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[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Wambugu King'ori) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is quorum)

Speaker: There being quorum, let us proceed to transacting the business for the sitting.
First order.

MOTIONS MOVED

MUKEU FARMERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

Yes, the Member for Gathaara, Hon. Daniel Kibebo.

Hon. Daniel Kibebo: Mr Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

That the House does adopt the Report of the Committee on Trade, Cooperatives, Industrialisation and Enterprise Development in Response to a Statement Sought by Hon. Samuel Mwangi Thuita on Mukeu Farmers' Cooperative Society as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

Mr Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No. 44 (c), on 1st December, 2016 a Statement was sought from the Chairperson of the Committee on Trade, Co-operatives, Industrialization and Enterprise Development for a response on seven issues as outlined in the report. Page five of the report comprise members of the Committee.

Mr Speaker, Sir, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the invaluable support accorded to the Committee by this House to ensure the Committee delivers its mandate.

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I also wish to recognize the Honourable Members of this Committee for the efforts and commitment accorded in writing this report. Our gratitude also extends to your Office and the Office of the Clerk for making this exercise successful.

Finally, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Committee on Trade, Cooperatives, Industrialization and Enterprise Development, to move the motion for adoption of this report.

The Committee conducted meetings with the members of the Society, its Executive committee as well as officers in the executive department of Cooperatives in the County Government. The Committee requested various documents from relevant persons in order to address the matter in totality.

From the meetings held and scrutiny of documents availed to the Committee, it emerged that the allegations contained in the Statement require immediate remedy considering the importance of the cooperative as a driver of economic growth.

Key among the findings include;

- i. The Society's Management Committee has failed to conduct Annual General Meetings and provide audited accounts for the Society as required by law.
- ii. Failure by the Management Committee to maintain a complete members' register in accordance to the Co-operative Society's Act.
- iii. Failure by the Management Committee to adhere to the Society's By-laws and adherence to various statutory requirements.
- iv. Weak policy and institutional framework from the County Executive Department of Cooperative to act than react in identifying operational inefficiencies and corporate governance issues facing Cooperatives.

Page six of the report contains government policies and commissioners circulars. The government issues policy circulars from time to time. Such circulars are normally issued by the Commissioner for Co-operative Development and are meant to be implemented and their purpose is to assist in the growth and development of the societies, and in the administration of the provisions of the Act and rules.

Page of the report outlines the background of Mikeu cooperative Society, including its formation. Committee's key findings are elaborated under the following:

1. Change of name from Mukeu Co-operative Society to New Mukeu Co-operative Society
2. Remittance of deductions
3. Accrued staff salaries
4. Audit of the Society's accounts and automatic loss of positions by officials.

Mr Speaker, the Cooperative Society has never caused its books to be audited which is the duty of every Co-operative Society to cause its accounts to be audited at least once in every financial year by an auditor appointed at an AGM from a list of auditors approved by the Commissioner, in consultation with the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) therefore being in contravention of section 24 of the Cooperative Society Act, Cap 490. It is important to note that the cooperative society could be said to be run by the secretary who works in close collaboration with Waichigo Martin and Co. Advocates. In addition, some members of the cooperative society were expelled without notices and reasons.

5. Automatic loss of Official's Positions
6. Annual General Meetings (AGMs)
7. Apparent Contradiction of Names and Member Numbers
8. Poor Management, Lack of Accountability and Transparency by the Society's Leadership
9. Amendment of By-laws in a General Meeting
10. Bank Statements of the Principal Bankers
11. Expenditure of the Society's Fund
12. Arrears of Members Milk Payments
13. Un-procedural Expulsion of Members
14. Power to Borrow
15. Incomplete Members Register
16. Education Committee
17. Executive Management Meeting
18. Task Force Members

Conflict of Interest and Declaration of Interest

Article 88 of the Standing Orders states that;

(1) A Member who wishes to speak on any matter in which the Member has a personal interest shall first declare that interest.

(2) Personal interests include pecuniary interest, proprietary interest, personal relationships and business relationships.

