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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 2:30 P.M.

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, in the Chair

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

Speaker: Clerk, confirm that there is quorum.

The clerk- at -the table confirms that there is no quorum

Speaker: There being no quorum, I invoke the provisions of the standing order 35 (1) and direct that the division bell be rang for an initial ten minutes or until such time, within the ten minutes, that the quorum will have been achieved.

The division bell rings for four minutes and quorum is attained as confirmed by the clerk- at -the table.

Speaker: Quorum having been achieved, the bell may be disengaged and we can proceed with the business of today.

First order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

NYANDARUA COUNTY SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVES SOCIETIES
LIMITED

AND

MEMBERS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, I have two communications to make. The first one is in the following terms; I wish to communicate to you that the Nyandarua County Savings and Credit Cooperative Society Limited was registered on 25th August 2015 under the Cooperative Societies Act cap 490 section 63 and given registration number CS/ 18742. Registration fee has been set, in the constitution, at Kshs. 1000.

The minimum share that one can hold is fixed at Kshs. 5000. A minimum monthly contribution that a member can subscribe to is kshs. 1000. Copies of registration forms and the by-laws are available for individual members' attention and further actions at the members' pigeon holes.

That is as far as the first communication is concerned. Hon. Members, you remember we held a meeting and we agreed on the registration of the Sacco. However, there was some form of disconnect in communication because the registration was done back in August, 2015. I thought that the communication had been made to members, until in a casual engagement with the deputy speaker, yesterday evening, when I realised that members are not aware.

The second communication, Hon. Members, is on the following; as you are aware, His Excellency the President of Kenya and the Commander in Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, has been visiting the region since Tuesday the 9th day of February 2016 and is carrying out His state duties from the Sagana State Lodge in Nyeri County.

Pursuant to the above and with a view of conducting consultations with the leaders of the region on the challenges facing the people, the following Hon. Members, have been invited to a meeting with His Excellency, as I previously mentioned, tomorrow, Friday, the 12th day of February 2016 at the Sagana State Lodge at 2pm;

1. Hon. Ndegwa Wahome – The Speaker.
2. Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori – The Deputy Speaker.
3. Hon. James Mwangi Gichuki – The Leader of Majority.
4. Hon. Peter Githinji Ngumba – The Leader of Minority.
5. Hon. John Kinyanjui Gachari – The Majority Whip and
6. Hon. Sammy Kamau Ngotho –The Minority Whip

It is my hope that during the meeting, the said hon. Members will present to His Excellency all the pertinent issues and challenges facing our people.

Speaker: Next order.

PAPERS

PROGRESSIVE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES AND TOURISM, INDUSTRIALIZATION, TRADE AND COOPERATIVES ON MIDLANDS.

Speaker: The joint committee was on Midland Limited and not on those big titles. Yes Chairperson of the joint committee, Hon. Kimani Njiraini.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you, Mr Speaker sir. As the chairperson of the joint committee, I beg to table the progressive report on the Midlands Company.

Speaker: The report is duly tabled but my only concern is, being a progressive report, what are we supposed to do with it? A progressive report should highlight what is covered and what is supposed to be done for the final report to be brought to the House.

Mr Chairperson, What we would like to know from you on the progress report is whether you are ready to proceed with it or if you are not, do you need to be given time to highlight what you have done so far, what you think you should do but have not done, and when you think you will be ready to submit the final report.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker. During the writing of this progressive report, there are few areas that we required more information on but today we have all the information we needed in compiling of the report.

Speaker: Are you able to highlight on what you have done so far?

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Mr Speaker, I beg to seek leave of the House for this week and I will take it from there.

Speaker: Well, but if you have all the materials needed to come up with the final report and the earliest we can sit is on 23rd of February, the progress report might have been overtaken by events. In this case, I will give two or three people to comment because I have seen people interested on the same. I now open the floor so that we can take on a common ground. Yes Member for North Kinangop and Deputy Speaker and Hon. Edinald Wambugu.

Hon. Edinald Wambugu: Mr Speaker, it is critical that this report be dispensed off. This House has been waiting for this report for quite some time now. However, I am concerned that we are headed to the budget cycle and I am wondering whether the committee will have sufficient time to finish and come up with the report.

Hon. Daniel Kibeho rises on a point of information

Speaker: Yes, Member for Gathaara, Hon. Daniel Kibeho Ruara.

Hon. Daniel Kibeho: Thank you, Mr Speaker sir, we, as the joint committee wrote a progressive to inform the members on what we have done so far as we await to compile the entire and final report. This is to communicate to the members on what has been done.

Speaker: Very well. Yes, Member for Njabini/Kiburu. Hon. James Kiiru Gachomba.

Hon. James Gachomba: Thank you Mr Speaker. I just want to chip in and say that we are about to table our annual estimates and if they continue telling us about progress reports, they are wasting our time.

Speaker: Yes, member for Gathanji. Hon. Samuel Thuita Mwangi.

Hon. Samuel Thuita: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I will start by responding to the Hon. Member for Njabini/ Kiburu's sentiments that we are wasting time. Quite on the contrary Mr. Speaker. As you know, we only wrote a progressive report because some documents had not been availed. Now, we are in receipt of these documents and are in a position to compile the entire report. Thank you.

Speaker: Very well. So then, assuming that the chairperson of the joint committee on Midlands is conversant with this report, can we give him at least ten minutes to furnish the members on the work they have done thus far and also for them to give us the timelines within which to expect the final report?

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker. Like you are always encouraging us, we intend to give a very objective and comprehensive report so that we are not followed by the law later.

Mr Speaker, the committee visited the Midlands company in line with your ruling and invited all the relevant persons to appear before the committee and we are glad to report that they all honoured our invitations. We even summoned the Directors of Midlands Company and they all turned up and presented all the requested documents.

