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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers, Manunga Catholic Hall, at 2:30 P.M

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, in the Chair

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

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

Speaker: Having confirmed that there is no quorum, I direct that the division bell be rung for an initial 10 minutes, pursuant to standing order number 34, or until such a time within the ten minutes when quorum will have been achieved.

*The quorum bell rings for 3 minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk- at- the-
table*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

Speaker: Hon. Members, I have a communication to make. We have two order papers and we are going to start with the supplementary order paper and later go to the original order paper. Next order

STATEMENTS

**STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON
ABSORPTION OF PERSONNEL IN THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Speaker: Yes Hon. Peter Mwangi Maina.

Hon. Peter Mwangi Maina: Thank You Mr Speaker, Sir, I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Health Services on the above stated subject matter addressing the following concerns:

Aware that provision of health services is a fully devolved function and a critical mandate the County Government;

Further aware that the personnel working in the health sector have been devolved and require being fully absorbed into the County Government work force.

Concerned that key personnel in the health department namely the Director of Health Services and the Deputy Director Health services have not been issued with letters of confirmation of appointment by the County Public Service Board.

Further concerned that by denying them such letters of appointment demoralizes and falls short of the requirement of the law as well as the best practices in human resource management.

Now therefore, I request for a statement from the Chairman of the Committee on Health Services on the status of the absorption of the workers in the health services department and the extent of compliance with the law on the same.

Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Speaker: Chairperson Committee on Health Services give an indication of when you will give a response to that statement.

Hon. Peter Kairu: Thank you Mr Speaker, we shall give a response after recess

Speaker: The House Business Committee will allocate time to that business.

Next order.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE STATE OF BOREHOLES IN THE COUNTY

Speaker: Hon. Patricia Wanjugu Njoroge.

Hon. Patricia Wanjugu: Mr Speaker Sir, aware that the provision of water and sanitation services is a County Government function that has a direct impact of the livelihood of the residents of the county

Further aware that prior to the advent of devolved government, there existed boreholes in the county to ensure water is readily available to the residents across the County.

Concerned of the poor status of the said boreholes and their uselessness due to poor maintenance

Mr Speaker Sir, from the foregoing, I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources addressing the following;

1. How many boreholes are existing in the county
2. What is the current status of all boreholes within the county
3. How many boreholes have been rehabilitated in the term of existence of the county government
4. What measures and plans are in place for interventions such as drilling of boreholes, provision of water tanks and emergency water schemes to ensure that people have access to water despite dry weather conditions.

Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir.

Speaker: Chairperson Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources give an indication of when you will give a response to that statement.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the chairperson, we shall give a response after recess.

The chairperson walks into the chambers

Speaker: I can see that the chairperson has just walked in and it is fair to give him a chance

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker we shall give a report after recess.

Speaker: The House Business Committee will allocate time to that business. Next order

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIALIZATION,
TRADE AND CO-OPERATIVES ON STATUS OF WANJOHI CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

Speaker: Hon. Dorcas Kihara, on behalf of Hon. Joseph Mumba Gichini

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, on behalf of Hon. Joseph Mumba Gichini, I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Industrialization, Trade and Co-operatives on the above stated subject matter addressing the following concerns:

Aware that the Constitution of Kenya 2010, under Paragraph 7 (e) of Part II of the Fourth Schedule provides for development and regulation of Co-operative Societies as a devolved function.

Further aware that the people of Wanjohi and its environs joined efforts and formed Wanjohi Co-operative Society which legally is under regulation by the Department of Industrialization, Trade and Co-operatives;

Concerned that the above named Co-operative Society has for the last three (3) months defaulted in payment for produce delivered by its members and that it is on the verge of collapse;

Arising from the foregoing, I seek that the Chairperson of the Committee provides information the following:

- i) Whether the Department is aware of the status of Wanjohi Co-operative Society;
- ii) What measures are being taken to ensure that the management of the Society accounts fully for all its activities?
- iii) What measures are to be put in place to ensure that the society does not collapse and that farmers are promptly paid for produce delivered and at reasonable prices.
- iv) The measures being taken to ensure that farmers are paid for all the produce already delivered or measures being taken to mitigate for losses already suffered.
- v) Whether there is an inventory of all the Assets of the Cooperative society and whether such assets are secured for the future benefit of the community.

Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Speaker: Chairperson Committee on Industrialization, Trade and Co-operatives give an indication of when you will give a response to that statement.

