. Catherine Okoth, MCA – Treasurer
6. Hon. Susan Makungu, MCA – Deputy Treasurer
7. Hon. Carolyne Mayunzu, MCA – Organizing Secretary
8. Hon. Mary Njambi, MCA – Deputy Organizing Secretary
9. Hon. Nancy Muthami, MCA – Whip

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Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. The leadership of the Caucus wants to table the list of new members as well as certificate of registration for safe custody. I thought it was important she lays the Paper so that we proceed and also be on Hansard.

(The Paper was laid)

Thank you. The Chairperson of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives--- the Vice Chair, you have a Paper to lay.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you. Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 181 (6), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, 13th November 2018: The report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on the site visit to Eastleigh Market, Retail Market, Kiamaiko Goat Market and City Market, held between 25 and 28 June, 2018.

(The Paper was laid)

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Whip on behalf of Majority Leader? Hon. Deputy Speaker, are you holding brief for the Majority Leader?

(Hon. John Nyumu spoke off the record)

Alright, drop it then. Let us go to the next Order because there is no one to lay the Budget Review and Outlook Paper.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE INSPECTION VISIT TO ASSEMBLED GREEN HOUSES AND INSTALLED FISHERIES TANKS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Acting Speaker: Chairman of Agriculture.

Hon. Samuel Kabiru: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion: THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the inspection visit to assembled green houses and installed fisheries tanks in the County, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, 24th October 2018.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. There is another notice from the Chairman Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives. The Vice Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE SITE VISIT TO EASTLEIGH MARKET, RETAIL MARKET, KIAMAIKO GOAT MARKET AND CITY MARKET

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Article 228 (6) of the Constitution of Kenya, I beg to give notice of the following Motion: THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on the site visit to Eastleigh Market, Retail Market, Kiamaiko Goat market and City Market held between 25 and 28 June 2018, laid on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday, 13th November 2018.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Before we go to the next Order, we go back to Order No. 5 for the purpose of the Whip laying the Paper on behalf of the Majority Leader.

PAPER

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, 13th November 2018: The Annual County Budget Implementation Review Report for the financial year 2017/2018. Thank you.

(The Paper was laid)

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. The next Order.

STATEMENTS

(Point of Order)

Hon. Acting Speaker: What is out of Order with the statements, Hon. Oyugi?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker, it is on Motion. For the last one and half months, my Motion has been lying in the Deputy Clerk's Office. It is a Motion that I believe it is very important to this Assembly since it touches on the welfare of Members. I want to inquire from your office as to why the Motion cannot be passed or rather cannot be put on the Order Paper by the House Business Committee. I am on Standing Order 56 (h).

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Oyugi has raised an issue that he brought in a notice of Motion that has been stuck in the Office of the Clerk. Standing Order 51 says:

"51. (1) Except as otherwise provided by these Standing Orders, notice shall be given by a Member of any Motion which the Member or Committee proposes to move.

(2) Before giving notice of Motion, the Member shall deliver to the Clerk a copy of the proposed Motion in writing and signed by the Member; and the Clerk shall submit the proposed Motion to the Speaker.

(3) If the Speaker is of the opinion that any proposed Motion –

(a) Is one which infringes, or the debate on which is likely to infringe, any of these Standing Orders;
(b) Is contrary to the Constitution or an Act of Parliament or of the County Assembly, without expressly proposing appropriate amendment 39 Standing Orders to the Constitution or the Act of Parliament or County Assembly;

(c) is too long;

(d) Is framed in terms which are inconsistent with the dignity of the County Assembly;

(e) Contains or implies allegations which the Speaker is not satisfied that the Mover can substantiate, then the Speaker can give directions.

So, I am requesting the Clerk to furnish that notice by the Hon. Member so that we can have a discussion on the same. Hon. Oyugi, are you comfortable?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: I am even getting more confused since one and half months have elapsed and it appears that it has not reached your desk. If that is the case, I want to trust your words that you will direct it to be brought to your desk so that you give a directive.

