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[The Speaker (Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Honorable Members, you may be seated.

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Honorable Members, as you proceed, the attention of the chair has been raised for lack of quorum. Under Standing Order 37 (2), I direct the Sergeant at arm to ring the bell for a record of 10 minutes.

(Quorum bell rung)

Hon. Speaker: I'm glad to communicate that the House is properly constituted. We have the quorum to transact the business of the day. Clerk?

Hon. Speaker: The Deputy Speaker? You have got Papers to lay?

Hon. Paul Kados: Not Papers, Hon Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of this House if [Hon] Cate is properly dressed?

Hon. Speaker: Who?

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Cate. Is it Cate Waruguru, It's Hon. Waruguru. Is she properly dressed? Because yesterday we had some other matters which involved Hon. Munuve so I wanted you to confirm.

Hon. Speaker: Seargent- at-Arm? Do we have a lady Sergeant-at-Arm? Sergeant-at-Arm, please kindly. Honorable Cate Waruguru, kindly come, be upstanding. Don't wrap yourself, please. Please don't wrap yourself.

Hon. Members it is not you to confirm if a Member is properly dressed; it is the Seargent-at-Arm. Seargent- at -Arm please. Hon. Cate, remain standing. I just need the concurrence of the Assembly on the code of dress of female honorable Members. Under the Speaker's Rules, it's indicated a skirt of reasonable length, knee length, or below the knee. Blouse, jacket, trouser suits, decent shoes. Muslim lady Members may wear a Punjab, Bui Bui or Hijab. So, I hope the Member is properly before the House, because she's in a blouse.

(Applause)

Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

It is indicated blouse.

Hon. Munuve is in the House. After I send out the Hon Member for Kariobangi out yesterday, I went to refresh the constitution a bit and get the better understanding, in line with the dictionary, then I realized the dictionary has expressed way of categorically putting honourable Member at the right place when it comes to the attire before the assembly.

Honourable Munuve is properly dressed and I would want him to give us terms of reference in the dictionary. Honourable Munuve, I hope you have the dictionary with you. You can bring the House to speed and get concurrence with what is said from the book as written by the scholars. Kindly, Honourable Munuve, please.

Hon. Joel Munuve: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity and also for defending my rights. If you look at the dictionary, the Oxford, it says a tie is unattached or fastened with a string or similar cord as long as it hides the neck. And if you look at the Speaker's Rules, it says that a man should have a long sleeve shirt, a jacket - that's a coat, and then trouser and a black shoe. And then it says a tie. It has not specified what kind of a tie, because Mr. Speaker, we have so many ties. We have Mexican tie, we have Texas tie, we have a cravat that I'm wearing, we have an ascot tie, we have a bow tie, and then we have a long neck tie. So Mr. Speaker if you look at the dictionary and what the Speaker's Rule says, as you have correctly put it, I am properly dressed for the occasion of this House.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members for the understanding. Hon. Member you can't challenge the ruling of the Speaker. Please be seated. What is the issue?

Hon. Hamisi Maleya: The dress code of our Chief Whip, Mr. Speaker, particularly the shoes, they are sports shoes. And you said very well in the Speaker's Rules, they should be black shoes. So, Mr. Speaker, kindly guide this House.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Kindly be seated and spare the House for today, honourable Member. Clerk, we may proceed.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, we have several Statements here, but I would request the House to move to the Motion in line with the sequence of the Order Paper so that we can transact the main business, then revert back to statements. Is that okay?

(Statements deferred)

Yes, because statements under the presentation of various Chairs will take quite a lot of time, and that is what I would want to save you from. So kindly, Clark, call out the next order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON VETTING OF NOMINEE
FOR APPOINTMENT AS NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON OF
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

(Resumption of Motion interrupted)

Hon. Speaker: Order Number 8, Hon Alvin Olando but now that under Standing Order 35, the Motion was interrupted after the question had been proposed, so the assembly is to proceed from where we left. This is an interrupted Motion and it was deferred.

Hon. Lilly Kidenda: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. As has been stated, the Motion was moved, seconded and we actually debated, the Speaker actually proposed the question, and at that moment it was noted that the House was not properly constituted. I think we got to the place of the Speaker getting to the place of asking the mover to reply. I stand guided, sir.

Hon. Speaker: Members had not contributed to this Motion, and I would really like to inform the House the importance of this Motion in question. The nomination of the Chair to be non-Executive member to chair the county Rural Plan Urban Affordable Housing Committee.

Hon Members that is the Motion before the Assembly. I hope...

(Loud consultations)

Seargent- at- Arm don't allow such a Member to access the Assembly, please. Seargent-at- Arm get hold of that Member. Members, what do you take this Assembly for? Hon. Members the Motion before the House needs your input.

(The Speaker consulted the Clerk)

I hope you got the Order Paper, hon Members?

Hon. Akama kindly proceed.

Hon. Jared Akama: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity. I am rising to basically seek for your guidance so that I also get to be informed. I was going through the report. You know there is a precedence that you have set which is very healthy for this House in terms of scrutinizing everything which comes to this House.

Hon. Chair I was going through the report but I was hoping to be informed on the procedure of this nomination because I didn't see where it is indicating whether it was advertised, whether there were applicants and how many people were shortlisted and basically even to inform this House of the importance of this position so that when we are debating, we are debating from a point of information.

I am rising to really seek for more information in regards to the process under this nominee. Basically what will be the work of this nominee because we have a whole sector of housing in this County and basically, Hon. Speaker, there is a tendency which is coming up in this government that there is the replication of duties and replication of duties has an impact on the wage bill and this county is struggling with the wage bill. So I am raising basically to seek for information and the details in terms of what happened as far as this nominee is concerned? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member I just want to assure that this Motion in question is properly before the Assembly. I received a communication from the Governor before we proceeded for the short recess and communicated to the House in line with the requirement of the constitution and the Governor was in order. So the Motion in question is properly before the Assembly and in regards to the formation of the Committee itself the Governor has a sole mandate to form. The details are in the Committee of the Planning and Housing Committee because the said Chair or nominee went through the vetting process. He was vetted by the Committee and the Committee tabled the report. So today is that day where at least you are in agreement to hire the Chair to chair this important Committee.

