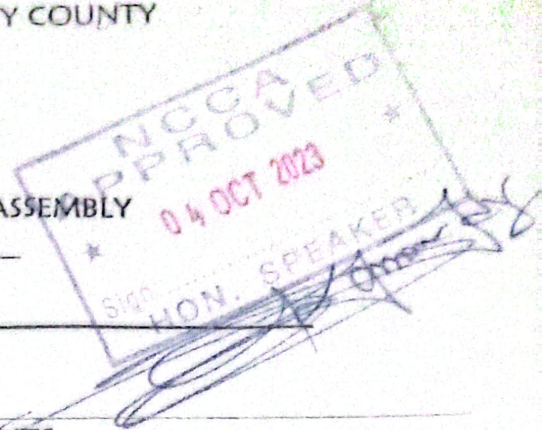




REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS



*Statement requested
by Hon. Wainabwana
on 11/10/2023
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Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding pollution from industries and factories that allegedly discharge effluents to water bodies, sewer lines and drainages especially United Leather Tanners Limited located in along Dandora-Komarock Road in Mowlem Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that every person has a right to clean and health environment, which include the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations.

Hon. Speaker, it's alleged that a company named United Leather Tanners Limited located along Dandora – Komarock road in Mowlem Ward operates without a valid effluent discharge license that is issued by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). The said Company discharges its effluents to the drainages along the Company's wall hence the neighborhood residents are undergoing undue suffering due to the environment, water pollution and medical issues caused to the residents of Mowlem. The said pollution affects the operations of businesses and thousands of households in the area. This poses health hazard not only to the residents of Mowlem but also across the County and beyond.

Hon. Speaker, in the Statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on: -

- i) Steps that the County is taking to ensure that factories comply with County Legal Framework on pollution;
- ii) Reasons the United Leather Tanners Limited Company has continued to operate in total defiance of the requisite discharge licenses from NEMA;
- iii) Specific actions the County Executive is taking against the Company in light of strict compliance to Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;
- iv) The timelines the County Executive is taking to restore the damaged sewer line and ensure operating licenses are issued on compliance grounds; and

*Response due
on 11/11/2023.*