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: Thank you Mr Speaker sir, on behalf of the chairperson who is not present today we shall give a report after recess.

Speaker: The House Business Committee will allocate time to that business. Next order

STATEMENT FROM CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON
STATUS OF RWANYAMBO DISPENSARY

Speaker: Hon. Joshua Muriithi Muigai

Hon. Joshua Muriithi: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Health Services on the above stated subject matter addressing the following concerns:

Aware that the Constitution of Kenya 2010, provides for Health services as a devolved function under which the County Government of Nyandarua has annually allocated funds for promotion of health services;

Further aware that three million shillings (Kshs. 3,000,000) worth of equipment was allocated to Rwanyambo Dispensary to offer laboratory services;

Concerned that the equipment have been underutilized due to lack of technical expertise;

Arising from the foregoing, I seek that the Chairperson of the Committee on Health Services provides information on the status of the equipment allocated to the dispensary and the measures being taken to ensure that the laboratory is operational and that the people of Nyakio Ward benefit from the intended services.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Speaker: Chairperson Committee on Health Services give an indication of when you will give a response to that statement.

Hon. Peter Kairu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, we shall give a response after recess

Speaker: The House Business Committee will allocate time to that business. Next order

STATEMENT FROM CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON LANDS, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL
PLANNING ON ALLOCATION OF LAND AT KOINANGE VILLAGE IN GITHABAI WARD

Speaker: Hon. Peter Kairu.

Hon. Peter Kairu: Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning on the above stated subject matter addressing the following concerns:

Aware that the County Government of Nyandarua has undertaken to ensure that land injustices where they exist are dealt with and solutions found;

Further aware that in the year 2013 there was an approval by the County Government for allocation of land within Koinange Village in Githabai Ward for the squatters living within the settlement scheme.

Concerned that there were no issuance of allotment letters for the beneficiaries of the allocation;

Further concerned that there was an executive decision to complete the allocation and issuance of ownership documents to the residents by His Excellency the Governor in his State of County addresses in the years 2013 and 2014.

Arising from the a foregoing, I seek that the Chairperson provides information on the progress of the allocations and the issuance of allotment letters and title deeds for the beneficiaries of the Settlement Scheme .

Further the Committee to address the following;-

- 1) The acreage of the settlement scheme
- 2) The list of all the beneficiaries and the allocation in acreage or hectares
- 3) The timelines within which the processing of the ownership documents will be concluded.

Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Speaker: Chairperson Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning give an indication of when you will give a response to that statement

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, on behalf of the chairperson the report will be available by the time the House resumes.

Speaker: The House Business Committee will allocate time to that business. Next order

STATEMENT FROM CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON LANDS, HOUSING AND
PHYSICAL PLANNING ON GRABBED PUBLIC LAND IN NYAKIO WARD

Speaker: Hon. Joshua Muriithi Muigai

Hon. Joshua Muriithi: Mr Speaker Sir, I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning on the above stated subject matter addressing the following concerns.

Aware that the Constitution of Kenya 2010, under Article 62, provides that Public land shall vest in and be held by a county government in trust for the people resident in the county, and shall be administered on their behalf by the National Land Commission.

Further aware that plots L.R. Nos. Nyandarua/Njabini 995/656, 6200, 759, 930, 430 and land reserved for Yaanga Primary School are public land which have public utilities for the benefit of the community;

Concerned that the part or whole of the above mentioned plots are in private possession and that public access to them is restricted by private persons;

Further concerned that the public access to resources or services in the utilities on the said plots has been hampered resulting to public suffering and injustice;

Taking cognizance that the National land Commission directed the County Land Board as well as other Public officers to look into the matter and no solution is yet to be given.

Arising from the foregoing, I seek that the Chairperson of the Committee provides the following information:

- i. The circumstances under which the individuals alienated the said plots from the public benefits;
- ii. The documents relating to all the parcels of land including and not limited to development plans, registered index maps (RIM), survey plans, allotment letters and title deeds.
- iii. The measures to be taken to ensure that the public land and utilities reverts back to the public for the benefit of the residents and the community of Nyakio Ward.

Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Speaker: Chairperson Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning give an indication of when you will give a response to that statement

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, on behalf of the chairperson the report will be available by the time the House resumes.