You may also remember when the Governor was giving state of the County address he made some commitments to this Assembly in regards to the housing so by holding this back we will be doing a lot of disservice to Members themselves. I just want to advise you to address it properly and in a manner required from the House.

The Members of the Committee would be very helpful on this. They can bring the House to speed to get the understanding around the nominee. Thank you. Hon Majiwa, please?

Hon. Geoffrey Majiwa: Thank you, hon Speaker. As I rise to support the Motion I would also want to confirm that I am a Member of the Planning and Housing committee and this is a matter that we have presided over as a Committee and we asked all the necessary questions and we got all the answers that we required as a committee.

It is also important to inform the Members that from the information we have got, we also got to be educated on the level of expertise that is required for the housing that is going on in the city and we are also made to understand that this is not actually an executive Chairman; he is a ceremonial Chairman with no much baggage to the county. So what is actually is giving to the County is more of expertise than what he earns from the county. It is just important that we confirm as Members who are in the Committee that we deliberated and thought that this individual was fit to occupy this position.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Emmy Isalambo? As the Member is on the floor I would kindly ask the Assembly to go through the report of the Committee, especially on the page under

the executive summary, you will find some highlights which will guide you. I hope you have got the reports with you. Emmy kindly proceed.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you Hon Speaker for acknowledging my presence. I also want to support the Motion and support the nominee for the housing and lands, noting that, Hon Speaker, I think with that person in the office or seated at that seat we have a proper person to go and ask anything in regards to housing as promised to Nairobian. If it is really the Affordable Houses the Nairobian are looking in to, if it is really going to benefit the Nairobian I think with the Chairman in place it would do the Nairobian good. So for me it is a high time to approve this name if it is a he or she I think it is very much in order and I think we are even late noting that some of the houses are already in progressive period, some are still underway up coming. To me as a representative of Nairobian I think its high time we should approve the name and let the person in charge take orders and start working according to executive orders from our Governor.

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Hashim Kamau? Kindly press your mic.

Hon. Hashim Kamau: Thank you you Mr. Speaker. You have indicated the issue of sole mandate and in particular in that page of executive summary is derived from the Affordable Housing Act of 2024; that is where the Governor got that mandate, Mr. Speaker. Two, indeed I associate myself with the sentiments of Hon Majiwa, with the comment that he has made, and what I find to be outstanding from the report and during the vetting process is that the nominee demonstrated immense knowledge of affordable housing, having been one among others who participated in the design and implementation of the national affordable housing, and in particular the Boma 8 in Park Road, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore found him highly qualified and suitable for the job, and I beg to support this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon Ochieng Jera? Hon. Chair of Environment?

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you my colleague Hon Okello for offering me an opportunity to use your mic. Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I rise to just raise a concern because the sentiments were raised by Hon Akama were bordering on details but I think the main issue should be, which is a challenge, is that when Members are in this Assembly, the Clerk should find it important to sufficiently serve each Member a copy of the report before we are able to support a Motion or a Bill so that we cure that problem.

Hon. Speaker: I am very sure that every Member has a report in a soft copy. Clerk can you confirm.

Yeah it is in the...

Hon. Silas Matara: That is not in dispute, Hon. Speaker. Having a soft coy does not qualify that the Clerk does not supply us with physical copies. It is a tradition in this House...

Hon. Speaker: Well noted.

Hon. Silas Matara: Then also Hon. Speaker on replacement of cards, my card was misplaced so contribution becomes a problem. You can address that matter as well, on the card that we normally use to transact business.

Hon. Speaker: Seargent- At- Arm will address that.

Hon. Silas Matara: Nevertheless, Hon Speaker, we have trust in our able Chair for Planning and its committee. In the report they have indicated they have scrutinized this nominee therefore I stand to support the nominee appointment as a chair of that committee, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members my screen is clear, an indication that there is no further request for contributions, so I direct the mover with the Motion to apply. In this case Hon. Kidenda?

Hon. Lily Kidenda: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I do this on behalf of my Chair and the committee on the Housing, Planning and Lands. I would like to take this opportunity also to add that the Committee deliberated on this at length and the candidate presented himself before us and we were able to interrogate those things that we felt that were relevant and that were important to be able to vet this particular gentleman.

Allow me to thank the members of the Planning Committee: *Mheshimiwa* Majiwa, *Mheshimiwa* Emmy and *Mheshimiwa* Hashim for your support without ignoring the concerns that were raised by *Mheshimiwa* Akama and *Mheshimiwa* Matara. All of you are respected in this House and we appreciate your concerns but I am glad that the House has seen that we did due diligence and Mr. Speaker may I take this opportunity to thank all the Members and for the approval of the nominee to the docket as we look forward to better services upon this appointment.

May I also thank the office of the Speaker for the support during the entire process of the vetting. Many thanks to the Members of the sectoral committee of Lands, Planning and Housing for applying their minds, soul and might to the process and our able team of the secretariat through the office of the Clerk for the immense support to the Committee. I beg to reply

Hon. Speaker: Thank You

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

SUPPORT FOR FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: Hon Mark Mugambi?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: I have a Motion and the subject of the Motion is support for football teams in the County.

