



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### Second County Assembly – Second Session

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Silas Matara) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYERS

#### QUORUM

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Searjent at Arms, ring the bell for 10 minutes due to lack of quorum.

*(Quorum bell was rang for 10 minutes)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Searjent- at- Arms, kindly ring the bell for a further 5 minutes and no member should leave the Assembly. Order Members.

*(Quorum bell was rang for a further 5 minutes)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Now since there is quorum we can begin the Assembly but in light of the delay I would like to bring this to the attention of this House and the Whips from both political divides; this delays leave a lot to be desired so kindly improve on that to ensure that you whip your members to be here on time. I will leave it at that. Clerk proceed.

#### STATEMENTS

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Minority Whip.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, I rise on the other side of the aisle as a sign of the handshake of the Jubilee and ODM parties that we are all together as one and on the principle that we will fight corruption together, that we will deal with uncouth people together. I will always stand with others on the other side when it comes to fighting this vice. Speaker, allow me to just put an intonation on your pronouncement on the issue of quorum in this House which is very important and very pertinent.

For your notification Mr. Speaker, both the Whips offices request your office to take this into consideration and capacitate this Whips office. Mr. Speaker, you are aware that my counterpart Hon. Chege and my Deputy Whip Hon. Ogeto are all elected members of the County Assembly who also have some jurisdiction to handle in their respective Wards. Hon. Speaker, it is only the Whips of Nairobi County Assembly who do not have a secretary, messenger, neither do they have a phone that operates to call all these Hon. Members in terms of cell phones.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the issue of lack of quorum really needs the capacity in the Office of the Chief Whips to be able to execute this mandate without delay. Hon. Speaker, if you go to the Commonwealth practices the Whip ought to know where each member is on the day of the sitting. Unfortunately Hon. Speaker, on our side we only know how many members there are when they are walking in because the office is not well capacitated. Mr. Speaker, I beg to ask you to take charge as the Speaker of the House and communicate the same. Thank you.

**Hon. Kennedy Obuya:** Mr. Speaker, I partially agree with my good incoming Whip or permanent Whip. *(Laughter)* Hon. Speaker, it is true that he needs to be empowered but we are all aware that the office of the Whip comes with a package of an allowance. Hon. Speaker, it is also a calling and I think he needs to withdraw and apologize for his laxity in the said offices because it is an insult to the citizens of Nairobi but we were elected – either way nominated or elected – to come and represent the people and I have not seen any day that I have been whipped by my Whip any day to come and attend the Plenary. They have the communication allowance, Mr. Speaker, let them use whatever little they have to show us that either they whip us or they step aside. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** I want to confirm it is a lie that the Whips can say that they have a communication allowance. That is why Mr. Speaker, we are saying that as the office of the Whips maybe to inform the Hon. Member that we do not have any communication allowance apart from the responsibility allowance that the... I will not step aside now, I am the permanent Whip.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Kindly Minority Whip, it was a suggestion that you made and the Speaker has heard your concerns. We are going to look at it and if a provision can be made we are going to advise further at a different sitting. So, Clerk let us proceed. Yes, Hon. Warutere.

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** Hon. Speaker, I just wanted to inform you...

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Warutere, you are a senior member of this House and this is a House of rules and procedures.

I have already dispensed with that matter. I will advise further on it.

Under Order 7 the following responses to statements will be given. Response to statement by the chairperson sectoral committee on Transport and Public Works requested by Hon. Francis Otieno regarding street lighting and road maintenance in the county. The chair of the committee? The vice chair?

**Hon. Mark Macharia:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is worth noting that as per the Fourth Schedule...  
*(Point of order)*

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

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker the constitution envisage that any particular undertaking...

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Minority what is the point of order

**Hon. Peter Imwatak:** I am on point of order 56 (h) on privilege of the assembly and based on the constitution. The Hon member the chair of Health committee is raising a very pertinent issue. That in Kenya to have any meeting you must have a two thirds gender rule, therefore Mr. Speaker in the current assembly as we are seated all our ladies are in the national parliament...

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I hope it is not a matter that I have dispensed.

**Hon. Peter Imwatak:** It is a constitutional crisis. It is affecting us.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon Minority Whip you are out of order. Hon. Warutere?