Hon. Acting Speaker: That is okay, we have agreed that it comes to my desk hopefully tomorrow so that I can give you proper directions.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: But it normally takes how long for it to move from the Clerk's Office to Speaker's Office?

Hon. Acting Speaker: Let me know why it has been stuck there then I will give directions.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: So probably when?

Hon. Acting Speaker: As early as tomorrow. I want to see what the contents are.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Gari, you are on an intervention?

Hon. Maurice Gari: Mr. Speaker, thank you so much. On the same----

Hon. Acting Speaker: Order! You can't be on the same, I have already made a ruling. You know the rules.

Hon. Maurice Gari: On the same----

Hon. Acting Speaker: No, no!

Hon. Maurice Gari: You cannot rule me out----

Hon. Acting Speaker: You are out of Order! Hon. Karani Themendu, you have an issue?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Hon. Speaker, there is a statement I requested on June but up to now I have not been even called to the Committee. I don't know what happened. It concerned projects that were done in my Ward---

Hon. Acting Speaker: Which committee was it committed to?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Early Childhood.

Hon. Acting Speaker: I can't see the Chair and the Vice Chair. Hon. Member for Kahawa West on behalf of the Committee, do you have something to say?

Hon. Antony Gatune: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since tomorrow we have a committee sitting, I will take the matter so that we call Hon. Themendu.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Alright. Make sure that Hon. Themendu comes to the Committee so that he is satisfied. Hon. Themendu, are you okay with that?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: I think he should give timeline.

Hon. Acting Speaker: He has said tomorrow he will call you for their Committee session.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Is there any other statement request? What is the issue?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Pending statement, Mr. Speaker. It concerns the demolition of Seefar Apartments in Highrise. I remember before we went for the recess, you gave a directive but up to now I have not gotten a communication from the relevant department. I am seeking your indulgence because residents and owners of Seefar are really living in fear. So, I want to kindly ask you to give probably the last directive so that action can be taken.

Hon. Acting Speaker: That is okay, Hon. Oyugi. Because the Clerk-at-the-Table is also the Clerk of the same Committee, I will ask that they give us a progress report on where the matter has reached because by now it should have been answered. So, if there are issues, the Clerk should ensure that the Chairman or a member of that Committee gives us a progress report in regards to Seefar. You are okay with that?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: When am I likely to get the---

Hon. Acting Speaker: Even tomorrow you will get progress report. Hon. Deputy Majority Whip, you want to say something?

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I remember we actually summoned Water Resource Management Authority (WARMA) who appeared before us but then we have a pending summon for National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). So, we are currently unable to give a comprehensive report until Friday. Therefore, a substantive report will come on Tuesday next week. I can confirm that to Oyugi.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Oyugi, are you comfortable with what the Member has said on behalf of the Committee or do you want a progressive report tomorrow or we wait for a substantive report next week on Tuesday?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: I am comfortable waiting for the comprehensive report. However, when they invited WARMA, they did not get the audacity to invite me. So, this time round when NEMA is coming, I will implore upon the Committee to also give me an invite.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Noted. I can see the Chairman has come in. Hon. Waithera, in the next session, you will also find it necessary to invite the Member.

Hon. Waithera Charge: Yes, I can assure him and I fully understand where he is coming from. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. The next order?

MOTION

DESIGNATION OF BREASTFEEDING AREA IN ALL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Kanario.