When seeking the statement, the Member for Gathanji declared that he had no interest in the cooperative society.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the Committee arrived at the following recommendations unanimously;

1. That the Society does comply with their By-laws; for example, it should establish an Education Committee which shall conduct in-house training to the management, employees and members of the Society, formulate education policies and coordinate all education programs and make education reports and recommendations to the management Committee.
2. That the management of the Society immediately pays the salary and milk arrears owed to their employees.
3. That the management of the Society causes their books to be audited and ensures proper book keeping is maintained in compliance with the Co-operative Society's Act, Cap 490.
4. That the management of the Society does ensure that the mandatory statutory deductions are remitted to the relevant bodies in time to avoid fines and penalties which would adversely affect their finances.
5. That the management ensures that an up-to date Asset Register is maintained by the management to show the status of the Society's assets.

6. That the Director of Cooperatives does ensure that the Society elects new office bearers bearing in mind that the current office bearers have consistently acted in contravention of the Cooperatives Societies Act and their By-laws.
7. That the Director of Cooperatives does investigate into the allegations that members have been irregularly contributing towards the purchase of the Society's motor vehicle and report back to the Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Enterprise Development within 30 days.
8. That the management of the Society does hold an AGM with immediate effect and conduct all the activities required of them in the Co-operative Societies Act.

Mr Speaker, it would be very wrong for the cooperative society to dishonor the committee's recommendations.

My fellow Members can go through the annexures attached to the report. Annexure three, for example, is on Waichigo Martin and Co. Advocates. The cooperative society went through Waichigo Martin and Co. Advocates to claim that they could not submit documents to the committee with an excuse that they were bulky.

Now Mr Speaker, I wish to call Hon. David Ndirangu Ngigi, who is the Member for Mirangine and a member of my committee, to second the motion. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Hon. David Ndirangu Ngigi.

Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine): Thank you Mr Speaker. I will be very brief. I rise to second the motion that has been moved by my able chairman.

The Committee learnt that some members of the cooperative society were removed without consent of other members and stakeholders. That was an illegality. In addition, double numbering is not advisable unless there is an ill motive.

The cooperative society was run by more than two people. The Committee is trying to rectify this so that other cooperative societies can follow suit. I rose to second the motion and I believe every Member has a copy of the report and that they will go through it.

With those few remarks I wish to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

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

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion. The cooperative movement has done wonders in Kenya since inception. Apart from economic empowerment, the movement has allowed peasant farmers educate their children.

Everybody should support the cooperative movement to enhance its smooth running.

Geta Cooperative Society also had identical problems as Mikeu Farmers Cooperative Society. Running cooperative societies as personal entities should stop. Anyone who would curtail smooth running of the cooperative movement would be an enemy of the people.

The report, which is self-explanatory, compels the Executive to move with speed and arrest the situation Mikeu Farmers Cooperative Society is in so that its members and stakeholders can benefit. We said that cooperative societies should be allowed to source for fertiliser and other farm inputs. This would make the farm inputs easily accessible to farmers, especially this period when we are approaching the planting season. There are still challenges of farmers collecting fertiliser

from cereals board of Kenya; in fact, due to corruption some famers do not get the fertiliser needed. We need to support farmers in our county. The Trade Fund that we established would help the farmers through cooperative societies. In Kipipiri there is a cooperative society that is doing very well.

Those who are misusing the essence of the cooperative movement should be dealt with accordingly. We should arrest the situation facing the cooperative society in question. We should ensure that it has stood on its two feet.

Mr Speaker, with those remarks I support this report.

Thank you.

Speaker: Yes, the Majority Leader, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support this motion. I congratulate the Committee on Trade, Cooperatives, Industrialisation and Enterprise Development for coming up with the report at hand. The recommendations of the committee are very clear on the direction that should be taken by the managers of cooperative societies in the county.

Cooperative societies, through their movement play a pivotal role in the development sector. The report recommends that action be taken by the director of cooperatives in the county. This is good. Nonetheless, with no intention of moving an amendment, I thought it important to let the CEC Member in charge of the Department of Trade, Cooperatives, Industrialisation and Enterprise Development know about the problems facing Mikeu Farmers Cooperative Society. If the report is taken directly to the director the CEC Member may not know about the same. In the same thread, I would urge that committees' be directing their recommendations to CEC Members who are the heads of various departments.

I want to stress the importance of cooperatives. I am a co-operator and I have seen a great benefit of the cooperative movement. Before the Central Bank capped loan interests, cooperatives used to give out their loans at an interest rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum. This translates to one percent (1%) per month. In addition, one only needs to save with a cooperative society for six months in order to secure a loan. I have developed my dairy farming with loans from cooperative societies. I took a huge loan because the cooperative societies can advance to members loans of up to five million shillings (Kshs.5,000,000). But this depends on how much one has saved with a cooperative society. I urge the Members of this House who have not joined the cooperative movement to do so. This will help them grow with the cooperative movement. Considering the benefits of cooperatives, one can expand their investments.