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** I wanted to inform this house on a matter of national importance. While we are busy here asking for quorum, raising the quorum, our nominees are in the National Assembly going out to support the gender Bill and while we sit here we are more than a third. We need to get our business right because majority of our membership is in the National Assembly. When this Bill is effected we will need to have a third of 85 - that means we will only need 27 members. As we are constituted right now we are 43. So when our membership goes to support a Bill that is going to scale down the nominees from 42 to 27 then what basically we are doing is like we are getting this thing wrong. In equity we are supposed to be only 27, and all this members are busy in parliament supporting a Bill that is going to scale down that number.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon member your point is taken, kindly resume your seat. You have illuminated the minds of members of the house. The vice chair of Transport committee to respond.

#### RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING STREET LIGHTING AND ROAD MAINTANANCE IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Mark Macharia:** Thank you Hon. Speaker before I was rudely interrupted I wanted to respond to a statement requested by Hon. Francis Otieno and I can see the member in the assembly.

Hon. Speaker, on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, Hon. Francis Otieno Ngesa, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) and requested the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works for a Statement regarding street lighting and road maintenance in the County.

In the Statement, the Member requested that the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- i. Measures put in place by the line department to carry out routine repairs on the roads and street lights; and
- ii. Measures put in place to ensure road bumps are erected on the feeder roads within the Ward to prevent pedestrians and school going children from being hit by reckless motorists.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wrote to the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Public Works, Roads and Transport on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 inviting him to a meeting of the Committee that was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2)(d)

The purpose of the meeting was to enable the CEC Member to furnish the Committee with the response to the Statement requested by the Member.

In this regard, Hon. Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

*Measures put in place by the line department to carry out routine repairs on the roads and street lights*

Hon. Speaker, the Committee was informed that Nairobi City County has put in place the following measures to have routine repairs on roads and street lights undertaken:

- a) The County has procured 11 contractors to undertake routine maintenance works on County roads. Of these contractors, five (5) have commenced works and the rest are still going through the contract engagement process.
- b) Further, the County Highways section is undertaking road rehabilitation using the recently acquired paver;
- c) Furthermore, the acquisition of the required street lighting maintenance materials is underway;
- d) In addition, the Sector is following up on payment for repair of broken down equipment (graders and platforms); and vehicles and Asphalt plant that were procured to ensure that it is expedited.

*Measures put in place to ensure road bumps are erected on the feeder roads within the Ward to prevent pedestrians and school going children from being hit by reckless motorists*

Hon. Speaker, it is worth noting that as per the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, County transport which includes County Roads, Street Lighting, Traffic and Parking Management are among the functions, is the mandate of the County Government.

Therefore, installation of speed bumps at the junctions is one of the tools of traffic management and enhancement of road safety. In view of this, the County installs speed bumps on areas that have been identified as risky for road users. This is done during road construction/ rehabilitation or once there is a new development that makes the section of the road dangerous for users.

Hon. Speaker, the Community, either directly or through their elected leaders (MCAs) can identify specific areas requiring bumps which they communicate to the Department. Once the communication is received, the Engineer carries out an assessment of the area to determine whether bumps are the only way to address the risk and makes a decision accordingly.

This case is not unique, Hon. Speaker. The Department committed to liaise with the area leadership (MCA) to identify the risk areas in terms of road safety and address them appropriately. The Committee urged the CECM to be faithful to this commitment and urged the Member to liaise with the Department regarding the issue raised.

The Committee further requested the Sector to standardize the bumps on County roads with motorists in mind.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Francis Otieno was satisfied with this response.

Hon. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been given to Hon. Francis Otieno who requested for the statement and a further copy is hereby attached to this report.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay this Statement. Thank you

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF KAYOLE SOUTH D.O ROAD

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Response to a statement by Hon. Frederick Okeyo regarding the construction status of Kayole South Road.

**Hon. Mark Macharia:** Hon. Speaker, the Member is not in the House, so I don't know if it is in order I just lay it on behalf of the Assembly? The Member was satisfied with the response.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I think we can suspend it to either when he is in the House or a later date because we are not in a position to say whether he was satisfied or not.

**Hon. Mark Macharia:** Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I have been informed that it is the third time the statement is being mentioned at the floor of the House and the member is always not here. So, we will not defer it any further until possibly he raises it. We can proceed to another matter.