On page 11 of the progress report, you will find that we also summoned Hon. Gachomba, the petitioner, Mr. Joseph Karanja the land registrar, Hon. Amos Kimunya the then minister and Hon. Kipruto Arap Kirwa. All the information we received from the persons summoned is in our progressive report. As you know, the other issues concerning Midlands were on the directorship, the shareholding and the management.

The committee recommended that it be availed with the certified copies of the following documents and information from the company: Audited Financial Accounts of the company for the period 2003 to 2015, Certificate of incorporation of the company, Memorandum of article of association and the annual returns by the company for the year 2003 to 2015. Mr. Speaker, most of these documents have since been availed to the committee and we feel we can now compile a comprehensive report.

Mr Speaker, I want to notify the House that this committee did a lot. The documents were quite voluminous and we conducted a thorough perusal of each one of them. We invited the then Principal Secretary for Agriculture Mrs. Cesile Kariuki and Mrs. Lilian Wangari Njenga, former Director of Lands, Nyandarua, but they never turned up. We also plan to invite the then elected members of the entire Nyandarua District and those who were present during the launch of midland, that is, Hon. Waithaka, the current Deputy Governor, Hon. Muriuki Karwe and Hon. Muciri Gaceru to shed more light on Midland and with their contributions, I believe we are able to compile the whole report. Mr. Speaker.

I rest my case. Thank you.

Speaker: Very well, unless there is any member who wants any clarification from that report or feels that there is anything that has not been addressed in that progressive report and it is necessary it be addressed before the final report is prepared...

Yes member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, the area that I feel should be clarified on and more information given is about the directors. We would like to know who the directors of the company are and the shareholders. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes member for Karau, Hon. Sammy Kamau Ngotho.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr Speaker, the other issue that the committee should elaborate on is the stake the Midland directors intend to surrender to the government. That is,

the share and value that they want the government to hold. This intent was intimated by the management when we visited the place.

Speaker: Very well. Yes member for Njabini/ Kiburu Hon. James Kiiru Gachomba.

Hon. James Gachomba: Thank you Mr Speaker, my concern is in reference to No. 6 as highlighted by the chairperson. He said that there were some individuals who were summoned but they never turned up before the committee to feed it with more information on the same. These are; the then Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and the Nyandarua County Lands and Settlement Officer, Mrs. Lilian Wangari Njenga. I would like to know what will be done to them. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Very well. Yes Member for Shamata and the Majority Whip, Hon. John Kinyanjui Gachari.

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you Mr Speaker. There are people in my ward and the entire Nyandarua County who own shares in this Company. My concern therefore is, will they be communicated to before this company sells shares to the government? Thank you.

Speaker: Okay, very well, I now think that the areas of concern have been highlighted. Yes Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you, Mr Speaker, it is also important that we get to know the role of the CECM for Agriculture, Madam Agatha because she is mentioned adversely in the matter. I feel we need to understand her role.

Speaker: Very well. I think they have indicated in the Progressive Report that she will be recalled. Yes Member for Gathaara, Hon Daniel Kibebo Ruara.

Hon Daniel Kibebo: Mr Speaker sir, all these concerns being raised by members have been addressed in the progressive report but what the committee is requesting for is more time so that we can incorporate the newly acquired information into the final report.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho rises on a point of information

Speaker: What is it member for Karau?

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr Speaker. I only stood on a point of information because I know I am not allowed to speak twice on the same motion. However, I would like the Midland's company, and the land it occupies, be subjected to a valuation process that is

going to be carried out by an independent valuer before the government offloads the directors of the company some of the shareholding. This is because, Mr. Speaker, and I do not intend to pre-empt the committee's report but it was insinuated that the 1.2 million cited was a farfetched figure. We need to know the actual value of all its assets.

Speaker: Yes chairperson, committee on Agriculture.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker; looking at the recommendation number 10, the committee has captured the Member for Karau's concerns and an external valuer will be sought to conduct the valuation.

Additionally, the committee has recommended that the CECM for Agriculture reappears before the committee so that she can give more clarity as she has been adversely mentioned in the syndicate. On the issue of auditing, we are now in receipt of the audited report.

Speaker: I thought that initial valuation ought to have started a long time ago but I understand you may not have gotten the House's authorization. Now that you have it, you can go right ahead and engage the services of the county valuer. Of concern is how you are going to conduct public participation on this issue.

Maybe the committee can liaise with the office of the clerk to have an announcement placed in the local dailies inviting the public to bring their petitions, should they have any, before the committee. We do not have time to go round the county.

Applause

I believe the committee has made commendable progress and so they can continue. Next order

PAPER LAID

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES, ON 'THE STATUS OF SHOMAP MARKETS IN NYANDARUA COUNTY'

Speaker: Yes member for Kaimbaga and Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries, Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to table the Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries, on the Status of SHOMAP Markets in Nyandarua County.

Speaker: Very well, the paper is duly laid and further directions will be given by the House Business Committee.

Next Order.

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORT ON 'THE STATUS OF HUMAN RESOURCE AND ASSETS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES'

Speaker: Yes member for Kaimbaga and Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries, Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion:

THAT this House does adopt the Report on the status of Human Resource and Assets in the Department of Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries as a report of this House and its recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

Speaker: Very well, notice is duly laid given and further directions on when the motion is to be processed will be given by the House Business Committee. Next Order.

MOTIONS

Speaker: Yes member for Kipipiri and the deputy leader of majority, Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:

Aware that the County Enforcement Officers are instrumental to enforcing peace and order; overseeing the enforcement of county laws; enforcing effective revenue collection; assisting the building inspectorate in enforcing compliance with approved building and construction by-laws and carrying out any other duties as assigned by their supervisors,

This House urges the County Public Service Board to ensure that all successfully recruited candidates for the positions of County Enforcement Officers are issued with their letters of appointment.