Speaker: The House Business Committee will allocate time to that business. Next order

MOTION

Speaker: Hon. Dorcas Nyambura Kihara

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir,

I beg to move the following Motion:-

Aware that Early Childhood Development (ECD) is a Devolved function of the County Government. Further aware that children attending ECD centres are facing major challenges among them being the harsh effects of poverty amongst their parents and guardians. Concerned that child mortality rate in Nyandarua County stands at 14 children per 1000 children which is partly caused by malnutrition. Further concerned that child malnutrition evidenced either by;

- i. Wasting, at a rate of 2.2%
- ii. Underweight children at a rate of 17% and
- iii. Stunted growth in children at a rate of 31%

This may lead to poor turnout, performance and development of the children in the ECD centres.

Now therefore I urge that this House do resolve that:

- i. The county government commissions a feasibility study on the viability of a feeding program of children attending public ECD centers.
- ii. That there be commissioned a feeding program in public ECD centers in the county.
- iii. That there be provision of appropriate facilities for feeding of the ECD learners in all public centers
- iv. That there be considered a budgetary allocation for the program in the subsequent budgetary estimates and appropriations of county funds to sustain the program.

Thank You Mr Speaker Sir.

Mr Speaker, if a foundation of a house is not well built the house may fall any time. The foundation of a child is laid when one is young. Nyandarua County has many villages with squatters and IIDPs. What the children carry as packed lunch is not a balanced diet. They carry cabbages, potatoes and tea. They take cold meals. When a child is not healthy they cannot understand anything in class.

Loud consultations

Speaker: Order members!

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: This is a very important motion and if our parents never brought us up well and fed us in a balanced diet we would not be where we are. When a child is not fed when it is young then we shall not be building a good future.

The brains will not grow well and other deperments will be affected. If a child is not fed well it will going to hospital more often and more money will be used in giving them services. I wish the Hon. Members would visit the ECD centres during lunch hour and see what these children eat. They eat cold food and take cold tea. If the county government introduces feeding program is will ensure that they take warm food that is a balanced diet. It is good that the county government considers this issues because this will be for the good of this children. This will reduce other costs especially in health because less drugs will be bought.

I urge the members to support this motion so that we can help the children who come from poor families. Some are orphans and those taking care of them are old people while others come from very humble homes that cannot even afford a meal a day and their children carry no food while going to school. This program will make our children to love education and the performance will change. In the earlier days our county was leading in education but now it has dropped. Proper feeding results to proper brain development and strong healthy people who will work for and lead the county.

Those children cannot speak for themselves in such a forum as this and we represent even those that do not vote for us. This is one of our role. I urge the members to support this motion and it will be noted that the first assembly passed that there be a feeding program in ECDE centres in the county.

Nyandarua's population had dropped because of the illicit brews and probably they took the brews because of the problems they were facing at home. Reducing some of the problems by introducing feeding problem will help them and they will do other activities.

With those few remarks I call upon Hon. Njiraini to second.

Speaker: Hon. Njiraini

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker, I thank Hon. Dorcas for coming up with this motion. This shows that she is a good mother but we are also good parents. This motion has come at the right time because this is one of the functions of the devolved government. We are now constructing good ECD classroom and employing teachers but we might do all this in vain for lack of children to teach.

The poverty level in some places in the county is too high that some of children can go for a whole day without a meal. They lose weight and become emaciated. This is the future generation and it needs to be taken care of. We need to allocate money for the same in our budget. We went to Mombasa and we found that the county government introduced a feeding program for the ECD centres and primary schools. They get about 500 ml of milks every day. Milk has all the nutrients. Porridge has to be fortified so that it can contain all the nutrients. The only challenge they had is that some of the children take the milk home to share with the family because poverty level is quite high.

The county has so many IIDPs and it is sad to see those children going to school hungry. They cannot learn like this. It is the high time we ensure that there is a policy to introduce feeding program. However we need to think of how we are going to feed the ECD children along with the primary school because we might find some refusing to proceed to primary school. We need to take action because this is a devolved function.

With those few remarks a second

Question proposed

Speaker: Hon. Silvester Kagiri

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: Thank you Mr Speaker I rise to support the motion. The mover of the motion has a very good idea. Sometimes back there was a policy where the stand alone ECDE centres were supposed to be moved to the primary school grounds. I do not know the idea that the mover of the motion had but then how are we going to separate the pre-primary school children from the lower primary ones during the feeding since they are almost of the same age.

Will it be just to assume the lower primary if the feeding program will be implemented? Probably we should first start with a pilot project in some primary schools. If we do not then there will be crisis during the implementation. However, this is a very good idea.