Hon. Doris Kanario: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Aware that Article 27 (5) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that a person shall not discriminate directly or indirectly against another person on any of the grounds specified or contemplated in Sub -Article 27 (4) which includes but not limited to; sex and pregnancy; Further aware that Article 28 of the same Constitution dictates that every person has inherent dignity and the right to have that dignity respected and protected as required for the breastfeeding mothers in any public establishment; while appreciating that breast milk has nutrients and protective antibodies that help them grow and boosts their delicate immune systems and overall health, factoring the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation for exclusive breastfeeding of newborns for six months before introduction of food and continuation of the same until one to two years of age; further appreciating that through breastfeeding, mothers are able to grow and enhance their attachment and bonding with their infants, a phenomenon that

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every mother is entitled to; disturbed that lactating mothers often feel ashamed of breastfeeding in public and semi-public places due to possibility of potential objections by other people, negative comments, or harassment not to mention the discomfort and health risk mothers get exposed to for fear of breastfeeding in public; further disturbed that in the past, there has been cases of Mothers being denied the privilege to nurse their infants in public or semi-public establishments due to lack of a designated nursing area; this Assembly resolves that the County Executive moves with speed to ensure all licensed County public establishment and County Public service delivery points designate a conducive Nursing/Breastfeeding areas with its enabling policy as a requirement and condition for license renewal by the County Government of Nairobi City. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Acting Speaker left the Chair. Hon. Otiso takes over the Chair)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Seconder?

Hon. Doris Kanario: I call upon Hon. Maurice Ochieng to second this Motion.

Hon. Maurice Ochieng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the Motion. We all know that what is good for the child is also good for the mother. This Motion is very important not only to the child but also to the mother. As we are aware, there is rampant cancer in the country and we know very well that if we do proper breastfeeding, we will reduce ovarian cancer, which is very rampant within the country. The reason why I am seconding the Motion is that it also lowers and reduces the weight of the breastfeeding mothers. I stand to second the motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Muthami, I think this Motion has amendments. You stand for the amendments.

Hon. Grace Muthami: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to provision of Standing Order no. 58, I wish to move the following amendment to the Motion;

That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words appearing after the words "Assembly resolves" in the last part of the Motion and insert the following words "Assembly urges the County Executive to designate a conducive area for nursing and breastfeeding in all the county establishments and service delivery points with its enabling policy".

Mr. Speaker, let us not make this a condition for renewing licenses. We need to make service delivery and embrace the establishments of being imposed on.

(Hon. Oyugi stands on a Point of Order)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: What is it Hon. Oyugi?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: The Standing Order is very clear on how to move an amendment. So, she cannot move an amendment when the Motion is on. She ought to have done it earlier. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Oyugi, I think you are out of order. The amendment is procedural. Hon. Muthami, you can proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: I am guided by the Standing Orders, not wishful thinking.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Muthami is moving an amendment.

Hon. Grace Muthami: Hon. Speaker, I propose that we go without that provision since the intended spirit remains the same. So, I call upon Hon. Leah to second the amendment.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Leah.

Hon. Leah Supuko: I second the amendment.

(Question on amendment proposed)

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to support the Motion. As we all know breast feeding is the first preventive health measure that can be given to a baby at birth and it also has natural vaccination and it is the first immunization towards a child. It also contains growth factors that enhance the maturation of an infant's organs.

In May 2018 the National Assembly Hon. Sabina Chege moved a Bill on the breast feeding and if I quote Article 4 (2) (a) and (b) respectively "A lactation place shall be shielded from view and be free from intrusion and be clean, quiet, private and warm" whereas (c) continue to state that "It should not be a bathroom or a toilet". We don't have specific places or designated areas within this country that allows lactating mothers to breast feed their babies.

It is in very few churches that they have designated places whereby lactating mothers can go and breast feed their babies. In this Bill that Hon. Sabina Chege proposed it states that not only in public places but also in private institutions. If you also look at our Assembly we don't have any designated area whereby we mothers or upcoming mothers can breast feed their babies.

Kenya is a signatory to treaties that provide for the right of an infant to be breast feed until the required age of six months. The County Government should therefore promote and encourage breast feeding and provide the specific measures that would present opportunities for lactating mothers in both public and private places.