Mr Speaker this motion was occasioned by what is happening in our county. With me, I have a file containing facts of what transpired right from the first stage of recruitment of these officers who happen to be sons and daughters of Nyandarua. But first, Mr. Speaker,

allow me to list the names of the afflicted and their respective wards so that the members can appreciate the impact of this error.

1. Stephen Githiaka- Wanjohi
2. Gerald KaruiruMundia- Kipipiri
3. Hannah Wanjiru Kigo- Kipipiri
4. John Mburu Kinyanjui- Githioro
5. John W. Chege- Gatimu
6. Cornelius W. Muihuri- Weru
7. Beatrice W. Maina- Charagita
8. Lewis M. Wanjiku- Ndaragwa Central
9. Moses Waciuri- central
10. GeoffreyNjuki- Shamata
11. Anthony Nderitu- Shamata
12. John Gaitho- Shamata
13. Evans Karoki-Shamata
14. Steven Ngumo- Gathaara
15. Cornelius Muigai-North Kinangop
16. Joel K. Maina- North Kinangop
17. Joseph GitongaKabiru- Kanjuiri
18. John Kihara Mbugua- Rurii

We also have a number of them coming from Karau ward and I will name them for record: we have;

19. Robert NjongeWaweru- Karau
20. Simon Gikonyo- Karau
21. Jemimah Njeri Gacheru- Karau
22. John MbuguaNgugi- Karau
23. Elijah Kimani- Karau
24. Gladys Mweru

All these men and women emerged successful from the recruitment process. They provided all the requisite documents, they were shortlisted and even went for interviews. To make matters worse, I have a sample of a letter informing these men and women that they went through.

The issue is, what is the criterion of deleting the above names and leaving the 70? These victims are spread throughout the county. They are now being made to suffer the consequences of some people's indecisiveness. It is not acceptable. We all appreciate that our country is facing job scarcity yet you give people hope that they have secured a job to later strike them off the list.

Mr Speaker, who are they to turn to for redress other than we, their democratically elected leaders? I have a list here of those who were not struck off the main list with whatever criterion that was used. We must, unanimously, agree that the price of employing these 24 officers is a small one to pay. We need the officers, the likelihood that the wage bill is going to go up is undeniable. But, really, by what percentage? It is not even one percent; it is negligible. These officers deserve it. If we do not have the recruits put in the payroll like yesterday, we will have failed our people.

Mr Speaker, allow me to highlight some of the issues I have here in my fact file;

'The county secretary authorized the county public service board to recruit 50 officers. His Excellency the Governor then did a letter dated 2nd June 2015 requiring an update on the progress of the recruitment process. In the aforementioned letter, His Excellency the Governor emphasized on the urgency of the process.'

Speaker: Member for Kipipiri, do you mind tabling the documents you are making reference to?

Hon. Michael Kirumba: No, Mr Speaker, I intend to table them as I go along.

Speaker: Please table the list of the names you read

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Sure, Mr Speaker, I table the list with 100 names and the one with 70 names and the rest of the correspondences with the clerk.

I am sure that the members now appreciate the importance of this motion. Mr. Speaker, the County is shorthanded in the department of revenue collection. The appointment letters had already been written. The only fortunate or unfortunate bit was that they had not been dispatched. Should these officers have received these letters, the litigation that would have befallen this government, Mr. Speaker, would be unmatched.

These people are entitled to go to court. Mr. Speaker, I think I have made my case and I call Hon. Ngotho to second but before that, I wish to table the advertisement.

Speaker: Very well, it is duly tabled and will be treated as part of the motion, proceed member for Karau.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to second the motion with an amendment. The last paragraph of the motion states that ‘This House urges the County Public Service Board to ensure that all successfully recruited candidates for the positions of County Enforcement Officers are issued with their letters of appointment.’ I would wish to add ‘within seven (7) days.’ I call Hon. Wambugu King’ori to second the amendment.

Speaker: Yes, Member for North Kinangop, Hon. Wambugu King’ori.

Hon. Wambugu King’ori: I second

Question on amendment proposed

Question on amendment put and agreed to

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr Speaker, I would wish to take the House through the recruitment process as provided for in the County Governments Act. For now, I might not quote the exact sections, which is not right, but I know it is in the public domain. The needs of a department in terms of human resource come from the chief officer who forwards them to the County Public Service board which consequently, advertises the positions to be filled.

The board advertised for 50 positions on June 4th and, only a week later, in order to meet the needs, the advert was reviewed and in an advertisement dated 12th June, 2015, 100 positions were advertised. Allow me to quote the correspondence that directed the review, ‘Kindly note that there are 100 positions to be filled’ and the deadline was extended to 26th of that month. The latter advertisement was annulling the previous one.

These young people were required to go to Ruaraka for the interviews and, I remember, I had to ferry 8 youth in my 5- passengers capacity car some of whom were from Kaimbaga, Rurii and Karau ward in the evening. When we got to Ruaraka, we were made to wait there the whole day before being told to leave their papers awaiting to be contacted. Later, another advertisement was placed in the papers and they were instructed to get clearance from all the quarters as stipulated in chapter six of the constitution. Which they did. Some of these people had no fare, most of them could only afford to sleep in shared quarters. It is okay, nothing good comes easy.

There is a young man in my ward who still lives with the mother and, probably out of frustration, he is always quarrelling the mother who, as a result, has developed a severe case of high blood pressure. In a bid to push the young man, who is not so young anymore, out of his mother's house, we really struggled to have him obtain the requisite documents so that he could secure himself a position, Mr. Speaker. Then we later learnt that he was struck off the list in spite of the fact that he was successful.

Mr Speaker, we need to know; were these positions filled even before the interviews were conducted? Let the Justice and Legal affairs Committee investigate whether the people we have been seeing in uniform were brought to fill these positions probably from the defunct council without even being subjected to the interviews. I have a feeling that they were just called and dressed in officers, uniforms. The secretary revealed to us that they were told to forward only 74 names from the list of 100 forwarded by the CEC for legal affairs. However, he refused to reveal who made this order.