THAT, aware that paragraph 4 of part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for Cultural activities, public entertainment and public amenities, including; sports and cultural activities and facilities as a county function; FURTHER AWARE, that section 10 & 11 of the Nairobi City County Sports Management Act, 2017 provides for guidelines on financial support for sports initiatives and facilities in Nairobi County; DISTURBED that many grassroots football teams in Nairobi County struggle to meet the financial obligations required for registration in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) league; RECOGNIZING THAT football plays an important role in society in promoting unity, health and talent development in our communities including creation of employment for the youth; ACKNOWLEDGING that the facilitation of

annual registration fees by the Nairobi County Executive would significantly boost the development of local football, empower youth and promote sports as a tool for development; strengthen partnership between Nairobi County and sports organizations & enhance the reputation of Nairobi as a hub for sports excellence; DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT local teams face challenges in affording the annual registration fees required by the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) in order to effectively participate in tournaments. This Assembly therefore urges that the County Executive to;

1. Allocate funds in the County's sports budget to cover the annual FKF fees for registered football teams in Nairobi County;
2. Develop criteria for allocation of funds to the teams which shall be informed by parameters such as the team's active participation in local tournaments, adherence to FKF regulations and engagement in youth development; and,
3. Form a committee that will administer and monitor the use of funds and ensure transparency and equity.

Hon. Speaker, football is what has made me to what I am today. Because it got me engaged during my childhood days. On. Speaker, we had Hon. Hashim who was first elected due to his prominence in the same sport; we have Hon. Paul Ndung'u who is also in this House by virtue of being a participant of the said sport. We also have Hon. Jeremiah Themendu; he was a very good goalkeeper during his childhood days.

Hon. Speaker: Can that be Verified? *(Laughter)* Can Hon. Themendu confirm and give us photographic memories? Yes, because...

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, every information I have given you is well researched and I have evidence in support of that. We also had a very good striker from Kibra is none other than our Deputy Majority Leader Hon. John Musila.

Hon. Speaker: A striker?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Yes, he was a very lethal striker during his heyday.

(Laughter)

Hon. John Musila: Thanks you, Hon. Speaker, it is true because that is why am called Kaende.

Hon. Speaker: That is why?

Hon. John Musila: That is why I am called Kaende; it is John Ndile Kaenda. It came from football.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Hon. Speaker we also have our Majority Leader in absentia, the Hon. Jateso, who was active even to-date and he is one of our prominent and prolific strikers in this House. This Motion is set to be a game changer in this city.

Going by the fact that the Culture Committee led by Hon. Clarence Munga has done a recommendable job by allocating resources into infrastructure development. We have built very

many stadia with some finished and others are on-going. With that said and done this is best thing we can do for the youth of this City.

Each Member will tell you that they have been approached by the teams in their wards to facilitate the annual registration in the leagues and I think it costs around Kshs. 25,000 per team and a Member may have around five to ten teams within the ward you can imagine how much that is and therefore if we can allocate resources to empower the youth and give them the exposure that is much needed, we would have done just to youths in the estates and with these few remarks I would like to call our women team's striker, Hon. Diana Katile to second the Motion.

Hon. Diana Katile: Thank you Much Hon Speaker. Indeed Hon. Mugambi my Whip has done well to articulate this Motion which means so much to my heart as a youth. In deed it is true that one of the major activities that are undertaken within our wards is football.

I am sure in every ward there is a football team practicing in the evening particularly in the ward where I come from Umoja 2 Ward.

You find that at a school called Tumaini Primary School even today evening there will be teams which shall be practicing there. But the question is: are they doing all this in vain? Indeed Hon. Mugambi has given successful examples of these football activities but we also have examples that are also not good of youths who gave up along the way because probably the games that they were participating in could not advance the sporting activity due to lack of funding.

As youths in this County Assembly this is a Motion that we should all support and it is not about the youths because am sure in this Assembly there are our seniors who also have been used at particular point and in time and they associate with needs and grievances of youths.

It is during our tenure that we have had employment of youths as constables. It is during our tenure but we have also advanced the empowerment of youths by employing them in environment sector dubbed the Green Army. Let it be also during our tenure that we will ensure that the category of youths and category of sportsmen and women who choose to participate in this game called football also receives the necessary support as outlined in the Motion.

It is our duty as legislators and even as we exercise our representative capacities to identify with needs with those who we will leave behind when we leave this chamber to identify with needs of our brothers and sisters and am sure all this will not be in vain.

Hon. Speaker, we have so many examples from our estates of sportsmen who are excelling. Coach for Tusker Charles Okere is also someone I have seen participating in football activity in my ward; the ward that I come from, because we have an elected MCA. Also the former MCA of Umoja 2 ward Hon. Kingsley Odida was also propelled to his position because of participating in football.

It is not only about our ward but it is about the residents of Nairobi City County that we must all, as the Members who are in this Assembly today, support this Motion because success of this Motion is the success of the youths of Nairobi City County. With those sentiments I beg to second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: I first thank the Mover of the Motion, honorable Whip and I just concur with him that I was once a goalkeeper although I was young.

Football and athletics are the games that unite the entire Country so when Hon. Mugambi comes with the Bill to assist those youth footballers to pay FKF fees it is in order. The challenge in our wards are too much. Footballers are not able to pay the fees that is being demanded. I support this Motion in totality. I also congratulate the Governor of Nairobi because when we came in he started promoting football by organizing tournaments in all our 85 wards. Although we have one *Mheshimiwa* here who won those trophies in the two years, it is in order and I think every Member in this Assembly can support the Motion because it is being propelled by our Governor. So Hon Speaker let us support that Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mark Thiga.

Hon. Mark Thiga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to weigh in this important matter. Let me take this chance to appreciate our Whip Hon. Mark Mugambi for coming up with such a nice Motion and it comes at a time when our Country has been facing unemployment menace especially with our youths.

We cannot undermine the importance of football in this beloved Country of ours and this County. Once we support these teams it will go a long way in dealing health and wellness of youths in our respective wards and also dealing with drugs addiction.

Through the support of football teams, we are sure that these youths are able to earn income and we have been able to see the very prominent players comes from informal areas especially like Mariga; we also seen Wanyama play in the Premier league, he is also known as Lion of Muthurwa.

Mr. Speaker I am sure and certain that if we get support these youths we will have very many incidences to give about very many youths will be able to play abroad. Through support, it will help in terms of social cohesion because people will be able to integrate and interact through as teams play each other and also during training. I support this Motion, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Clarence Munga is your mic on?