The problem I have observed with cooperative societies is their management. Many cooperative societies are brought down by the managers who work in cohort with sub-county cooperative officers to flout the set by-laws.

Mr Speaker, I seek your indulgence; I do not know whether while on the floor I can raise a point of order. I am being rudely interrupted by a Member who is talking over the phone. I do not know how we should treat this.

Speaker: You can only ask the Speaker to protect you.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker. Protect me from Hon. Rebecca Nyangati who is talking over phone behind me and therefore interrupting me rudely.

Speaker: Hon. Rebecca Nyangati watch what you are doing if it is unparliamentary. Proceed Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker. The issue of cooperative management committees working in collaboration with sub-county cooperative officers is very serious and should be dealt with. Disciplinary action should be taken against a county government officer who engages in this.

I am in support of this report because it is good and I hope the recommendations therein, which will be the resolutions of this House, will be implemented. It is unfortunate that we have passed many resolutions in this honourable House but their implementation is wanting. We have a fully-fledged Committee on Implementation and the Chairperson is present. The Committee should take up this matter immediately. This report should be acted upon within the stipulated sixty days.

I beg to support the motion. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, the Member for Kerita, Hon. Paul Nderitu.

Hon. Paul Nderitu: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion. I hope the Member who sought for the statement and the relevant committee clerk will capture the sentiments of fellow Members.

This is a very important report. The problem Mukeu Cooperative Society is embroiled in is experienced by other cooperative societies in the county. We expected the Department of Trade, Cooperatives, Industrialisation and Enterprise Development to have done more to improve the status of cooperatives societies in the county.

There is an issue with how recommendations of committees are implemented. There are timelines for implementing the recommendations. Members of this House are very active. But there are a few officers of the Executive who are failing this County. I do not know how we are going to change the situation. The problem various committees face is that when they request for documents from the Executive, the same take two to three months to be submitted. We have done our best as Hon. Members. I thank Hon. Daniel Kibebo and his committee for coming up with the report at hand, but will the resolutions emanating from it be implemented?

We need to look for ways of supporting the cooperative movement in our county. This will especially benefit farmers. I hear the Deputy President will visit Nyahururu to clear the debts accrued by the KCC branch since 1994. Due to poor leadership, the said KCC branch, many of whose members hail from Nyandarua, could collapse and that is why the Deputy President is coming to salvage the situation. Finally, we should play our role in improving the agriculture sector.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, the Member for Gathanji, Hon. Samuel Thuita.

Hon. Samuel Thuita: I rise to support the motion. I first want to thank the committee for the good job. I sought the statement of the report on first of December and they were very punctual to respond and I therefore want to thank them. The core mandate of the cooperative society was to help the farmers market their produce with ease, bring together the produce from small scale farmers and sell it in block. But the giant farmers' cooperatives in this county, including Mukeu which was changed to New Mukeu, are out to exploit the small scale farmers. There is a small scale farmers' association in Charagita called Nyairoko which was delivering two lorries of milk everyday but the leaders are exploiting this small farmers and they have now lost confidence in their leadership. This is exactly what is happening in Nyandarua, if we do not support our cooperative societies, the county's economy will really go down.

Going to the committee's findings, we can see that the committee requested for various documents but was provided with only three documents out of seventeen documents and these

means that in the department of cooperatives, the people entrusted to work there cannot be trusted. I would advise these cooperative societies to go and take effective measures in helping the farmers. In this, the report ascertains that the farmers delivered the milk to the cooperatives which was later delivered to the factories. The factories paid the cooperative officials but the money has not trickled down to the farmers and it is two months now.

The farmers contributed money to buy a lorry for transporting the milk but as at now, you cannot account for even a hundred shillings of the millions collected because the minimum contribution was Kshs1000 from each farmer. They put the money in the Cooperatives Sacco, no farmer was given a loan, the leaders misappropriated the money and the farmers lacked confidence. However, when you look at the cooperatives assets, it is worth hundreds of millions of money. This is sad, when somebody heard that a cooperative statement has been sought, they quickly convened for a general meeting on the 9th of December. These tells us that these people know what they are doing is wrong and conscious of their deeds; and they are now trying to hide their evil deeds. The only minutes available is of the meeting held on the 9th of December. They had not even held an Annual General Meeting to discuss the way forward. One then wonders how can people run and use others people's money and have never even called them to approve it. This is wrong.