We don't want the places to be licensed. They just designate specific areas. Like smoking zones have their areas where they do smoke. We have also social places like bars, restaurants where they have smoking zones. Why don't we have designated areas whereby mothers can warmly and not without fear breast feed their babies. I support the Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon Member. Hon. John Kamau?

Hon. John Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. It is a taboo in African society for men to see mothers breast feeding, looking at their boobs. I would like to support the Motion where we can have exclusive breast feeding rooms. I rise to support.

(Loud consultation)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chair, there is a way you can communicate to the Chair without shouting! I think Hon. Members you understand very well the procedure. We are dealing with the amendments. Once you accept the amendments then we come to the debate of the Motion. First she has

done some amendments. I will then put a question for the amendments then we come back to debate the whole Motion. I think it is clear. The mover!

Hon. Nancy Muthami: Hon. Speaker I want to thank Members and the mover Hon Doris Kanario as we seek to bring dignity to motherhood. I beg to reply.

(Question to the amendment put and agreed to)

(Question to the amendment proposed, by deleting words appearing after the words "Assembly resolves" and insert the following words " Assembly urges the County executive to designate a conducive area for nursing and breast feeding in all the county establishments and service delivery points with its enabling policy")

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon members you can debate. Hon. Patricia Mutheu Musili

Hon. Patricia Musili: *Nashukuru sana mheshimiwa Spika kwa mswada huu wenye umepitishwa hapa leo na kwa kweli ni furaha kwa wamama kwa sababu huu ni mswada ulikuwa umepitwa na wakati.*

Nasimama kusupport kwa sababu ni muhimu kuwa na kitengo maalum cha wamama kunyonyesa watoto na pia itaonyeshana kuna heshima, nidhamu na pia tumekubali kuwa wanawake wanaweza kuwa viongozi na tumekubali kuwapa heshima wamama waliotulea kwa sababu kila mtu hapa anajua alinyonyeshwa akiwa mdogo. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu nah hii ni kikombe kwa kila mama mwenye amesimama hapa na hata inatupa motisha ya wanawake wengine kama sisi kupata watoto wa pili ama wa tatu. Kwa hivyo heko kwa mwenye alikuja na huu mswada na tunafurahi, shukran.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Esther Nyangweso?

Hon. Peter Imwatak: Speaker it is not Hon. Nyangweso. She has just asked me to speak on her behalf because this Motion is heavy on her. As a mother and sister she has pleaded with me to see how my fatherhood can...

Mr. Speaker allow me first to thank the entire House for the support. This morning it is officially that I remain the Majority Whip of the County Assembly of Nairobi with my counterpart Minority Leader and, as we say in the Seventh Adventist Church, what is past is past; let's focus in the future. I am here to confirm to the house that we are ready for the future and to make sure every Member of the County Assembly has what it takes to be here.

Two, this is a very important Motion. I start by congratulating the Chairperson of the caucus. That is what we want. As I am speaking and she is busy with the Sergeant- at- Arms. I want to tell the Chair of the caucus that it is the first time, after Hon. Kamweru, the first Chairperson of the caucus in this Assembly, who was so much inclined to bringing issues touching on mothers, has brought another important issue to discuss in this House.

I remember Hon Kamweru who was the first Chairperson of the caucus brought the Public Participation Bill which was not on any man's imagination that a woman can bring such Bill before the Assembly, and it was passed and assented to.

Today we are discussing a very important issue that touches us all. I am sure breast fed for more than six months. It is not something to feel ashamed of because my mother breast fed me and I am happy she is in Nairobi and one day I will bring her in this Assembly.

That is not something to be ashamed of but also now we take cognizant of the fact that we are in 21st century. In the 21st century the County Government should designate places that our mothers can comfortably breast feed our young ones. We are also saying every building in this County, if possible should at any given time have a space- a dignified space- where our mothers can change their babies. I want to reaffirm my support and of the Minority side to this Motion. I beg to support.