Hon. Clarence Munga: First thank you my Whip for recognizing the work that we are doing as a Committee. As a Committee and sector we have done several play grounds around Nairobi and if we indeed want to the nurture the talents, we need play grounds and at same time stadiums.

These stadia are where people come and compete but play grounds are those places where people need to train and instill skills among our youths.

But other than that the Motion before this Assembly, sometimes back the Senator of Nairobi wrote a letter to this Assembly on the same issue that we need to be facilitating teams around the County. Because he has received several petitions from different teams that wanted to participate in these leagues but they lacked facilitation.

Bearing in mind the kind of arrangements that the has in terms of facilitating this team, Mr. Speaker, we will agree with me that we need to come up with a Bill that set aside funds for sports.

Through this sports fund we will be able to facilitate and pay or help teams and to be facilitated including paying the fees that is required within leagues they are playing.

But other than that I want to congratulate my Whip for coming up with this Motion and as Chair of Culture and Community Services committee as always we will be ready and willing to support team around the County, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Chair, Hon. Shadrack then Hon. Paul.

Hon. Shadrack Machanje: I would like to commend and support this Motion by Hon. Mark Mugambi. You know he is my neighbor and he was a very good footballer and that's where he got the name Roro from.

As one of the former sportsman I know the challenges that many sports people go through and many football teams here in Nairobi cannot even pay affiliation fees to the federation because the players are unemployed; they don't earn anything but they have the talent to perform well and most of them, after sometimes, get away from football and start engaging in so many vices especially in Eastlands where we have seen so many footballers killed because of engaging in vices like stealing.

Hon. Speaker, I think this is a timely Motion and if you facilitate these teams it will make the player easier to concentrate in training so that they can perform better in their various leagues in and around the County.

I think in every ward here we have a football team; we have got so many fields. As much as we want to start paying affiliation fees, we should look at the state of the field in various wards. We have seen the Governor holding Governor's Cup tournament in Nairobi and so many talents have been tapped there. We have also seen so many players from that tournament being tapped into Premier League level. I support this Motion and request my fellow members to do the same.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Paul Ndung'u you will have to wait a little longer because of the Deputy Speaker. Standing Order expresses clearly when Deputy Speaker is on his feet you freeze.

Hon. Paul Kados: Thank you Hon. Speaker I stand to support the Motion... I would like to support and congratulate Hon. Mark Mugambi who have come with this very important Motion. I don't know what happened to Roro; he would have asked his senior Hon. Hashim and he would have told him that I was once Hashim's team manager when we were starting. I am the one who founded this Assemblies teams and all the County Governments when we were Councilors plus the team which belongs to Nairobi City County. At that time, I used to be Hon. Hashim's team Manager.

Hon Speaker, talking about sports I know many of you have heard about Sunguti whom I know is your team manager and I don't know what he does today. Sunguti is the coach of the Assembly team was once a player in a team I started way back him. Also John Baraza who is also a worker of Nairobi County Government and [Hon] Hashim can attest to that.

Hon. Roro I want to support this Motion and tell you this is a very great idea because I know sports is something which brings our youths and gets them together for a common goal which is both mentally and even physically good and equally great to the welfare of the society. I would ask all Members to support the Motion and to start these teams in their wards.

I know Hon. Roro what has asked... I have been forced to pay those fees from my pocket for those teams down there and I know they are great team which don't have financial capacity that is why they don't participate in FKF leagues.

So when we have County stepping in to support those teams I know we are going to have a great country with very many sportsmen. With those few remarks I would like to ask Members to support this Motion, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I have not seen any request from Member from the opposite gender.

(Loud consultations)

The Hon. Member is already in his feet; I will give you opportunity immediately after him.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion and taking into account and congratulate Hon. Mark Mugambi by the name Ronaldo in football we know each other by the players' name.

In my ward I have 16 teams whereby if I happen to pay Kshs. 25,000 for affiliation fees it will cost me Kshs. 400,000, Mr. Speaker. But in this Motion, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Hon. Roro, for the County to be paying affiliation fees for all these team in Nairobi.

Pumwani has taken many players abroad one of them is Bajaber who two weeks ago was played for World Cup qualifier. We have Hashim Kamau who has played for Harambee Stars, Jamal Mohammed, Chege Mwaura - not this one- and many more.

Hon. Speaker: You cannot refer to a Hon. Member of this House as "this one"

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: I withdraw that one Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: That is belittling stature of a Member of this House.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: I withdraw Mr. Speaker and apologize not to Hon. Chege Mwaura but we have one Chege Mwaura who played for Mathare United and Harambee Stars, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: Hon. Mark Thiga mentioned players from my ward but he didn't mention Matasi who comes from his ward and the other day he was banned from football and there are names which we cannot mention in this House. I am Paul Ndung'u alias Petit, Ken, Hashim Kamau, Ronaldo but there is only one whom we cannot mention. Mr. Speaker have you ever heard of a name like Musango in football? I want to support this Motion and every Member to support it, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kindly proceed. We now have the last *Mheshimiwa* Deonysias.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support this Motion by my whip. Mr. Speaker, this is the best thing we can ever do for our youth. As you know, the government does not have the capacity to employ all these jobless youth. But Mr. Speaker, we have the capacity to empower our youths.

Mr. Speaker, football is a very resourceful talent, and as much we do not have jobs to put these young ones in job opportunities, Mr. Speaker we have the capacity to allocate funds so that

we can empower their talents. And that is why the President of Kenya, His Excellency William Samoei Ruto, is also helping our youth by sourcing job opportunities out of the country.

So if the President is doing his part in the national government, we can also assist the President in handling the issues of talents in our county. And I believe when we empower one youth, we have empowered their families, we have empowered their parents, and we have empowered the community at large. So, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support it, and it is very timely, and I urge all my colleagues to support it. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Hon. Deonysias.