Speaker: Hon. Mwangi Gichuki

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion. Probably it is only one person in this house that can oppose this motion because he has no child. When a child is in class and it gets hungry, it cannot concentrate.

The only problem I have is on the resolutions that we intend to give. We want to resolve that the county government commissions a feasibility study on the viability of a feeding program of children attending public ECD centres. If this will be our resolution then it render no. ii, iii and iv irrelevant. These resolutions can only be when the first one has been implemented. I however support the motion because even long after the feasibility study, the feeding program will be implemented and there will be a budget allocation for the same.

Speaker: Hon. Peter Kairu.

Hon. Peter Kairu: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion. If this will be implemented it will be a very good thing for this county. I remember that there was the *Maziwa Ya Nyayo* and Nyandarua was the leading milk producer in the whole country.

I urge the house to allocate money for the same in the budget. There is no need for saying things that we do not really mean. These children are growing and this is the time they need for brain development. Some of these children come from very poor families. They carry cold tea and rice. That is not a balance diet and it is not helpful and they get infections such as pneumonia because of the cold substances that they take.

It is good that Nyandarua County emulates Murang'a which gives porridge to the children in all the ECDE. This is a very fertile county but children are malnourished. If this is implemented though implementation is like a hard vocabulary, our children will be the best. With those few remarks I call the mover to respond.

Speaker: The mover.

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr Speaker. I thank the members for supporting this motion. Every one of us was once a child and we know the challenges that children go through. To respond to Hon. Kagiri's concern, the motion is strictly on the ECDEs is because this is our function as a county government. Probably when the county government starts the feeding program, the national government will think of doing the same for the primary schools.

The leader of majority asked why I had to start with the feasibility study and then mention the rest of the resolutions. I did not want to leave a gap so that after the study the implementation of the program can be started. I thank the Hon. Members and I beg to move.

Question put and agreed to

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT FOR RECESS

Speaker: Yes, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki, Leader of Majority.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move a motion under *Article 5(b)* of the Standing Orders that this House does stand adjourned for the long recess from 4th December 2015 to the 8th day of February 2016 as per the legislative calendar adopted by this House.

Mr Speaker, it is obvious to the hon. members...

Loud Consultations

Speaker: Order members! Please use a low tone if you have to consult. Proceed Member for Engineer.

Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order

What is it Member for Gatimu?

Hon. Kieru Wambui: As you know Mr Speaker, this is a House of rules and procedures. Just recently, the Chair made a communication regarding the decorum of the House especially regarding the grooming of the Hon. Members. As you can observe, the hair of the Member for Engineer is unkempt, shaggy, uncombed and rugged. It is my opinion that his hair should be decent and properly combed or he can also shave it clean like mine. I am looking forward for your guidance and ruling on this matter Mr Speaker. Thank you.

Laughter

Speaker: Hon. Member, your concerns have been noted. I think it is one of the constitutional freedoms and a matter of perception. How one perceives the combing of hair might mean totally

different thing to another person. If we go that way, we may start infringing on the privacy and personality of a person. Proceed Member for Engineer.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker for your wise ruling because some people get a little bit jealous when they see others smartly dressed. I was actually saying that the members know that we adopted a calendar that we follow and the law requires us to adjourn for the long recess.

Mr Speaker, the members also know that we have major business ahead of us given that we have around seven bills that need to be worked on during the period of recess. For the benefit of the members, I would like to mention the bills so that the members can prepare for them adequately. Under the budget, we have two bills that we should be looking at before the end of the recess. Under cooperatives, I understand that they have a bill that we are supposed to look into. I also comprehend that education, legal, roads and lands have one bill each. It is therefore important for members to note that this particular recess is not meant for the members to go home and relax. It is a matter of doing business but in a different style since we will not be doing it in the context of the chamber.

Mr Speaker, we also have around eleven statements that need to be responded to within this period. Therefore, it is not a recess *per se* but it is about doing work in a different environment. We also have the opportunity to meet the electorates who have given us the mandate and interact with them. We will also have the chance to undertake our oversight role and inspect the projects that the Executive has implemented in the grassroots. The members will have the opportunity to listen to the electorate and therefore come here full of wisdom and knowledge about their people ensuring that they play their representation role effectively come next year. Without much ado, I would request the County Member from Weru to second the motion. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, County Member from Weru, Hon. David Ndirangu

Hon. David Ndirangu (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to second the motion that the Leader of Majority has moved in lieu of the fact that we need to interact with our people. He has also mentioned and members ought to understand that we might be called back to dispense some businesses of the House that might come up. I therefore second the motion and wish hon. members a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Question proposed

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

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion. It is about time that we took a break bearing in mind that the December holidays and festivities are in sight. As you can see in the House, it goes without saying that members require this holiday and a rest. In addition, it is important that we visit our electorate and understand what has been going on in our areas.