**Hon. Mark Macharia:** I think it is in order we just lay it and finish up with it because I can attest the Member was satisfied with our response and that is why we have the statement today.

Hon. Speaker, on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018, Hon. Fredrick Okeyo, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) and requested the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works for a Statement regarding the construction status of Kayole South's D.O Road.

In the Statement, the Member requested that the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- iii. When was the contract awarded and when the scheduled date for completion; and
- iv. Why the contract was renewed even before the construction of the road started under the preceding contract.
- v. Why the construction work is ongoing despite the Resident Engineer raising a red flag on the shoddy work being done.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wrote to the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Public Works, Roads and Transport on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 inviting him to a meeting of the Committee that was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2)(d)

The purpose of the meeting was to enable the CEC Member to furnish the Committee with the response to the Statement requested by the Member.

In this regard, Hon. Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

When was the contract awarded and when the scheduled date for completion:

Hon. Speaker, the Committee was informed that the contracted was awarded under the name: NCC/RPW&T/115/2015-2016 for rehabilitation of the road from D.O to Nyando/Thawabu Road. It was awarded to Joint Commercial Supplies Limited for a period of 12 months. The project commenced in December 2016 and expected to be complete by December 2017. However, under the new terms, the project is expected to be complete by April 2019. Hon. Speaker, the project is 15% and the contractor had raised the first certificate whose payment has delayed to date.

Hon. Speaker, like many other projects, it is worth noting that the contractor had moved out of the site citing delays in payment by the County. However, following successful negotiations with the County to have the contract extended, the contractor is on site and the project is progressing well.

Hon. Speaker, as regards the reason why the contract was renewed even before the construction of the road had started under the preceding contract, the Committee was informed that the contract was not renewed but extended owing to the fact that the contractor had left the site citing delay in payment by the County.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, the Committee was informed that the section that had been filled without removing black cotton soil as flagged down by the Resident Engineer has since been rectified.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Fredrick Okeyo was satisfied with this response.

Hon. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been given to Hon. Frederick Okeyo and a copy is hereby attached. I beg to lay this response. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Proceed. Vice Chair, kindly resume your seat. What is the issue Hon. Member for Dandora Area 4?

**Hon. Francis Ngesa:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I was worried because you did not ask whether I was satisfied with the response but I can tell you that I am. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Clerk proceed to the next order

### MOTION

#### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF SEEFAR APARTMENTS

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** What is it Hon. Member for South B?

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was thinking that for purposes of procedure we would give Hon. Oyugi a progress report as promised on the issue on Seefar apartments. I don't know if you can allow me to lay it Mr. Speaker so that the Hon. Oyugi accesses it through the office of the Clerk and give feedback. Maybe he can tell us what his feelings are through the Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Oyugi

**Hon. Kennedy Oyugi:** Mr. Speaker, I am more than ready to have a glimpse on the progress report. So the honorable Member can proceed to read it out

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Proceed Hon. Member for South B

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Hon. Speaker last week I promised the honorable Member that the planning committee was going to give him a progress report as we wait for a substantive report on the Seefar apartments. I therefore wish to proceed; under the 3<sup>rd</sup> schedule of the Standing Orders, the Planning and Housing committee is mandated to consider all matters related to County Planning and Development including statistics, land survey and mapping boundaries and fencing housing and outdoor advertisement.

Hon. Speaker, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2d) this House committee the sectoral committee on Planning and Housing to a statement requested by Hon. Oyugi regarding the approval and construction of Seefar apartments in Highrise ward.

Hon. Speaker, in seeking answers to the subject of the statement the committee wrote to the CEC lands in a letter REF No: NCCA/NCPH OCTOBER 2018 DAED 17<sup>TH</sup> October 2018 ad carried out a fact finding visit to Seefar apartments on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The committee also summoned the following parties concerns with issues surrounding the demolition of Seefar apartments, Water Resources Authority officials and NEMA officials. Hon. Speaker, during the site visit the committee met with the area ward representative, Edeman Property Limited representatives, residents of Seefar apartments and their chair where the following was noted

1. The land where Seefar apartments stand on originally belongs to the National Housing Corporation. The title is in the name of Edeman properties limited who are the developers.