Hon. Deonysias Waithera: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity. Allow me to congratulate my leader, my able whip, Mark Mugambi, one of the very best in East and Central Africa, by bringing this Motion, Mr. Speaker, because as a fan, as a 001, number one fan of Githurai All-Stars, the champions of Sakaja Super Cup, the two seasons I have worked with my youth, I have worked with my teams, and I know the difficulties the teams go through when it comes to mobilizing resources to support the teams.

As one of my colleagues has said, it's true in every ward we have several football teams. Like my ward, Githurai, we have Holy Mary, Bentos, and Githurai Youth, among others. And how, Mr. Speaker, I wish through either this Motion or any other avenue, we can even think beyond football and think about sports at large, because we have various activities in sports, like volleyball, boxing, athletics, among others.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very wonderful and great Motion. And because, Mr. Speaker, maybe in our capacity we cannot be able to regulate the fees the FKF requires, but in our capacity, Mr. Speaker, I believe we can pass this Motion and allow the county to support our football teams in our areas, without much ado, Mr. Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Omuro Adano. I hope that name is Omuro. Thank you. Kindly proceed.

Hon. Omuro Adano: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity. Hon. Speaker, I support the Motion by the Hon. Minority Whip. As a youth, I would like to say that numerous benefits impacting the physical and mental well-being of the youth are football.

It also fosters teamwork and leadership skills and development. Secondly, Hon. Speaker, I would like to say that football is one of the key elements, as we all know that unemployment is a significant issue in Kenya, mainly caused by the mismatch between skills and market demand.

Hence, Hon. Speaker, football is a source of livelihood for many youth, especially as we all know we have got the competency-based curriculum, the CBC, and one of the key aspects in the CBC is nurturing of talents.

And as we all know, most of this young generation are so passionate about football. Hence, I would like to say that as a county government, it is important for us to support football so that after the CBC, our younger generation has got a better place where their talent can be nurtured.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, I would like to say that football fosters community cohesion and social interaction as people gather together to watch matches and support their teams. And also, football is a tool of conflict resolution, peace-building, and bringing people together from different backgrounds. Hence, as a county government, it is important for us to support the football teams as a county and also as a country. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and I wish to support the motion.

(Applause)

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

(Applause)

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am impressed by the overwhelming support from this House, Hon. Speaker.

The Hon. Jasho really wanted to also put his input on the state Motion, Hon. Speaker, but I will just say a few words on his behalf because the Kasarani Stadium is in his constituency.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, the Standing Order allows you to donate two minutes of your time. Yes, to any Hon. Member you may so wish. So, in order, Hon. Jasho, you can take two minutes of his time, as he has already made the reply. Okay, thank you. Please, Sergeant at Arms., facilitate the Member. Chairman, we are proceeding with the business in under two minutes.

Hon. Antony Ngaruiyah: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I rise in this House to support the motion, I believe football is not only a game but is a unifying factor.

Football has been unifying people all over the world. And for those who know football very well, they know football has got its own language. Football has no tribalism at all.

When I was young, I used to play football. And you could never know if a person is a Luo, Luhya, or what. We all knew that we were footballers.

You can testify to that, and especially so when people are growing. Point number two, Mr. Speaker, football is not only for youth. Football is for all generations.

Mr. Speaker, when the young people are playing in the field, there are so many people alongside the stadium watching football. They are so referred to as fans. Mr. Speaker, also, football is a commercial.

Hon. Mugambi has not only thought of today, but Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mugambi is thinking of tomorrow. He has a future in his mind. Why do I say so, Mr. Speaker? Because, Mr. Speaker, if we have many professional footballers in our county, the possibility of economy will grow.

If you look at players, former players like Olunga, who gets around Kshs. 250 million per month, I think. If you can have 300 players coming from Nairobi County, all the money they will be having from Europe or wherever they will be coming to Nairobi. That will enhance the economy of our county, Mr. Speaker. With that, Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. In under one minute, you can conclude your reply. Hon. Roro.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As I was saying, I am amused by the overwhelming support by the members for this Motion, Hon. Speaker. You yourself have heard for yourself the key points supporting the Motion.

Hon. Speaker, let me tell you that it will go in history that the youths of Nairobi benefited from, or rather in your tenure as a Speaker of this Assembly, Hon. Speaker. It has also crossed my mind that, by coincidence, we also have one of our members as an FKF official. That is none other than the Hon. Dabar in absentia.

He won the recently held elections for FKF, Hon. Speaker. This is a House of sportsmen and women. The Hon. Shadrack is a professional boxer, Hon. Speaker.

With this Motion, Hon. Speaker, we are going to, in return, offer opportunities for many young men and women, Hon. Speaker. Because the football is not only for men or boys, but also young girls, especially those in the slum areas, Hon. Speaker. And therefore, Hon. Speaker, with these few remarks I'm making, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Clerk!

STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: The chairperson for Agriculture, I hope you are ready, followed by the chairperson for Trade, Transport, Environment, and PIC. Kindly proceed and use the front microphone or the table microphone.

Hon. Antony Ngaruiyah: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name is Jasho Antony Ngaruiyah Mburu, the chairperson of the Agricultural Committee. Mr. Speaker, the Agricultural Committee was constituted like any other committee in this House, and it has the mandate, like any sectoral committee, to deal with agricultural issues, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the committee now has 23 members, and Mr. Speaker, as mandated by the Standing order, we have been working very closely with the executive and the clerks of this House, Mr. Speaker.

One, Mr. Speaker, I would like my vice-chair, please, to come and read for me because of my condition. Read for me the report, and then I will continue from there, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members and Hon. Chair, and you are normally in our prayers. Kindly proceed, and I think we will be doing a lot of injustice to the assembly because you need to consult in under maybe 10 minutes. We give you time to consult and agree on how to make your presentation.

Hon. Antony Ngaruiyah: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. So, Chair Trade, please proceed.

STATUS REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES

Hon. Paul Ndungu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name is Paul Ndungu, Chair Trade. The Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism, and Cooperatives is established under Standing Order number 209.