We know that several projects were being implemented and we need to oversight them. Mr Speaker, our staff members also require a break because if you saw what happened today, our assembly was similar to what our Speaker referred to as ‘a headless chicken’. Today was chaotic. Hon. Members arrived here early in the morning ready to join their respective committees only to learn that no single committee clerk was around. I do not know whether they have become exhausted or what is happening to them.

We learnt later that it was a problem to do with transportation. Therefore, I think we need to go for break because I doubt whether we could have operated smoothly were we to extend for an extra one week. The management, whether CASB or the Office of the Clerk, should take this break to put their House in order. We would not wish the scenario to recur in future given that someone has a collective responsibility on the matter.

Mr Speaker, we have been doing so many reports in the House but the perception out there is that we do nothing. For instance, our Senator is already spreading rumours that we do absolutely nothing. With time, I suppose we shall hold those who are failing to implement the resolutions of the House to account. Now that we have this break, the resolutions we have made in the House should be looked into, communication be made and appropriate steps be taken so that our work may be seen. Let our legislative role be felt on the ground. We should make use of our Information Department because I don’t know whether it is underfunding of the department that has made it somewhat ineffective. It is therefore important that people reorganize their operations for effectiveness of this institution.

With those few remarks, I beg to support this motion. We expect to come back rejuvenated after the holiday and also to find an institution that is operating smoothly. I therefore wish every member a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kieru Wambui: Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to support this motion. This is a normal procedure of the House because we are following the legislative calendar that we adopted.

Mr Speaker, people retire for various reasons. After today, we shall retire in our beds and relax. This will give us a chance to recuperate and regain the required strength to work the following day.

Hon. Members bear a key mandate of legislation and if we conceptualize the source of legislations, you find that legislations also emanate from the public. It is difficult to make legislation on an issue that touches on the public if you are not with them. We need therefore to interact with the public, get their ideas and then try to turn them into policies or even legislations.

Mr Speaker, we also have an oversight role. Mainly, we execute our oversight role regarding some projects that the County Government implements in our areas. We must oversee what they are doing in terms of implementing the projects in line with the envisioned specifications, failure to which, we might be overlooking creation of more problems in future. Therefore, the recess will help us oversee what is happening on the ground. To finish, the key responsibility of representation is to represent the people who elected us into the positions that we currently occupy in the wards. By interacting with the people in our wards, we will be acquainted with the issues that we should highlight in this House on their behalf. The recess will therefore complement our representation role because we will have a chance to interact and mingle with them.

This is neither an August nor an April recess because in it, there are festivities and therefore it is the longest recess. I believe we are all Christians not unless a person has lately converted from the religion and I am thinking that Hon. Gichuki converted lately because his unkempt hair is only acceptable in Islam.

Laughter

That aside, I think we are all Christians who celebrate Christmas and therefore need some time to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and His meaning in our lives. This is a period when people are saved and turn away from their wicked ways after reflecting on the birth of Jesus. In a few days, we shall be celebrating Jamhuri Day, a key holiday in the history of Kenya and it is only important that we celebrate the day by remembering our heroes who sacrificed for our independence. Besides, we have New Year's celebrations also upcoming.

Mr Speaker, some of the members also need to go for vacation for their personal renewal. We know that the County Assembly has given you some entertainment allowance and so, you can go, relax and come back after recess rejuvenated and ready to work. Even the Leader of Majority, *Mheshimiwa* Gichuki will have a chance to travel around, experience magical Kenya, go abroad and share the experiences when he comes back on January.

Laughter

We need to be realistic about these issues because we are humans too. We understand that some members have sought very important statements. For instance, a statement has been sought from the Ministry of Agriculture and Hon. Njiraini ought to tell us what they have been doing for the last two years given they have had a budget of close to Kshs. 400 Million and another one that was around the equal amount. That is almost a billion. They need to answer what they have been doing with that amount in a report responding to the statement.