Hon. Leah Supuko: Mr. Speaker thank you. I would really like to support this Motion and also to thank Hon. Doris Kanario for bringing up this important Motion. Actually I want to correct my brother here Hon Kamau. It is not taboo for people to see ladies or women breast feeding their kids. It is African, even in public, because I intend to think that where you are coming from you were not born in the 21st century. What I am trying to say here is that it is good to give respect to our ladies or our upcoming mothers and give them some dignity of doing the necessary to the kids.

Mr. Speaker there are other institutions like Safaricom who have come up with breast feeding room for mothers whereby mothers can go to their place of work and leave their babies with their nannies. I tend to think that as Nairobi County if we can be the first Assembly to do the same as Safaricom it would be good example to other counties and to all other institutions in this republic of Kenya. I support the Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Leah. Hon Emily Oduor?

Hon. Emily Oduor: Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to support the Motion and congratulation to our Chair of caucus for bringing this Motion to the house. First and foremost I would like to just take a rider on what *mheshimiwa* Leah has said that as African we were never actually ashamed of breast feeding our children in public.

What is making us make this Bill is because of the new generation that has been made to feel ashamed that breast feeding their children in public. When you watch one of the MPs in Australia that defied all odds and breast fed her child right inside the assembly as she was contributing.

We need to do this especially for this Assembly. It is very unfortunate that we have mothers that will soon be coming back from their maternity leave and will have nowhere to breast feed their children and I hope this Bill is assented to soon and action taken so that as our mothers come back from their leave there is a place where they can breast feed their children. But not only in this Assembly. This should continue in all the establishments so that our children get their mother's milk which is very important and I hope that we are not going to have resistance from other institutions. There are institutions that usually are very good at giving space. I support the Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Jeremiah Karani.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. I think everyone in this House was breastfed by a woman, let me say mother, and I think it is important to appreciate them by passing this Motion. I do not see anybody here opposing the Motion so as I see the mood of this House let the Mover reply and then we pass the Motion because I do not see anybody opposing it. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member there are still some remarks here of the women and this is purely for women so we should give them time to debate on it. Hon. Rose.

Hon. Rose Ogonda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost I must thank the Chair of the Caucus for bringing this Motion. Mr. Speaker, I have seen that our MCAs and staff have been blessed with

children and they are mothers now and if we can create one room for them so that any time they can go there and feed their babies that would be good. It would be good if we start with one of our own so I stand to support this Motion and I think all of us who are here, three quarter of us are women and I know we cannot sit down and leave this Motion. I beg to support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Rose. Hon. Juliet Ndegwa.

Hon. Juliet Ndegwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to add my voice to this Motion. I want to thank my Chair of the Women's Caucus Hon. Doris Kanari for bringing it to light. Mr. Speaker, breastfeeding is a right, it is a right for children, it is also a right for another to breastfeed a child between the ages of 0 – 6 and it is actually said that they should do it exclusively between those ages. It would be prudent for us to build and provide some basic accommodation in this Assembly for our breastfeeding mothers as we have been told that we have Hon. Members who gave birth recently. They will come back to the Assembly and we do not want them to be in a position where they skip Assembly sessions just because they are going to breastfeed.

Even having technology like breast pumps and the like the bonding between the mother and the child while they are breastfeeding is something that has been talked about and civic education has been done. Mr. Speaker, we also know breastfeeding offers optimal nutrition and it helps build the immune system of a child. We have all breastfed, I believe we have all breastfed and so this is something that we should take very seriously. If there are any funds needed to be able to build this facility that the Committee of Budget should put it into consideration as fast as possible and let us protect breastfeeding. Let us do this as a whole House, let us not say that it is exclusively for women, I would like to see more men championing for mothers to breastfeed. So, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Warutere.