I don't know if pictures are admissible here but I have pictures in my phone that captured the number of officers that turned up during the pass out. They were only 61. What does this mean? I know there are those that may have gotten jobs elsewhere but, we need to know for sure.

These people can easily take the government to court. It was in the public domain that the 100 young people were successful yet they never got any form of explanation that the government was downsizing. Mr. Speaker, you even indicated to me that what they have done is illegal. The only reason we have not given this kind of information to the public is because we do not want to embarrass the government but if they do not rectify this within seven days, there is no telling what we can do. It does not matter where these young people come from, they must be accorded their rights. Even if they are not recruited, this money will not go into feeding my child. As Hon. Duale says' Hii pesa sio ya mama ya mtu'.

Applause

Let these people be put in the payroll and facilitated to attend the training as the others did. In any case, we stand to benefit as a county because more revenue will be collected. I second the motion in its entirety.

Question proposed

Speaker: Yes Member for North Kinangop and Deputy Speaker, Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori.

Hon. Wambugu King'ori: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support this motion because; such an act has adverse repercussions for us. I have two young people from my ward who were well aware that they were successful in the recruitment yet they did not receive their letters of appointment. They know their colleagues have received these letters and they are wondering why they have been discriminated against. I also wonder what criterion was used to select those who are to be appointed.

If this House does not play its oversight role, we shall have failed our people. If the executive does not absorb them and the victims do not go to court, I, personally will go to court and challenge the government. The executive is consistently failing this county and it is about time we put it to a stop. We must demonstrate to our people what we are doing for them. We are in the fourth year of our term and I can tell you that some of these officers in the executive are interested in our seats.

They are the same ones who will go to our wards and tell our people that we did not do anything for them for the five years they put us in power. They are going round the county claiming that the county assembly of Nyandarua has failed. We cannot let this go on and I am urging the Hon. Members to support this motion and teach the executive a lesson.

Hon. Kimani Gachuhi: I rise to support this motion. I have noted, with a lot of concern, that most of the issues deliberated in this House are occasioned by errors and flouting of the laws by the executive. In the recently passed supplementary budget, I observed the executive remove and add vote heads to the budget in total disregard for the law and the recommendations made by this House. Ironically, the executive is well endowed with experts in law who ought to advise the governor and his cabinet.

This afternoon I was able to dig out some information regarding this case and what came out was that the cabinet sat down and recommended to the board that the number of recruits be reduced to 74 from 100 and, later only 61 responded. Allow me to inform the deputy speaker that this Assembly has the powers of a High Court. He needs not go to any other court. It is in the best interests of the executive that these officers be absorbed with immediate effect. I can very easily move a motion that will see the concerned officers go home. This is not a threat. One of the victims is Hon. David Ndirangu's (Pele) neighbour who

is from a very humble background, raised by a single mother. He came to me crying and that is why I am very concerned.

Mr Speaker, allow me to digress just a little and talk about the issue of bursaries. The cheques are ready yet we are waiting for the governor to go round the county issuing them. I have a form four student at Nyakiambi girls' whom I sponsor and I had to plead with the principal to let her stay in school as we wait for this Governor to deliver the cheques, personally. For how long, Mr. Speaker, are we to wait? Supposing the principal sends home 200 girls who are beneficiaries of the bursary fund on Tuesday, how much is going to be wasted on fare? Yet we claim that ours is an efficient government. This is a challenge to the Governor himself. If he were to take control of this government, no one would dare break the law, not even us MCAs. That is why we have been talking about these issues for a long time but nothing is done.

I was telling someone yesterday that if Mr. Speaker was the governor of this county, I, off course, the CECM for Roads and the clerks here the chief officers, this government would be very far. Nyandarua would be like heaven. The assembly's mandate does not include implementation but 70% of what has been implemented in Nyandarua is initiated by this Assembly. The 10% that they have probably implemented is out of fear of the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, their ignorance is appalling.

I have no faith in the governor's advisor. He is constantly failing him so badly. I say this without any fear of contradiction and I would even say it to his face. The governor needs to take action because I and other members of this House are not taking this lightly. We are not just talking about this for record. The member for Karau has amended the motion to read within seven days and I can promise you that I will make sure something is done. I believe this motion is well intended, meant for the wellbeing of the people of Nyandarua. The plane we are travelling in is losing ground fast and hard and if we are not careful we may hit the crowd, we cannot just sit and watch as it happens. For the plane to stabilize the pilot must obey the signals from the control tower. He must seek advice and read the manual. He should not rely on his experience of fifty years, it will not suffice. There is need to obey the law, accept guidance and consult. No one is perfect. This is my challenge to the governor.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Githioro, Hon. Silvester Kagiri Mwangi.

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support this motion. This government needs to rectify some things now. There is a provision in the County Government, Act 2012 that guides the recruitment process. Should they have advertised for fifty positions, we would not be debating this issue because we would be aware that they wanted fifty. They advertised for 100 positions.

These was a very vigorous recruitment exercise. Some of them are learning that even after the communication that they were successful they would not be employed. We have seen several cases where people are committing suicide. The only hope they had has been washed down the drain. The law must be followed to the letter.

If these ladies and gentlemen went through that vigorous training, why should they be denied employment? We have been seeing new faces wearing the green clothes on the streets and we do not know when they were trained. There is someone who wants to fill these vacancies irregularly.

Mr Speaker there is an audit query on the number of staff in the office of the governor. There was a circular by the Salary and Remuneration Commission that the officers that should be in that office should be 11 but they have employed 22 staff. They are unnecessary and yet they hold very senior positions. They are receiving a very big salary of more than Ksh. 100,000. The salary for these enforcement officers will not go above Ksh. 25,000. We are concerned about the wage bill but what effect will the 26 junior officers have on the wage bill. It too minimal comparing to some that they have employed there.

