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NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY (First assembly, Second session) (SPECIAL SITTING)

OFFICIAL REPORT

{The House met at 2.30 PM}

Hon. Speaker in the Chair

Prayers

THE NYANDARUA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2013

Short Title: This Bill may be cited as the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2013.

Long Title: A Bill for the County Assembly to authorize the issue of money out of the County Revenue Fund and its application towards the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 2014 and to appropriate that sum and a sum voted on account by the County Assembly for certain public services and related purposes.

Clause 2 (b)

Member for Murungaru Hon. Kariuki Muchiri moved a motion of amendment to delete the words Consolidated Fund between the words 'the' and 'by' and insert the words County Revenue Fund. He was seconded by Chief whip Hon. Gachari. The words were inserted and become part of the Bill.

CODES

R002: Hon. Njiraini moved a motion of amendment to delete the words Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock between the words 'of' and 'including' and insert the words Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. Hon Sam Thuita seconded the motion.

R003: The member for Kanjuiri Hon. Suleiman Kihika moved a motion to insert the word ‘Services’ between ‘Health’ and ‘including’. Hon Njiraini seconded him.

R004: Leshau Pondo Member wanted the code amended to insert the words ‘ Trade Union, Culture and Social Services between the words ‘affairs’ and ‘including’. Hon. Kamau Ngotho seconded him.

R005: Hon. Daniel Kibebo moved a motion of amendment to insert the words Tourism and Wildlife between the ‘development’ and ‘including’. Hon. Michael Kirumba seconds him.

R 006: Hon. Kimani wanted the code amended to insert the words Public Works between the words ‘roads’ and ‘and’. Hon. Kamoche seconded him.

The amendments in the above codes in Schedule 1 are also applicable in Schedule 11.

R011: Hon Kamoche moved a motion of amendment to delete the words ministry of Legal and Public Service, including planning and general administration, legal services and insert the words County Assembly. Member for Karau seconded him.

In their contributions after the second reading members supported the Bill and concurred that it is very important and urgent to enable the Executive access funds from the National Government.

Member for Githioro **Hon. Sylvester Mwangi** in his contribution noted that the Bill is long overdue and urged members to support it. He wanted the Executive to explain the allocations to codes R004 and R 006 (Expenditure) noting that the ministries had a Skelton of staff and the Executive had not recruited ECD teachers although the function had been devolved to the County Government.

Contributors accused the Executive of inadequate funding to key sectors like Agriculture, Water, Health and Education. They said Agriculture is the major

Economic mainstay in the county and urged for more funding in the future budgets.

Githabai MCA Hon. Kairu called for more funding to the Industrialization and Cooperative Sector to boost the living standards of the people in the County and Hon. Kibebo echoed his sentiments.

Hon. Samuel Thuita told the House that the County lacked competent technical skills asked that youth Empowerment centres be adequately equipped to tap those skills in the next two or three years for the industrial takeoff of the County.

They urged the Executive to allocate more funds to the road infrastructure in the future budgets which they said were in a pathetic state.

Members in their deliberations raised concern over Code D 011, donor funded projects. They asked the Executive to explain which these projects were, there location, amount involved and requested the Executive to give a detailed report and furnish the Assembly with sufficient information on the same.

In his contribution, Karau Member **Hon. Kamau Ngotho** noted that the county is losing millions of shillings to the National Government in functions that has been devolved like Social Services. Members who argued that money for fees like certificates should go to the County supported him.

Member for Leshau Pondo **Hon. Njoroge** in his contributions suggested that the Uwezo Fund be devolved to the wards and administered at the wards level, which received support from the members. He appealed to the Executive to release bursaries to enable poor and bright students pursue their education.

Maj7ority Leader **Hon. Mwangi Gichuki** asked the members to keep track of projects being taken in their wards noting the National Treasury dispatched funds in tranches funds were being released in bits. He asked the Executive to avail structured project priorities in each ward to enable Members keep development track of the same.

Chairman of the Budget and Appropriation Committee **Hon. Gachomba** thanked members for supporting the Bill and asked them to ensure all development projects in their wards are implemented to the letter. He asked members to seriously play their oversight role to ensure public funds were used for the intended purposes and people received value for their taxes in a bid to reduce poverty and improve their living standards.

He also raised concern over the laxity by the Executive in collecting local revenue noting that the County had lost Kshs 19 Million since devolution kicked off seven months back. He called for intensification and enforcement of the same, motivation of staff to ensure thorough collection of revenue.

The Bill went through the third reading and members unanimously supported it when the question was put.

The Speaker **Hon. Wahome Ndegwa** said the 'Ayes' have it and the Bill would become **ACT NO 2** of the County Government of Nyandarua on assent by the Governor. Hon. Wahome appreciated members' keenness and eagle eyed in interrogating the Bill adding that their inputs had contributed to making it better.

He censured the Executive for failing to name the ministries properly saying it was sending a very wrong signal and added that it is not the duty of the Assembly to name ministries for them.

He warned the Executive against altering the County Integrated Development Programme emphasizing that only the Assembly had the mandate to do so.

He directed the Committee on Implementation to bring a report to the House on revenue collected from the county forests, Social Services, Jua Kali, lands, Housing and Physical Planning and remitted to the National Government.

He opened a window for members to interrogate the issue of revenue collected from the County and remitted to the National Government on how best to approach the issue.

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