Our cooperatives are dying and I blame the leadership of these cooperative societies. The sub-county officer in charge of cooperatives is so incompetent and could dare say that because he has so many cooperatives, he could not follow up on these one. And when asked how many, he answered he had eleven cooperative societies and three Farmers' Societies. This is horrible. Like the leader of the Majority party has said, these cooperatives need to be pushed and sanctions put if necessary for them to be managed well and help our people grow. The Deputy President is currently in Nyahururu, he has come to see the milk delivered in cooperative societies is going on well, this shows even the National government acknowledges the importance of cooperatives. I support this report and pray that the recommendations given here will be implemented so that we can help the people of Gathanji.

With these few remarks I call the mover to respond.

Speaker: Hon. Daniel Kibebo you can respond now.

Hon. Daniel Kibebo: Thank you Mr Speaker, sir. I would like to congratulate the members for supporting this motion. As you have heard from the members, it is important for us to act and help our farmers. We should deal with these corrupt people and save not only our county but also our country. As we have recommended, we need urgent measures taken against these people as quickly as possible. There is a man who is trying to behave as if he is the one who can run the cooperatives even without the Board. Let me say this clearly, we had invited the Board through the Speaker, for investigation and we saw how this man behaved, we were to have a meeting at Igwamiti in Gathanji ward and on that particular day of the meeting, we found that they had closed down offices. Nevertheless, we had a meeting for we were welcomed by the ACC. I hope you will make a wise ruling for we understand that there is a letter that the gentleman has written to the Speaker, saying that he has taken this matter to the High Court and he has even mentioned a committee of the National Assembly. We have all these documents so in case they will be needed they can easily be retrieved because it has now gone to the public domain. We need implementation of these recommendations and just as the member for Murungaru has said, the CEC for cooperatives is sleeping on his job for there are so many pending matters, even the one for Geta. I thank the members for their contributions and also thank your office and hope for a wise ruling. I beg to move the motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: Standing Order 186 clearly outlines the mandate of the Committee on Implementation. Therefore, Hon. Member for Keriita, it is your task together with your committee members to take action. Article 185 of the Constitution gives this House powers to summon anyone in this country. So let us do our work and we will be respected for that. Hon Members, I am sure we are able to ensure this report is implemented. I therefore direct the Office of the Clerk to ensure that the report together with the HANSARD get to the relevant authority. Yes Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Mr Speaker, I feel that your direction is. I think we must appreciate that there are people trying to sabotage us or coming on our way. You might not be able to give direction on these now but it is good that we note it and consult with the legal desk what are the repercussions of our actions in this matter.

Speaker: Actually Hon Kirumba, your concern is valid, however I am informed that the matter in court is parallel to what we are dealing with now, there is nowhere the matter in court is affecting this matter

(Hon. Daniel Kibebo stands on a point of information)

Speaker: Yes Hon. Daniel Kibebo.

Hon. Daniel Kibebo: I have tried to get more on this issue, they were working on a report on water because we also have a copy of that letter and we are not in the water issue, however they have mentioned honourable members and involving the county assembly. As much as we are not in this right now we will not be free for a long time because we have been mentioned as respondents and how can the assembly be mentioned in such an issue Mr Speaker? The assembly can anytime be summoned in court I think we should not just ignore this issue.

Speaker: Yes, the Member for Rurii, Hon. Peter Kamoche.

Hon. Wahome Kamoche: I understand this whole matter and that there is an issue in court, but according to law no one in the public can be subjected through the assembly. I agree with you Mr Speaker, whoever wants to go to court can go, let us proceed with the report. Only a person can be sued not the assembly. I know what has been happening including the Ol Kalou Sacco, Muki Sacco, with reference to what Justice Kimaru did, we can only be referred to the tribunal.

Speaker: All what is being done in this assembly is very legal, we have our own legal department which deals with this, also the standing orders prohibits us, otherwise the matter will be looked into and the Speaker will be advised accordingly. Yes what is Hon. Thuita?