I have been telling members what would happen in the third year. You can see that the hill is very steep and the political heat is very high. Soon we shall be running up and down. Mr. Speaker you have been saying that we are the forefathers of this county and if we allow it to be run in the manner that it is being run, we shall be cursed by the generations to come. One of them kept on calling me and I could hear how frustrated he was. All of them are and it is time to help them.

Mr Speaker allow me to talk about this even if it is not in the motion but it shows how indecisive the government is. How can we delay the issuance of bursaries because we want the governor to go round issuing them? Many students have been sent home for school fees yet we have pinned the list of beneficiaries on the notice boards. The parents are aware that the money has been given. The cheques have been signed and are lying in the office. We know that H. E is very busy. We need a government that can decide. We need to move

without turning back. Hon. Kirumba said sometimes back that if were dining here and you spill my *ugali*, I would spill your stew. We need to make a decision that will be adhered to.

I support the motion.

Speaker: Yes member for Kaimbaga Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini.

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Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker, I thank Hon. Kirumba for bringing this motion. There is an outcry in the whole county. Yesterday I was trying to talk to one of the gentlemen because he was so frustrated. He was among the 26 who were not employed.

There are 10 departments in the county and all of them were to be allocated officers and I think 100 was enough. Who taught them arithmetic? Money for the remaining officers was budgeted for. They took documents to Nairobi as required and went through all the processes. Some of them resigned from where they were working. They need to earn.

These are some of the things that we, Nyandarua county leaders are blamed for every day. I can also give another case in the department of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries though this is not part of the motion. The A.I. providers that were recruited by the said department are not trained. They said that they wanted to train them instead of recruiting those that are trained and experienced.

We are being fought from all over because it is being said that some gave bribes to the Hon. Members and 74 was the cutline. Let the 26 people be employed and if that is not the case, then the whole lot should go home.

We are now going to recruit revenue collectors and there are 74 positions. Every ward should have four. Every ward benefited with four or five enforcement officers. I think that all those that were recruited should go and work. Mr. Speaker I know that you are a man of actions. Hammer them!

Thank you.

Speaker: Yes member for Leshau-Pondo Hon. Josphat Kamau.

Hon. Josphat Kamau: Thank you Mr Speaker, I also rise to support the motion. Mr. Speaker I want to express my dissatisfaction on the way things were handled. The people that were recruited believed that they had legally secured a job in Nyandarua County. However,

for some this was short-lived because a few days later, they were told that their jobs were no longer there and that the number of those that were to become the enforcement officers had been downsized.

The County Public Service Board has done its work. They sat and decided that they needed 100 enforcement officers. Who sat in another unknown board and decided that they need 74 officers? What criteria did they use after recruiting the 100 to disqualify the 26? I want to agree with the other members that these are the only positions that were offered to the people who are really from Nyandarua.

Assume that we first decided to recruit 10 CECMs and later settle on 7 after making them aware that they have acquired jobs in the county government of Nyandarua. The percentage of those left out is 30%. We would be saying that the county government of Nyandarua is 30% ineffective. How can they make a 30% error? How can they advertise for 100 positions while they only need 70? This is unfair. Why do they want to torture these people yet they had already been tormented by the economic hardships of Nyandarua? They had been relieved temporarily after they were told that they had acquired these jobs. Let these young men and women be issued with appointment letters and within the shortest time possible. It is not even supposed to take 7 days, two days are enough.

Applause

We shall have relieved the thirty. Probably there are those that got better jobs within the period and never reported. Nyandarua county government needs to fill the positions that were left vacant by those who felt that the said jobs were paying less.

Secondly Mr Speaker, we have been talking about equitable distribution of resources but there is a problem when it comes to human resource. Some of the wards have benefited with only one and others none for a reason that no one knows. Mr. Speaker there is another recruitment exercise that is due to take place of the revenue officers and I believe that an equal number will be recruited. We want to see transparency in this. I want to be quoted saying that there was a lot of canvassing when this exercise was going on. How can you tell me that in certain wards not even one candidate succeeded while others had more than seven successful candidates? As we speak, there are some wards that are boasting that at least five have been recruited. If the board is independent then it should take care of equitability in Nyandarua. Some of the regions in Nyandarua have a higher population than others. I support and thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes county member from Githioro Hon. Dorcas Nyambura Kihara.

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr Speaker sir. I rise to support this motion. This is an injustice that has been done to our youth Mr. speaker. This is not the right time to do such things. These youths are coming to us as their representatives. If we do nothing for them now we shall be treating them very unfairly.

The mover of the motion said that initially the county was to recruit 50 men and women. Following the directions of the governor, it was said that 100 men and women who have been in the National Youth Service training be recruited. We would like to know in which other meeting was it resolved that we recruit only 74. H.E. the governor is the president of this county. The advertisement was for 100 positions and the youths were recruited, but, 24 were not employed and they are now on our necks.

When they got information that some of the recruited youths have been dropped, their parents called us. Some were crying because their sons or daughters had gone through the whole recruitment process. They had all the required documents such as the good conduct certificate, Kenya Revenue Authority clearance and others which cost their parents money. It was a relief to their parents that they had gotten jobs only later to learn that they had been dropped. It is very unfair and I support that these youths that were left out be issued with their appointment letters within the shortest time possible.

Mr Speaker, all of these people are children from Nyandarua. If the cabinet sat and resolved that the number be reduced to 74, the governor is the chairperson of the cabinet and it is from his direction that 100 were to be recruited. That is double standard.

Regardless of the fact the wage bill is high, we cannot torture our youth and their parents. We are the representative of both the old and the young. If these resolutions will not be taken or implemented, then, a person needs to go home. This is an Honourable House and a House of rules and order and it should be respected. This is not a resolution to be taken for granted.

