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OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday 5th December, 2017

The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 2.30 pm.

[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: Hon. Members, quorum having not been recognized, I direct pursuant to Standing Order no. 35 that the quorum bell be rung for an initial ten minutes or until such a time within the ten minutes that quorum will have been achieved.

(Quorum bell is rung for three minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)

Hon. Members, quorum having been recognized, we can now proceed with the business for the sitting.

First order.

PAPER(S) LAID

Very well, Member for Leshau Pondo and the Leader of Majority, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau.

Hon. Gathungu Kamau: Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to lay on the table the Report of Nyandarua Alcoholic Drinks Control Board for the Period between June 2015 and June 2017. I table.

Speaker: Thank you very much. That report is duly tabled as per the requirement of the...

(Hon. Kenn Mukira rises on a point of order)

What is it Member for Karau?

Hon. Kenn Mukira: Mr Speaker, I think we have a stranger in the House but as you can see he is walking out.

Speaker: Very well, the report is duly tabled and I would refer the report to the Committee on Education, Gender and Social Services.

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Hon. Members, in essence, there is no report that is required to be generated by this particular report. But as we all agree, the issue of alcoholic drinks is a big issue within this county and I can assure you that that law has not been implemented the way it is supposed to be implemented and that the board has not been effective for the last three or four years. Actually, it has almost been starved of funds deliberately to make sure that it never operated. Some of the members of the board could not agree with some officers or rather mandarins in the executive. Therefore I would be requesting or rather directing that the Committee on Education, Gender and Social Services, although there is no such a requirement, that they look into that report very critically and if possible, summon the board members, hear the challenges they having been going through. They have been there and they know what the way forward is. Summon the relevant Chief Officer from the relevant ministry and probably the CECM so that you come back to the House with a report culminating into a motion and also resolutions on how to strengthen that board.

We were almost winning the war on alcoholic drinks abuse but we have gone back to where we started. And therefore, as an Assembly, we should take the issue very seriously. I will be requesting the chair of the committee to indicate when it is probable that we have that report back here after doing due diligence and engaging all the stakeholders and parties so that we have a clear way forward on how we manage these alcoholic drinks in our county.

Yes, Chairperson and Member for Githioro, Hon. Simon Sambigi Mukuriah.

Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah: Thank you Mr Speaker, as the chair of the Committee on Education, Gender and Social Services, I take your advice very kindly. We are going to summon the affected officials and even the board to ensure that we save our people from this menace. We will have a report on this issue by the time we resume from recess.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Very well. Clerk, please note that we shall have that report among the very first reports after resumption from recess.

Next order.

NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

ALLEVIATING THE PLIGHT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES AND THE INSTITUTIONS DEALING WITH THEM

Yes Member for Karau, Hon. Kenn Mukira Mahianyu.

Hon. Kenn Mukira: Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion:-
Aware that Article 54 for the Constitution provides *inter alia*, the right of persons living with disabilities to better living standards, better social facilities and access to assistive devices and materials;

Further aware that Nyandarua County Government has in the past financial years appropriated funds in the Department of Social Services for the purchase and distribution of assistive devices and materials for persons living with disabilities;

Concerned that the needs of those people have not been fully met due to lack of information and the specific needs of the disabilities:

Noting that the County Government is committed on ensuring that the welfare of the persons living with disability is enhanced;

Now therefore this House does resolve:

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1. THAT the County Government exempt all institutions dealing with persons with disability from paying land rates;
2. THAT the County Executive Committee Member in charge of social services does ensure that there are enough social workers in each sub county to:
 - i. Check on the welfare of persons living with disabilities,
 - ii. Conduct routine visits and inspection of these institutions dealing with persons living with disabilities to check on the status of public health and the welfare of the persons, and
 - iii. Keep a database of the persons living with disabilities and have information on the specific needs of each person for better assistance from the County Government.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Very well, I believe that the House Business Committee shall give the necessary directions on how the motion shall be processed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, having transacted the business for the sitting, this House will now adjourn to tomorrow, Wednesday, the 6th day of December 2017 at 9.00 a.m.

(The House rose at 2.43 p.m.)

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