Hon Samuel Thuita: As the Member for Gathanji, I have been mentioned in another case but not the one we are debating on now. I also received a copy of the letter and was required to go to court but the substantive Speaker looked into it and granted leave to the committee to go and look for more information and do what they were doing.

Speaker: Okay; next order.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Yes, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri leader of the Majority party.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to move the following procedural motion:

That pursuant to article 28(3) and 51 (b) of the standing orders, that this House does resolve to adjourn to a day other than the next normal day in the Assembly calendar, normal sitting day being Tuesday the 17th to Thursday 19th, as such the House adjourns up to the 28th March at 2:30p.m.

This is a procedural motion because there is the second annual legislative summit in Mombasa and all the county assemblies have been invited to attend. It is in this regard that I would like to give a brief about the summit to the Hon. Members, so that they can pass this procedural motion. There will be a pre-summit event which will be addressing the issues of youth and women legislators, which will be held on 20th March 2017. It is important to note that for the members with disability to be able to attend those events on 19th March, they will have to travel on 18th March. The youth like Hon. Paul and women legislators will be travelling on 19th March and the rest will travel on Monday because the summit will start on Tuesday and this is the day that the summit will be officially opened by H. E the President. That is the brief on the second legislative Summit in Mombasa. I hope the members will prepare to contribute towards the issues I have highlighted given the opportunity and that they will grace the event because this is a summit for all the legislators.

I have a proposed program and I will not read through it. I will wait for the confirmed one and the Office of the Clerk will have it posted on the website and the WhatsApp group so that the members can go through it since they might find something that they would want to address. It is important because I can see there is an issue about the minorities and the marginalized groups. In the executive committee, there are youths but no people living with disability. This county government has not addressed the issue of minority groups because I do not believe that this county has only one ethnic group and we would want all these ethnic groups to be represented in the government. If this does not happen the next government will be sued. We are so lucky that they did not during our time. I would not like us to run an unconstitutional county government because I am sure that we have Turkana, Luos, Kalenjins and the other ethnic groups. With those remarks I call upon the member for Keriita to second this motion

Speaker: Member for Keriita Hon. Paul Maina Nderitu.

Hon. Paul Nderitu: Thank you Mr Speaker, I second the motion. I thank the Leader of the Majority Party for highlighting reasons why all the ward representatives from the 47 counties will be in Mombasa and the issues to be addressed. I know that people are already campaigning but I urge the members to attend the summit so that we can address issues about our people, ourselves and people with disabilities. We also have questions to ask the Senate. Mr Speaker, I will ask that the communication on the date be done effectively so that Hon. Mwichigi and Hon. Rebecca Nyangati who represent the youth and Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a, who represents people with disabilities can make it there on time. Mr Speaker we know how our opponents are behaving, it

would be better that this communication is also put on other social media platforms so that our people will not be misled. They should know that this is a country event because I am sure that they will be told that we had gone to Mombasa for a tour to spend our taxes. That is what is being used against us on the ground.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Member for Kipipiri.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker I support this motion. The reason for this adjournment have been explained very well by the Leader of Majority. Hon. Paul is not a youth in my opinion. He should be clocking 45 to 50 years.

(Hon. Paul Nderitu rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Hon. Paul?

Hon. Paul Nderitu: Mr Speaker the Leader of Majority said that I am in the category of the youth and then the Deputy Leader of Majority said that I am not in that category. None of them knows my date of birth. Let them stop talking about it because they do not have that information.

Speaker: In this case the only person who can clarify his date of birth is Hon. Paul. Proceed Hon. Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: I wanted that reaction from him because the Leader of Majority said that he is a youth and he never responded. Now he has come out clear.

Mr Speaker on the issue of the minority I can say that we have not met the constitutional threshold. We have one Mr Cheruiyot.

This is a good opportunity for the members and as it was said by Hon. Paul, unlike any other time that we have gone to Mombasa let there be proper communication. Our opponents are making use of propaganda and when people have no information you can imagine what will happen. It should be clear that this is an event for all the 47 County Assemblies so that should anyone trying to tell people something else behind my back then they will have known the truth before.

This will be an opportunity for the members to think of what has been happening for the last four years, that they have been here and also retreat from the pressure on the ground. We need the finishing strength. This is the last meeting of this nature that we are going to have in our term and it is good to attend so that we can make maximum use of it. I support the motion of adjournment.

Speaker: Hon. Kamoche and the member for Rurii ward.