Hon. Peter Warutere: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Chairperson of Health allow me to be the first or second man to support this very important Motion. Owing to various issues because I have been to many corporate entities like Safaricom, they have lactation points and I think – I do not want to belabor on what Hon. Juliet has said – I think we should start immediately by getting a point here, we have about three mothers who are in this business and the best that we can do is to lead by example. We need to persuade the Budget Committee, I wish the Chairperson of Budget was here, we need to get some funds so that we can set up a point within this particular Assembly so that at least we can lead from the front. This is an issue that has been overtaken by events and us being in the 21st Century this is something that should have been done many many years ago.

Therefore I think it has been said by many and I want to affirm and to state categorically that this is the right time that we now show by example that at least hygienically we do things in the correct way. So, I am urging the majority of members as has been said by many that we need to fast-track this, let us get it done and therefore probably in the next two months we should have a point here. We are all products of breastfeeding, we know its gains and we cannot say less. Let us get started, I hope through your good office and the office of the Speaker we should be able to get the facts as soon as possible so that at least from here we then cascade it to the next level whereby we now need to implement this process. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chairperson of Health. Hon. Joyce Muthoni.

Hon. Joyce Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker and thank you Chairlady Caucus for bringing this important Motion. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion because some of these breastfeeding mothers may want to extract milk through the milk extracting machines and they can only do that in privacy and in designated places. Also, it is a way of showing support to breastfeeding mothers and to women at large. We also need these designated places for breastfeeding even in churches, malls and I also want to urge some of our institutions like for example in my church we have a designated place for breastfeeding and I think it is wise if we support this Motion and pass it so that we can support all the breastfeeding mothers. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Joyce. Hon. Margaret Mbote.

Hon. Margaret Mbote: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion, but before I do that I want to congratulate our Chair, Caucus for bringing such a wonderful and very useful and touching Motion. Breastfeeding is a right for all children and if we were not breastfed by our mothers we would not have survived. So I look forward to supporting all the members that have said that we should start with this Assembly to put aside, at least for our mothers, where they can breastfeed their children. Breastfeeding is one of the key roles of the mother because if a mother breastfeeds her children now it becomes a crime and the children also get sick because of not being breastfed well. The health rules say that children should be breastfed for 6 months, before that the child cannot eat anything else until 6 months.

So I believe breastfeeding is the key and it is something that we can all embrace and this Motion will help not only in this Assembly but in other institution because it will come from here that they should put all the requirements that children can be breastfed in all areas. So, it is good to embrace this Motion and support it and as our colleague said, they have indicated that breastfeeding is where a human starts to grow so we should all support this Motion and it should start with us. With that, I support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Margaret. Hon. Anita.

Hon. Anita Thumbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been pressing this machine but I do not know what is happening. I think it is a shame that in the 21st century we have designated places for smoking zones but we still do not have breastfeeding places in our County. We all know the health benefits of breast milk, one, we know that it has antibodies that prevent infections in babies, viral and bacterial. We also know that it helps the mothers to burn calories and we also know that there are so many diseases that are connected or related to high calories in our body especially hypertension and diabetes. We also know that during breastfeeding women do not go through menstrual period and that means there is some suppression of some hormone like estrogen which leads to ovarian, breast cancer and also many other cancers. So, Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion, thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Anita. Mover.

Hon. Doris Kanario: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. It is in this mood I also want to say that it is also in the Constitution that every person has a right of privacy as contained in Article 31 and it is also under Article 53 that every child has a right of basic nutrition and healthcare. Mr. Speaker, I also want to say that even changing diapers in public which is just natural for the children but it becomes embarrassing to the mothers because when they change diapers in any place people tend to harass the mothers. It is in this

support that I beg this Assembly to set an example because charity begins at home. We have lactating mothers in this Assembly who are breastfeeding and some who are expectant, we can lead and others can follow. I beg to reply, Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members for your good debate. I now wish to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Assembly adjourns until tomorrow, 14th November, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

(The Assembly rose at 3.45 p.m.)