Hon. Speaker, the committee has three chief officers and one CEC. Mr. Speaker, on Bills, during the period under review, the committee has received the following legislative proposals. The Nairobi City County Betting, Lotteries, and Gaming Bill 2023 underwent a Second Reading on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, and is now awaiting the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker, the second one is the Nairobi City County Public Markets Bill 2024. The committee received and conducted pre-publication scrutiny on the Bill and concluded in December 2024. The Bill is currently in publication, awaiting being forwarded to the assembly for the First Reading during this fourth session, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have five policies that the committee are in consideration of: County Trade Policy document, County Industrial Policy document, Nairobi Trade and Industry Strategy document, County Investment Policy document, and a policy on cooperative development.

Mr. Speaker, under markets, we are doing three markets. One is Mutuine, which is at 55%, ; Jujo is at 10%, and Kahawa West, the contractor has taken possession of the site. Karen Market is ongoing, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will go to the challenges, Mr. Speaker. The challenges we face as a sector are slow response by the executive to statements despite sending reminders. Two, there's a disconnect between the assembly and the county executive.

Three, even when the committee identifies issues and makes recommendations, there's no guarantee that the executive will implement them, and an excellent example is when they examine the budget documents and make recommendations to the Budget committee. But the executive disregards our recommendation and ends up changing budgetary allocation to suit its needs and without even consulting the assembly.

Mr. Speaker, previously, the sector has witnessed frequent reshuffling of the CECs. The frequent reshuffles can create an environment of uncertainty within government and among the public. Mr. Speaker, we, till now, had three CECs in that sector. Every year we have a new CEC, but it's up to the governor.

So, Mr. Speaker, our recommendations from the aforementioned challenges are the following: providing continuous training, enacting laws, and strengthening existing regulations to guarantee the independence of the county assembly. Ensure access to information and enforce the implementation of committee recommendations.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, by addressing these challenges, the county assembly committee will be empowered to fulfill the oversight mandate and more effectively contribute to

greater transparency, accountability, and ultimately better governance and service delivery to the people of Nairobi City County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chair. Hon. Members, by the presentation of the Chair on Trade, I hope you have taken notes on areas of concern. Because, as you may remember, we had passed, we gave a Notice of Motion on the change of our Standing Orders to compel the CECs to appear before the plenary to answer to such challenges.

So, Hon. Members, you may be documenting this, and again, by way of the constitution, you understand what is supposed to be done by the resolution of the assembly.

So, if you would want to engage the Chair at that point, please, Hon. Members, the floor is yours from his presentation. This is the only period in time why I have never heard of a committee recommending a closure of any market at all. I do not know whether, from the time we were sworn in, you have conducted a site visit on our markets or whether you have heard a joint meeting with the directors of various markets. Chairman, please.

Hon. Paul Ndungu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The document was so voluminous, but we have inspected Kangudo Road Market, we have gone to Mutuini Market, and we have done a City Market site visit.

We have met the director, and recently we have a new director in the sector. The one who was there, Ms. Joyce, was transferred to another sector. So the sector has been receiving reshuffling of all senior officers in that sector, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So, Hon. Members, my screen is clear. I hope our intentions are very... Hon. Mayor, please, you can proceed.

(The Hon. Member spoke off- record)

Hon. Speaker: Kindly, Sergeant-at-Arms, assist the Member.

Hon. Geoffrey Majiwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I listened to the report by the chairman. It is a short and clear report, but where I got lost is where he was now giving us his challenges, but again, he is giving us recommendations. I thought he was supposed to plead with the House to help him.

He is recommending it for us, so it means he is not in trouble. He is only recommending things that need to be done, but the report is saying he is handicapped. He has issues that he needs to plead with the House to come and aid.

Hon. Speaker: I am actually in concurrence with you, Hon. Member, because again, the Chair is actually supposed to tell us the action plan. As the head of the sector, you are supposed to, because when you say the executive at some point doesn't take your resolutions and implement them, at the same time, you are giving recommendations. Hon. Chair, you need to engage the House. You, as the head of the sector, what are the remedies in place?

Hon. Paul Ndungu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The challenges and the recommendations were meant to remain at the committee level, but the clerk attached all those papers to whatever

he was supposed to present in this House. So, Mr. Speaker, we have one recommendation in this House, Mr. Speaker.

It's a recommendation to this House. Mr. Speaker, and I would like this House to support this, Mr. Speaker. The recommendation that the committee is expressing profound displeasure with the conduct of the Chief Officer Markets. Mr. Speaker, cites the Chief Officer's consistent employment of a dismissive and condescending tone when addressing committee Members.

Several Members of the committee find the chief officer's ways of handling Members to be consistently insolent, disrespectful and obstructive to the discharge of their constitutional mandate.

Mr. Speaker there is an issue in the committee with the Chief Officer and we are taking some measures as a committee. We want this House to support this Motion because we are taking signatures on this Chief Officer---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member you are completely out of order when you talk of a Motion, taking signatures; that is out of order. Get back to your presentation, so far you have done good because you have set the stage for Members to understand what awaits the CEC for Trade during the questioning time.

Hon. Members of this assembly, I hope you are noting and taking down points of the highlighted areas by the various sector Chairs so that this will give you a platform upon which to base your argument and direct your questions. Thank you for that presentation.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: I stand guided.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the presentation as per the sector, Chairs is a way of informing you which direction we would like to take as an assembly such that when we start bringing in the CECs to appear before the plenary, we will have a bearing on how to put them to task especially on areas raised by the various sector Chairs. This will form a guideline; I hope I am very clear on that. Hon. Deputy Speaker please.

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker, I think Hon. Paul Ndung'u requires some guidance because what he raised was about him taking signatures for a Chief Officer. May be he would have asked about---

Hon. Speaker: That is why I have reprimanded the Hon. Member; he is out of context. Let us treat it as so, let it not leave this room that there is such a move because this House is not part of that. *(Laughs)* I hope that I am very clear, let not the House own something that they are not privy to and do not understand. Hon. Members is that clear?

Kindly let us proceed. Committee on Agriculture, are you ready?