Mr Speaker we have been passing resolutions in this House that are not taken seriously by the Executive. We do not know whether the 24 slots have been reserved for the executive because some of them are interested in those positions.

Mr Speaker, politicking has started and we cannot close our ears. Our opponents will capitalize on this issue and say that we advertised for 100 positions and then dropped the

names of our people so that they can suffer. We cannot stomach this. This is very hard for us and our people and God will judge us for making our youth and the community to suffer, if we do nothing yet we are a house that can make resolutions and they be acted on. Mr. Speaker guide us and make sure that these resolutions are taken with the seriousness they deserve. When the name of this assembly is tarnished, it includes your name as the speaker, all the members and the staff. I support this motion.

Speaker: Yes member for Gatimu, Hon. Kieru Wambui.

Hon. Kieru Wambui: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion. As we urge the County Public Service Board to issue appointment letters to the officers that were successful in the recruitment, I would like us to have the relevant information on the matter. You are aware that an advert was done but we need to ask ourselves, what are the procedures of recruitment? We know how a request for recruitment is done.

Loud consultations

Mr Speaker protect me from the leader of majority. He is making unnecessary noise.

Loud consultations

Some Members address the member for Gatimu and he responds to them

Speaker: Member for Gatimu you know that you cannot address anyone else but the speaker.

Hon. Kieru Wambui: I was saying that we all know the procedure of recruitment. It is important to know who wrote to the board for them to recruit 100 people. Actually, it is the governor. We also need to know why he wrote that they recruit 100 and after the recruitment, the county secretary wrote that they recruit 70.

It is important to have these matters properly addressed. There is a provision in the County Government Act where the chief officer is allowed to request the County Public Service Board for recruitment of officers. This was not done.

We know that they have the 100 officers but the board was told to provide 70 because they had 30. We cannot take this kindly because it is unfair. Some of them were working even before they were recruited. These are some of the things that we should reprimand and curse in the strongest terms possible. After we make the resolutions, I request that they should not only go to the governor or the county secretary but also they be copied to the County Public Service Board so that they know that the assembly made resolutions and it is

expected that they be implemented. We expect that these matters are taken seriously. They will always ask, when did you pass that and we have never seen it?

They have been advertising for positions of their own making. Some of the positions in the constitution are empty and I raised a petition that was signed by members here about some constitutional offices provided for by the County Government Act. We cannot keep on crying out about the wage bill yet some of the positions in the County Government Act are empty. Probably the problems were facing in the wards could be solved by these people that are not yet employed. A good example is the roads department where we need to have people making measurements while the roads are in construction and reporting to the department. We have been employing directors yet they are not in the County Government Act. The act says that there should be ward and village administrators. We need them.

We only remember about the wage bill when we are doing the budget. During budget making, you will hear the Budget Committee asking for the staff register. This is the time to certify that it is required a certain amount of money according to the number of staff. We do not want to continue talking about high wage bill while actually it is not real.

I heard what Kajiado County does. We are also politicians and we cannot detach ourselves from these jobs. I am a politician and I speak on behalf of the people of Gatimu. We cannot allow these people to continue employing their own people.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is it member for Engineer.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Mr Speaker that is a serious allegation and if the board employs its own people, then that needs to be substantiated and serious investigations need to be conducted followed by serious disciplinary action. The member can only make those allegations if he has grounds to substantiate.

Speaker: Actually he has not mentioned anyone although he was at the verge of doing it and I thought you were standing to pre-empt that because we can only mention someone under a substantive motion and the member for Gatimu knows that. However, where he had reached he was within his mandate to complain if things are being done that way. Member for Gatimu proceed.

Hon. Kieru Wambui: I know that the Majority Leader could be a beneficiary so he is not aggrieved.

Laughter

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is it Member for Engineer?

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Mr Speaker, the member for Gatimu knows I am not a beneficiary and this takes us to a level where he needs to identify that whether this is true or not. I therefore demand that he apologizes or gives substantive evidence to show that I am a beneficiary.

Speaker: Member for Gatimu, that is correct, that without raising any doubt, without any substantive motion you cannot throw that to an Hon. Member. You can only withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Kieru Wambui: I apologize and I have seen the political side of the Leader of Majority and I can see that he feels what I feel. He is a politician and he should go along with me. I was giving an example with the county assembly of Kajiado. Do not think that in the next government the governor will employ as much people as he has employed.

This is the government in which most people will be employed. If people are being employed and we are not acting politically, it would not be okay. We are taking this matter politically because we need it to be handled politically. We should stamp the authority of the politicians we are.

For some of these appointments, we need to do as politicians do and Hon. Kirumba has done the right thing. We need a 'Nyandarua County Public Service Board Act' so that we regulate some of these things and ensure that there is regional balancing. We shall not have problems of some wards having five people while others have one. What was the criteria used? Does it mean that the ward that has one employed person has no people who had NYS training? Probably the members of the County Public Service Board are political in nature.

The organs in this government have become so untouchable. I do not know whether we have relaxed but every entity does as it wishes. They are so reluctant and so adamant. It is only the Nyandarua county assembly that seems to work. We pass resolutions that are never

obeyed. If it means sacking some people through this House as a lesson to inspire performance, then let it be.

The matter at hand must be addressed with the seriousness it deserves. Law must be followed and in order for things to be done the right way we, as politicians we must assert our authority.

I support this motion.

Speaker: Yes member for Engineer and the Leader of Majority, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion but I have an issue that needs to be clarified. Remember there is the aspect of budgetary allocation.

With regard to this, what informed the reduction in the number of recruited enforcement officers? Would bringing all the recruited officers occasion a financial crisis? But there would be no problem in bringing all the enforcement officers on board if there was a budgetary allocation for the same, otherwise, without a budgetary allocation, there would be a possibility of a critical crisis.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is it member for Karau, Hon. Kamau Ngotho?