Hon. Wahome Kamoche: Thank you Mr Speaker, I support the motion and I would like to put this across to the Leader of Majority, that there is a court case by County Assemblies Forum regarding the constitutional term of the Members of the County Assembly. As he was reading through the issues that will be addressed, I did not hear that as one of the issues that will be addressed. This is a question that as the leader of this assembly you need to consider asking. This is because the term for the Member of County Assembly is five years. During the August elections, it shall be four years and I think that will be flouting the constitution. We elected members to CAF and also elected you as the Leader of Majority, ensure that this issue is addressed. There are only two options here, that we extend the term to March 2018 or be paid the remaining months. The

only term that was clear was that of the Member of County Assembly. For the Members of the National Assembly or the Senators, it is not clear. If we are given a chance to be there earlier we can enquire on this. If we get paid it can be of much help to us because it is campaign time and we want to come back.

The other thing is facilitation of the members. Sometimes back members went to Kisumu without facilitation and they suffers. I make a request to your office and the office of the Speaker...

(Hon. Kariuki Muchiri rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Leader of Majority?

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Mr Speaker I want to know whether the member is in order to raise matters of welfare of the members in the plenary. That matter is not supposed to be raised here. Even the first issue he raised I think it will be addressed in the summit. Guide this House on whether the member is in order to raise issues of money here.

Speaker: The member for Rurii was out of order and I was expecting someone to rise under Standing Order No. 187 in relation to the terms of contract of the Member of County Assembly. That is a matter in court and it cannot be discussed in the assembly. On the welfare of the members you are out of order because this should be done in a Kamukunji and the board would have explained that. Hon. Kamoche you have over stepped your bounds.

Hon. Wahome Kamoche: Mr Speaker I was not saying this in bad faith. Concerning the term of the members I wanted this to be raised in the plenary so that we can know how far CAF has gone in this. On the facilitation of members I did not talk about money. It is not good for a member to leave this place to Mombasa and then start struggling and begging for money to buy airtime.

Speaker: Member for Rurii confine your debate to the subject matter.

Hon. Wahome Kamoche: Mr Speaker I can see that it is not good to mention money because it seems like I am touching a live wire.

Speaker: Yes member for Gathanji Hon. Thuita

Hon. Samuel Thuita: Thank you Mr Speaker, I support the motion on adjournment. On the list of what will be discussed was read by the Leader of Majority, I want to talk about the minority group. It was said that we have one person in the executive from another ethnic group who is Mr Cheruiyot. He is a chief officer and not a member of the County Executive Committee. I pointed out that issue here when we were discussing the new CECMs.

It is good for us to attend that summit so that we can be informed because unless we have that information we cannot create awareness among our people. Informed leaders provide good leadership. I urge all of us to attend all the sessions as it appears in the schedule. I however would want to confirm the dates of travel from the mover of the motion. We may not be allowed to go for the youth's sessions and those for the people with disability but it is good to know what they are discussing. We represent even the youths and the people with disability and we need to guide them. Information from their sessions is crucial. Mr Speaker there is a time that the women leaders had a seminar. We attended and sat at the back to hear what they what they were discussing.

Speaker: Member for Wanjohi Hon. Mumba Gichini.

Hon. Mumba Gichini: Thank you Mr Speaker, I support the motion. It is very important for the leaders to attend these sessions. We have known so much because of the inductions and trainings that we have attended. This summit is important because it will help us to become better leaders.

The leadership of this assembly should have this communicated all over so that we can avoid propaganda. The opponents have no agenda for the people. They will say that we have gone to misuse public funds. It is good that it is made clear that it is the whole country that will be attending this summit.

I call the mover.

Speaker: The mover can respond.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Mr Speaker, before I thank the members, I wish to draw the attention of the members to the program, even if this is administrative. There will be a pre-summit events, one on 19th March and therefore those that have been invited for the same will travel on 18th March. The second one will be on 20th March and those required to attend they will travel on 19th March. The first pre-summit even will be for people living with disability and the second one will be for the youth and women legislators. Those other members that do not fall in this category will travel on Monday. There will be more clarification in the communications that will be made by the office of the clerk.

I thank the members for their contribution towards this motion and I beg to move.

(Question put agreed to)

Speaker: There is nothing much to add on this motion. This House adjourn to Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 2. 30 p.m.

(The house rose at 4.21p.m.)