2. The building has 288 units or apartments, 277 units sold out and the remaining one which belongs to Edeman properties limited has been rented out.
3. Both NEMA and Warma had indeed issued a 14 day demolition notice of Seefar apartments to Edeman property limited. However, the same entities later increased the notice to 30 days.
4. The notices were issued without consulting either Edeman or the residents
5. The chairman and the residents of Seefar apartments made a visit that bore no fruits to NEMA offices on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 to ascertain the reasons behind the demolition notice. It is at this point that without reason, their demolition notice was extended to 30 days.
6. Seefar resident association consulted water resources authority who distant themselves from the same matter and instead pointed an accusing finger towards the Nairobi regeneration team as the brain child behind the demolition notice.
7. The demolition notice cited that building was 15meters from Nairobi dam; however, an assessment by the Committee estimated it to be around 50meters.
8. There is a spillway approximately 150meters to one side of the apartment that caters of overflowing water from Nairobi dam, during heavy rains.

Hon. Speaker the Committee met with Water Resource Authority officials (WRA) on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. NEMA Officials did not honour the Committee's invitation slated for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 and plans are in place to do summons for NEMA officials within the shortest time possible.

Hon. Speaker, during the deliberations with Water Resources Authority (WRA) officials it emerged that:

1. Nairobi dam where Seefa apartments are constructed is a surface water body constructed on Ngong River and it has a riparian reserve.
2. Seefa apartments encroach on the riparian land as the initial slop of the Dam was interfered with, so as to accommodate construction of the apartments. It also interfered with the riparian reserve of the Ngong River.
3. In the year 2011 Water Resource Authority marked the extent of the riparian reserve on Nairobi dam but in 2012 Erdeman properties who are developers of Seefa apartments ignored the markings and encouraged on the reserve. Water resource authority issued another notice which was subsequently ignored by the developer.
4. The wall of the dam further weakened when Erdeman properties interfered with the gentle slope to make it more vertical, they then did backfilling and now there is a leakage in the dam wall. This possesses an imminent danger to the occupant of the apartments of been swept away by water in case of a dam burst.
5. The Nairobi Regeneration team, Nema and Water Resource Authority are behind the demolition notice.
6. Hon. Speaker, in conclusion, NEMA officials agreed that to protect the home Owners from losing their Investment the following options can be explored:-
  - I. Construction of a concrete wall on the dam slope so as to strengthen it; or
  - II. Decommissioning of the dam and letting Ngong River take its natural course.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee is yet to meet with proprietors of Erdeman Property Ltd and officials from Nema to get their account on the matter.

Hon. Speaker, in a sitting of the Committee with the CEC, Lands it was asserted that indeed the Nairobi Regeneration team was behind the issuance of the demolition notice to Seefar apartments. In his press briefing during the site visit, the Chairman of the Planning Committee assured the residents of Seefar apartments that more investigations will be done to get to the bottom of this and ensure that the rights and interests of the residents are safeguarded.

The Committee further had an informal meeting with the residents of Seefar apartments where they tabled a number of documents and correspondences pertaining to the proposed demolition.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give this as the progress report from the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding the matter of Seefar apartment's demolition and further inform this House that the Committee will file a comprehensive report once it meets with the NEMA and Erdeman Property Ltd officials.

I beg to lay the report.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Under order No. 8 I call upon the mover of this Motion.

**Hon. Patrick Mbangula:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Let me allow the incoming Minority Leader to speak, thank you.

**Hon. Kennedy Oyugi:** Mr. Speaker, indeed the progress report from the Committee is very encouraging. All my intention of requesting the statement was to safeguard the interest of the innocent Kenyans who now own the Seefa apartments from the Erdeman developers.

Therefore, I want to say that I am encouraged with the report so far from the Committee. So I do not want to poke holes; let me wait for the comprehensive report once they get them all from the relevant departments. Otherwise, I would only encourage the Planning committee that whenever you summon these relevant departments always find it necessary to invite me, so that I may be part and parcel of the deliberations. Otherwise, I am grateful for the report. Thank you.

**Hon. Patrick Mbangula:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, mine is very brief ....

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Kindly resume your sit so that the Member of Planning Committee can give a concern on the issue. What is the issue? Were you requesting the mic to move the motion or it is on the issue that Hon. Oyugi has raised?