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Considering that the Leader of Majority is the vice chairman of the County Assembly Service Board, is it advisable to advertise for positions without considering the budgetary implication? Funds follow functions. So the Executive knew that the recruitment of the one hundred enforcement officers would be provided for in the budget.

Speaker: Obviously the intervention by the member for Karau is very well founded. Actually the recruitment of the enforcement officers began after the 2015/2016 budget had been passed. It would be very serious if the letter for recruitment of a hundred enforcement officers was written by the highest office in the county with a budgetary allocation. That way, we should not be dealing with this matter the way we are doing now.

Proceed member for Engineer.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Mr Speaker, I stand guided. It is also my caution that we should not make resolutions in vain. The process of recruitment of the said officers ought to have been informed by availability of funds. Gazettement was also part of the process. It was a great

disservice to the affected candidates to be shortlisted, interviewed and communicated to after which their recruitment was cancelled. What criterion did the Executive use to single out the twenty six candidates whose recruitment was not considered?

We must appreciate that there is a mistake to that effect and a way forward on bringing the twenty six candidates should be forged. If there is no budgetary allocation for the same, then it would mean that a supplementary budget should be sought.

Having said that I call the mover to respond. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion mover who is the member for Kipipiri and the deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker. I thank the members for supporting this motion.

Mr Speaker, you know the psychological trauma that one suffers if their recruitment is cancelled. You can also imagine the effect the cancelling of the twenty four candidates had on their relatives. It was against the wish of the affected candidates to cancel the recruitment. Some human errors are very expensive. Considering the provision of Chapter four of the Constitution on human rights, the cancelling of the recruitment must have unfortunately occasioned psychological agony on the said candidates which must have led them to the conclusion that they were unnecessarily discriminated. It is essential to redress the error of cancelling the recruitment of the said candidates who were made to innocently suffer. Remember the error itself was in contravention of the Constitution.

That the applicants ought to have applied through the Internet was also an issue. You know that gone are the days when councillors formerly used to carry applications for applicants in their brief cases.

Does it mean that from Engineer and Njabini Kiburu wards, for example, not a single candidate is qualified enough to be recruited? In view of this, only one candidate was recruited from Nyakio ward. We should not be compromised in the process of addressing this issue. Accordingly, this House's role in mitigating the said error should eventually be made public. It is biblical that one should get touched by the suffering of a fellow human being and there is also a prize for the merciful.

I beg to move. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Question put and agreed to

Speaker: Hon. Members, there is no known law which provides that a recruitment should be reversed without a re-advertisement of the position in question.

Applause

You re-advertise a position after you fail to get qualified applicants for the same. But once the Executive has recruited, the County Public Service Board becomes *functus officio* without jurisdiction and what remained is for the said board to issue appointment letters as per the requirements of this motion and that is why I allowed this motion. Mindful of the fact that we do not recruit position for the County Executive, we are just telling the CPSB through this motion to do what it is supposed to do because the same Board is failing to do what it is supposed to do. In matters of recruitment, once you engage a forward gear, you should not engage a reverse gear.

Applause

I understand the Leader of Majority, bearing in mind that he has to talk on behalf of the government, is sometimes put in awkward positions but the whole process of the recruitment in question was typified by confusion. Actually, this Assembly never told the Executive to recruit the enforcement officers. The Executive initiated this motion asking to recruit a hundred officers. The Executive actually forwarded a list of a hundred candidates for recruitment. The CPSB should just comply with the recruitment. I am going to write a letter on what the CPSB should do.

The Leader of Majority was trying to consider what would happen if there is no budgetary allocation for recruitment of all the reinforcement officers but Section 35 of the Public Finance Management Act is there. If an issue arises for which money has not been appropriated in the budget, the Executive should deal with it.

This is the only time the Executive has concentrated in employing the youth but the whole process was messed up, yet it was the only chance for the Executive to touch base with the youth. As an assembly we employed youths who amount to about 80% of the Assembly staff and that was for the purpose and benefit of the future. It is a sad thing for the county government to be seen as if it is defrauding its own youth. It was an act of defrauding the candidates by advertising for recruitment of officers' position through the press and then

retreating on the same and that cannot be taken kindly. Communication on the same is going to be made.

Applause

Otherwise, we expect whatever this House has resolved will be done without much ado and I do not expect any issues to arise in between. I expect that appointment letters to the affected candidates will be sent forthwith following the submission to the Executive of the resolutions of this House concerning the matter at hand.

The Deputy Speaker had proposed of going to court but the court can take even three years to deal with this case whereas this House can deal with it in a day and it has powers to do the same.

If we do not put up firm foundations of how things should be done in this county, we are going to leave a very bad legacy and we shall be blamed even when we are in the grave. We should ensure that the recruitment of the affected enforcement candidates is done without looking at who is watching and befriending us or who is behind us. This is because they never brought the matter for themselves.

Applause

Next order!

MOTION

REPORT OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES' HARMONISATION

Speaker: Yes member for North Kinangop and the vice chair of the House Business Committee.

Hon. Wambugu King'ori: Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to withdraw this motion on the report of the House Business Committee on committee's harmonisation. This is because there is an addendum to the said report that the House Business Committee resolved to incorporate. But your guidance on this is welcome.

On the same, I request the indulgence of the House that the said motion be slotted in the order paper for 23rd February, 2016. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members, I am privy to the reason behind the sought withdrawal. There were some crucial sentiments that were fronted by the House at the Kenya School of Government concerning the matter of the report in question after it was compiled.

The only procedure to incorporate the said addendum to the report was to, unless there is contrary opinion, withdraw the motion on the report, incorporate the addendum and then reintroduce the motion in the House.

No member rises to raise contrary opinion

Well, the motion on the report is deemed withdrawn and the vice chair of the House Business Committee together with the committee can reorganise the report as expected after which the same committee will allocate time for the tabling of the final report.

Next order!