STATUS REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you Hon. Speaker. My name is Hon. Emmy Khatemeshi Isalambo vice-chair of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee. Hon. Speaker as earlier informed through---

Hon. Speaker: I would like you to go directly to the challenges and the way forward. We already know the composition and the mandate of the committee.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: That is true, I stand guided.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: I wanted to remind the House that we only have one pending statement at the moment which was requested by our Deputy Speaker Hon. Paul Kados that is ongoing. Hon. Speaker, I will go straight to the sector's achievements---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we are on Agriculture Committee, you can take notes.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, as you are aware Agriculture delivers service and also generates income to the County. As much as we are not doing so well on income generation, we are doing so much on service delivery.

1. Carried out extension services to 2,977 agriculture value chain actors/ farmers out of annual target 10,500 on agricultural information and innovations (Crops 930, Livestock 1,032, Fisheries 130, and Veterinary 885) in the 17 Sub Counties;
2. Participated at the Nairobi International Trade Fair (NITF)/ Show through show casing crops, livestock and fisheries technologies & innovations. Reached out to about 4,030 clients with information on better agriculture technologies and innovations;
3. Conducted animal and meat inspections in the 26 abattoirs to ensure food safety; that is before and after slaughter;
4. Conducting food safety sensitization Fora for meat traders at the slaughterhouses and attended by 502 stakeholders;
5. Conducting 100% animal products Inspection at City and Burma markets. Inspected 20,405 products at Burma Meat Market and 28,667 products at City Market;
6. Conducting 255 fish inspections in fisheries establishments across the 17 sub counties;
7. Licensing approved fish dealers by 100 percent of fish dealer certified upon complying
8. Conducting awareness on dog control regulations once;
9. Vaccination of 165 out of 1,500 animals in Dagoretti North and South, Kasarani and Embakasi sub-counties. Low achievement due to low facilitation;
10. Licensing of 21 out of 1,600 dogs in Westlands, Dagoreti North, South and Langata. This is usually an activity for the 3rd Quarter as the permits are pegged on the calendar year expiring on 31st Dec. of every year;
11. Issuing livestock movement documents was 100% to those who complied;
12. Servicing of 2 army worm traps done in 1st quarter (Kasarani 1 and Langata 1.);
13. Completed Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for the Nairobi City County Food System Strategy 2022 – 2027;
14. Initiated development of the Urban Food Systems Bill; working draft document;

15. Initiated reviewing of Urban Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Policy; working draft document;
16. Held a public participation for the CASSCOM and animal control and welfare Bills. The CASSCOM was approved by the public and at County Attorney for legal drafting. Animal control and welfare one was rejected;
17. Conducting a baseline rapid assessment on agriculture food safety and food waste management in the 16 food markets;
18. Planted 4,590 tree seedlings in schools of Embakasi, Langata, Makadara and Kibra; out of which 2,635 were fruit trees;
19. Collected revenue amounting to Kshs 4,867,000 out of target Kshs 25,000,000 from issuance of Veterinary, Fisheries and other miscellaneous licenses and permits; and
20. On National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), mobilized 6000 farmers to community institutions through Participatory Integrated Community Development (PICD) exercise and formation of Common Interest Groups (CIGS), Vulnerable Marginalized Groups (VMGS), Community Driven Development Committees (CDDCS), Community Development plans (CDPS), and Micro Catchment Action Plans (MCAPS),

Hon. Speaker, the sector has some challenges that it has gone through and ways of rectifying them:

1. Limited or lack of access to allocated funds which the sector is addressing through tracing through the concerned offices to fast track the release of funds on time.
2. Low staff levels due to natural attrition. County Assembly to lobby for the budget allocation and staff recruitment because I know most of our staff are in the committee, we are on it.
3. Lack of career progression leading to low staff moral hence low performance, the sector is looking on this and very soon we shall come with a good report.

Hon. Speaker there are other challenges but since some of them are a little bit minor, the committee is settling on ways to market and see that the sector does well in the near future. Having seen the challenges of the committee – like in the assembly we would like printing papers and toners and the committee is looking on it under our able leadership.

Hon. Speaker the action plan for the committee:

We are hoping to do a formal engagement framework and then establish between the county government and national agricultural value chain development project to improve and coordinate so that we can mandate the assembly in information and plan that are going to projects and interventions so that value, market and the agricultural sector will be improved.

As a devolved county Hon. Speaker, you know that agriculture is the key factor in the city and as a committee we are looking forward to improving the sector with qualified staff. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to add something more about the committee, the sector has no substantive Chief Officer for close to one and a half years. Despite that, the committee has been doing very well and the Chief officer has been of great help to the committee, she has been working very closely with us but the same cannot be said of the CEC.

Mr. Speaker, we have challenges like the sectoral department has 79 unemployed officers whereas we are supposed to have 312. We have a deficit of more than 200 officers. We also have our own challenges in this House and I request Hon. Members of this House to be requesting statements so that we can be engaged while doing our job. This committee has received only one statement and I thank Hon. Kados because he was the first Hon. Member to request for a statement to this committee for a period of two and a half years.

Hon. Speaker I request Hon. Members to engage us more so that we can have the zeal to work. With that, I thank all members – before I finish, I would like to say that the committee has had no problems with quorum and I thank members of the committee because they have been very co-operative. I have very kind words to our vice-chair because she has been stepping in whenever I am absent because of the health condition. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Hon. Paul Kados spoke off record)

Hon. Speaker: You. are in order.

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker, I heard the Chair talk of animal permit movement, I think it was a 100%. The question I had asked concerned the animal movement. If you go along Kangundo Road, you will find animals meant for slaughter are left to graze in the estates and this is not allowed by law and I heard the Chair talk about the animal movement permit, they have taken care of that by a 100%. Is this correct or they are misleading this house?

Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We talked about the permit but that does not give other people permission to do what they want. According to the statement requested by our Deputy Speaker, he is talking about animals along Kangundo Road. This is not allowed and that is why after we received the statement from the Deputy Speaker, we summoned them and we shall be having a site visit on 15th April 2025 i.e. Tuesday next week so that we can know more about the statement requested by the Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Speaker I believe that we shall bring a comprehensive answer after two weeks.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed and sit. Hon. Majiwa do you really have your card?

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As much as I would like to raise the attention of the House on lack of quorum, I want to say that the Chairman has not told us clearly what he wants to do with the animals that are roaming in the city, leave alone the permits of movement.

There are cows and donkeys that you see in this city in all the roads and particularly along Outering Road, all the way from the Airport. You find them at night sleeping at the middle of the road along Jogoo Road, and they are very huge cows and we do not know where they have come from. They have no owner - nobody is there that you can say is looking after them but they are

sleeping all over the city streets. I do not know whether the county laws changed so that animals can be loitering in the streets. In the old days they used to be collected by the county and taken to the animal pound at the City Park these days we have a lot of animals. We were even thinking that one day we should get a truck and get some of them to our homes.

Hon. Speaker: *(Laughs)* That is an illegality.

Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. According to the former mayor, there are a lot of animals in the streets and we have said in this House that we shall come with a clear answer after two weeks because we must follow the procedure and the law must be followed fully. We shall come and give a feedback on what we have found out and everything Mr. Speaker will be in order.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Hon. Majiwa, your point is noted. I want to ride on what the Chair has said, we have said that we are understaffed. We are still waiting for vehicles purchased back in 2021 and once they have been bought the work would be easier. We also need qualified staff to impound the animals because you cannot impound a massai cow, where will you keep it and we do not have proper facilities for keeping them. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank You. Hon. Hashim Kamau.

Hon. Hashim Kamau: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee designee, there is a communication that I want to communicate the members if you allow.

Hon. Speaker: You can proceed.

STATEMENT REGARDING BUSINESS
APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 10TH APRIL 2025

Hon. Hashim Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 (2) (a), on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee, I rise to give the following statement regarding business appearing before the assembly for the week beginning tomorrow 10th April 2025.

Mr. Speaker, there is a very important Motion that is coming tomorrow and has been communicated by the Speaker yesterday. The Chairperson Procedure and Rules Committee will be moving a Motion for adoption of a committee report on the amendment of the Standing Orders laid on the table of the assembly on Tuesday 8th April 2025. I request all Members to attend tomorrow's session.

Lastly Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday 15th April 2025, next week, the assembly will similarly be considering the under listed business:

Under Order No.9, Hon. Robert Alai, Member for Kileleshwa Oward shall be moving a substantive Motion urging the county executive in conjunction with NTSA to develop guidelines for registering and issuance of reflective number plates for all wheelbarrows, rickshaws, hard carts, animal drawn carts, luggage trolleys and tricycles in the county.

Under the same Order 9, the assembly will be considering the Governor's reservations on the Nairobi City County Early Childhood Development and Education Bill, assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023.

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee urges Members of this assembly to familiarize with the aforementioned Motions and Bills and prepare accordingly for debate through the help of our Research Department. Details of the Motion and the Bill can be obtained in the Notice Paper being the last page of today's Order Paper and on the County Assembly website.

Mr. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee shall be informing this assembly every Wednesday through its designee the allotted business every Wednesday during the statement hour for timely preparations.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee will again meet on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at the rise of the assembly to ballot business for the subsequent week. I now wish to lay the statement on the table of the assembly. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank You Hon. Hashim. Hon. Members of this House, I would direct that the whips from both political divides to make sure that they mobilize Members for tomorrow's sitting because we will be considering a business before the assembly on the amendment of our Standing Orders.

I direct the Clerk as well to circulate the intended amendments in a record time so that when the Members shall be contributing to the said Motion, they will be very factual and in line with what is required of them.

Hon. Members, this will inform why we need to get the track on the train as the slogan of this assembly. Thank you. Hon. Matara please proceed.

(Point of order)

Hon. Speaker: You cannot give a point order against the Speaker. Move to the front table Hon. Themendu, as a senior Member of this assembly you cannot raise an order immediately after the Speaker has given directive. Hon Matara please.

(Point of information)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Themendu, you wait until we get to the next stage but not immediately after the Speaker. I hope that you understand me. Immediately after we get to the next business that is when you rise on a point of order, please just be seated.

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I was rising on a different issue concerning my presentation because of the pertinent issues that I have on this report. I was seeking leave of the House to do my presentation on Tuesday if you allow. There are serious issues that need the attention of the members.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the Chair for Environment is seeking the leave of the Chair through the assembly if he could be given an opportunity to make his presentation on Tuesday

next week. Is that in order? Does that apply to Transport and PIC? Yes Hon. Mofire please, you are ready?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendn: Mr. Speaker I am rising on Point of Order No. 38, there is no quorum.

Hon. Speaker: *(Laughs)* Hon. Mofire, no quorum? I direct the Serjeant-at Arms though the Clerk to confirm whether the concern of the member as raised under Standing Order No. 38 is correct.

Hon. Silas Matara: Can I resume my seat Hon. Speaker?

Hon. Speaker: Yes, you may sit. Hon. Members the attention of the Chair has been raised under Standing Order No. 38 for lack of quorum during the proceedings, I direct the Serjeant-at Arms to ring the bell for a record of 10 minutes as you leave the door wide open. Whips kindly mobilize Members to come to the assembly. Serjeant-at Arms assist Hon. Lugonzo to mobilize on Azimio side on behalf of Hon. Whip and Hon. Racheal this other side.

(Quorum bell rung)

Serjeant-at Arms confirm whether we have quorum to allow us to transact the business of the House.

Hon. Members under Standing Order No. 38, after the bell has been rung for a record of 10 minutes, it seems that there is lack of quorum. I have seen Hon. Members come in, kindly confirm again, Serjeant-at Arms. We still have a short of the quorum to transact business.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members that bring to the closure of today's business. The assembly stands adjourned to tomorrow Thursday 10th April 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 4.58 p.m.