**Hon. Patrick Mbangula:** It's on *Mheshimiwa* Oyugi's point.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** No. You are out of order, kindly resume your seat. We need to move the motion please. What is it Hon. Member for South B?

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** I was about to inform the Member that this is a progress report. Therefore, there is no need of debating it at this level. We are waiting for the comprehensive report and then we can give them a chance to debate on it.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Okay. Mover?

**Hon. Patrick Mbangula:** And this is to help the Committee, Mr. Speaker that is looking to this, to come up with a very comprehensive report. In your report *Mheshimiwa* Waithera, you may consider---

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member the indication is---

**Hon. Patrick Mbangula:** I am not debating Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Kindly, listen to what I am saying. The member for Roysambu, you have not been given the mic, observe some silence. Hon. Mbangula, kindly resume your seat, we cannot



allow debate on that issue because the committee is going to present a comprehensive report. Are you ready to be informed? It is not allowed, we cannot discuss the same issue it is time to move the motion please. Mover? I hope it is not on the same issue that I have....

**Hon. Kennedy Oyugi:** This was a statement it was not a motion. So whenever you call a mover I am left wondering what is going on.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I am not confusing the House, I am just indicated on that matter we have dispensed with it. There is a motion on Order No. 8 that is what I am talking about unless you are referring to something different, you are out of order. Kindly resume your seat.

### MOTION

#### ADOPTION OF REPORT ON SITE VISIT TO SELECTED COUNTY MARKETS

**Hon. Benson Macharia:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion; That, this assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade and Co-operatives on the site visit to Eastleigh Market, Retail Market, Kiamaiko Goat Market and City Market held between 25<sup>th</sup> ---

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** No Member should leave the House, Serjeant-at-Arms. You are out of order to question the directions of the Chair.

**Hon. Benson Macharia:** Mr. Speaker---

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Proceed, Member.

**Hon. Benson Macharia:** May be in the goodwill of the members, can I table this Motion tomorrow? We cannot say that it is lack of quorum because that will mean that we shall not have our allowances for today. I beg for your advice Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** You are only allowed to defer it but be aware that it will have to go to the House Business Committee to be scheduled for the date that you are going to request or any available date.

**Hon. Benson Macharia:** Mr. Speaker, I will like to proceed with it then.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Proceed then.

**Hon. Benson Macharia:** Hon. Speaker in accordance with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Schedule to the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives is mandated to consider all matters relating to trade development and regulations including markets, trade licenses excluding regulation of professions, fair trading practices, local tourism and co-operative societies, betting casinos and other forms of gambling and liquor licensing.

Pursuant to provisions of Standing order 203 (6) (b) (d) and (e), the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives is supposed to study the programme of the Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Co-operative sector and effective methods of implementation, study, assess and analyze the success of the sectors measured by the results obtained and inquire into all matters relating to the sector.

Hon. Speaker, in the exercise of its mandate, the Committee resolved that there was need to visit County markets to assess the state of markets and ongoing construction works. This arose from the need to address the existing challenges of the state of the county markets, revenue collection in the markets and the alleged land grabbing in some county markets.

Further, members sought to make appropriate recommendations based on the facts and challenges of each market. The Committee resolved to undertake site visits to Eastleigh Market in Eastleigh North Ward, Retail Market in Nairobi Central Ward, Kiamaiko Goat Market in Kiamaiko Ward and City Market in in Nairobi Central Ward.

Hon. Speaker, while at the Eastleigh Market the Committee was informed that the construction of the market was under Public Private Partnership with the County government which has stalled due to court cases. The Committee noted the stalled construction was still at the foundation level.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** What is it Hon. Member for Roysambu?

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** Mr. Speaker allow me to rise on Point of Order No. 36, we should not allow the debate to proceed for lack of quorum. As you can note the House is below 20 members and this being a House of procedures and rules, we cannot transact a business without quorum.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Serjeant-at-Arms, ring the bell for 10 minutes.

*(Quorum bell was rang)*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, due to lack of quorum this House stands adjourned but House Business Committee will have a meeting at the rise. The House stands adjourned to tomorrow 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

**(The House rose at 3.53 p.m.)**