MOTION

ELUCIDATION OF THE ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Speaker: Yes member for Engineer and the Leader of Majority, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to seek leave not to move this motion today and request the House Business Committee to slot it in the order paper for the next sitting.

Speaker: Hon. Members, there is also the request that the motion on the elucidation of the address by His Excellency the Governor be postponed to another date. I think that is not asking for too much considering that there are issues that need to be addressed on the same, which I did not manage to tackle in the initial communication from the chair but which I will revisit under the order on communication from the chair as provided for in the supplementary order paper. The House Business Committee will allocate time when the House resumes after next week for the exposition of the address by the Governor.

Next order!

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Speaker: Hon. Members, I had made an initial communication in which I communicated that the Assembly received an invitation of six members of the leadership of our county assembly by the President. The six included:

1. Speaker
2. Deputy Speaker
3. Leader of Majority
4. Leader of Minority
5. Majority Whip, and
6. Minority Whip.

But when you saw me walk out, I went to receive further communication that the President will be meeting members of county assemblies within the Mount Kenya Region.

Applause

Our meeting with the President will be at ten o'clock in the morning. We shall communicate overnight as we get more details. But the invitation has been extended to include the whole House.

What I know is that parking over there is tricky especially if you do not have a driver. But if you agree to travel together, the Assembly can provide the Van, Land Cruiser and the Bus for that purpose and that will even make it easier.

Applause

Next order!

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Speaker: Yes member for Engineer and the Leader of Majority, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker...

Hon. Michael Kirumba rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is it member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Kirumba?

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Mr Speaker, I need a bottle of water because I feel dehydrated and I can see there is a change because bottles of water used to be placed on top of the dispatch table but there is not even a bottle of water now.

Speaker: Actually, a hitch on the same has been noted. But we pushed for the Gazettement of the supplementary budget, which was done yesterday, now things will be okay.

Applause

Proceed Leader of Majority.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Mr Speaker, I beg to move a procedural motion pursuant to Article 51 (b) of the Standing Orders that the Assembly adjourns its sitting to the 23rd of February, 2016 at 2:30p.m and retreat for a workshop to deal with the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the financial year 2016/2017 during the week that begins on Monday, 15th February, 2016.

We have agreed on the importance of the Annual Development Plan for the year that marks the end of this term. We should therefore consider what we have achieved and what remains to be achieved pertaining to what we promised our people. We need enough time to interrogate the document.

With that I call upon the member for Karau to second. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Karau, Hon. Kamau Ngotho.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: I second.

Question proposed

Speaker: Yes the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Wambugu King'ori: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the adjournment motion. The ADP is an important document that needs to be scrutinised by this House. It is part of the budget cycle that the ADP should be interrogated and approved before the tabling of the Fiscal Strategy Paper which should be tabled before 28th February.

The Liaison Committee was supposed to meet for the purpose of forging the way forward on the foregoing...

Loud consultations

Please protect me Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Order members! Order!

The Liaison Committee was supposed to meet but since there is no time for that, allow the chairman of the committee to highlight some of the issues that were supposed to be discussed by the committee.

Hon. Wambugu King'ori: Thank you Mr Speaker. The members are supposed to travel to Nairobi on Monday next week so that on Tuesday we convene at the appointed venue. Before we invite the CEC members, there will be a meeting of the Whole House to discuss the programme on how the various sectoral committees of this House will interrogate the ADP.

On Wednesday, we shall invite the CEC members and top official in the Executive to offer insights on the ADP. On Thursday of the same week, the Whole House will sit to consider what the sectoral committee will have discussed with the CEC members and the top officials in the Executive. On Friday of the same week, the technical team will be expected to compile a report on the activities of that week for consideration by the House.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Kipipiri and the Deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support this motion of adjournment. Mr. Speaker, in your communication you stated the importance of interrogating the ADP.

Considering that the House will be travelling to Sagana State Lodge tomorrow and also to Nairobi next week, it is only fair to be assured that facilitation for members is guaranteed.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Njabini Kiburu, Hon. James Gachomba.

Hon. James Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support this motion. The House should have ample time to go through the ADP. I believe various sectoral committees have forwarded their concerns to their respective committee clerks for easy harmonisation when we convene in Nairobi. We have a very short time considering that we have to pass the Fiscal Strategy paper by 28th of this month.

With that I wish to call the mover

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Motion mover, the Member for Engineer, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move.

Question put and agreed to

Speaker: The motion is taken and this House will now adjourn to Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 2016, at 2:30p.m. In the meantime, the chairmen of sectoral committees should be in collaboration with their respective committee clerks to consider the areas of concerns to their committees in the ADP for them to communicate the same to sectoral committee members on Tuesday next week.

There are those sectoral committees that will not even need to engage with the CEC Members on Wednesday, that is, those sectoral committees that will be convinced on Tuesday that their sectoral areas in the ADP is okay. Only those committees that will require to ask any questions concerning their sectoral areas in the ADP will engage the CEC members.

On Thursday, we will meet as a Whole House and build a consensus on the ADP having gone through it. The Budget and Appropriations Committee was expected to harmonise the sectoral committees' reports on Friday the same week but this has to be done on Thursday because on Friday, the 19th February, 2016, the members of this assembly will be expected to officially join other MCAs in Nyeri to agree on the way forward concerning the Jubilee Party (JP).

The ADP in question is very critical since it will define our status as we go to face *Wanjiku*. In view of this, we have to act as real social democrats. Remember we are socially connected to *Wanjiku* and how we deal with ADP in question is very critical. Remember the ADP will inform the Fiscal Strategy Paper and eventually the Budget for the year. If we do not go right in dealing with the ADP, we shall only complain during the consideration of the budget and this will hinder us from doing much. We must be keen and serious from now until we pass the budget for the financial year 2016/2017.

So, the House now adjourns as earlier indicated.

The House rose at 5:03p.m.