With those few remarks, I support. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes, Hon. Kimani Njiraini, Member for Kaimbaga.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support. It is my wish that when we come back from recess, the construction of the County chambers will be complete. We cannot keep switching our chambers. Children that came in the public gallery the other day were viewing us like a cinema. I hope that by the time we shall be coming back from recess, the chambers will be complete. We cannot continue this way where some small boys undergoing their rite of passage displaces the House.

The issue of implementation of projects by the Executive is a pertinent one. We need to go and verify the projects that have been implemented and the ones that are yet to. It is unfortunate that a friend of mine, Hon. Kieru Wambui, cannot engage in agriculture and he knows quite well that it is the backbone of our economy. This was on a light note Mr. Speaker. After the recess, I intend to come with a report detailing what projects the department of agriculture has implemented because I am sure that some projects have actually been implemented in Hon. Kieru's ward. We need this recess so that we can refresh and come back ready to do even more...

Loud consultations

Please protect me Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Order Members! Order Members!

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr Speaker. My last comment is to wish the Hon. Members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I want to remind the members that in a time like this come year 2016, most of us will not have the time to come and sit in the chambers. We will be hunting for votes and therefore, it is important to appreciate that we have done well so far. I now call upon the mover to respond.

Speaker: Yes, mover.

Hon. Dorcas Kihara rise on point of order

What is it County Member from Githioro?

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr Speaker. Is it in order for the Hon. Member to invite the mover yet I wanted to contribute to this motion?

Speaker: Thank you very much. Due to the echo of this place, I thought you were inviting the mover as well, so, I ended up calling him. Having done that, I am hopeful that you will bear with us because of the context in which we are operating. Thank you very much, Hon. Dorcas Kihara. Proceed mover.

Hon. Dorcas Kihara rises on a point of clarification

What is it County Member from Githioro?

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: I rose because Hon. Njiraini invited the mover and I wanted to contribute to the motion. Since you have not granted that, I am obliged not to contribute to the motion.

Thank you

Speaker: Very well, proceed hon. Gichuki.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr Speaker. I want to concur with you that echo in this House is an extreme hindrance to successful debate and in fact, some members did not quite hear when I said that we have seven bills that need to be worked on during the recess period.

I want therefore to thank the members for their contributions and for appreciating that we have some huge amount of business that needs to be dealt with whilst we are in recess. I am optimistic that we will all rise to the occasion when called upon to execute our mandate.

Mr Speaker, I think that the young member of the House will also have an opportunity to mingle during this recess and we expect that he will streamline issues and break us some good news come February. This is because we shall have sorted out the problem of having men sit together with boys...

Laughter

With those few remarks, I beg to move.

Speaker: Hon. Members...

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki consults with the Speaker

Question put and agreed to

Next order!

Hon. Kimani Gachuhi rises on a point of order

What is it Member for Weru?

Hon. Kimani Gachuhi: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have noted with a lot of concern that a member has actually taken advantage of you and I have never seen that happen with our ‘actual speaker’. It is good for members to observe...

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki rises on a point of order

Actually, I am on a point of order...

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: He is misleading the House Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Leader of Majority, please wait until the Member for Weru is through.

Hon. Kimani Gachuhi: In actuality, I rose in reference to the Leader of Majority. Is he in order to come and whisper to you while you are on your feet? I think he was totally out of order to stand while you were on your feet. Thank you.

Speaker: Your concern has been noted hon. member. Due to decorum, I decided not to do what I was supposed to...

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki rises

What is it Hon. Mwangi Gichuki?

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Is it in order for an hon. member to insinuate that you are not the ‘actual speaker’ considering that when you sit on that chair you are the substantive speaker of the day? I am seeking that clarification from you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: That comment has been taken without laughter and proper communication will come in handy. Hon. Members, it is expected that you all understand the provisions of the standing orders that when a person occupies this chair, he or she is the ultimate speaker of the House. I also think that it could be as a result of language barrier and therefore, it is acceptable to some extents.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini rises on a point of clarification

Yes, Member for Kaimbaga.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: I think there is a need for clarification on the issue of the ‘sitting’ speaker because I remember the issues that arose when the Deputy Speaker was communicating to this House. When the speaker (Ndegwa Wahome) came, he said, ‘now the speaker is here’ making the issue even more confusing. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: The matter has been dealt with in other avenues and as long as the mace is present, all the powers bestowed to the speaker stand. Next order.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, having exhausted the business of today, the House stands adjourned until the 8th day of February 2016 at 2.30pm.

The House rises at 3.48 p.m.