

UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

HANSARD

Wednesday, 18th May, 2016

The House Met at 9:46AM

[Mr. Speaker (Hon. Isaac Terer) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker (Hon. Isaac Terer): Honourable Members, I have the following communications to make:

VISIT BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

I wish to inform the House that the Senate Committee on Boundaries will visit Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties to get the facts about Chebororwa Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) dispute. The Honourable Members are therefore informed of a consultative meeting that will be held between the County Assembly, the County Executive and the Senate Committee on 19th May 2016 at 9am at the Conference Hall.

DISCOLOURATION OF MAIZE STALKS IN THE COUNTY

Honourable Members, I have received a communication from the County Secretary. This is in respect of resolutions that were passed pursuant to success of a Motion over the discolouration of maize stalks. I think this information shall be photocopied and circulated to all the Honourable Members for their own consumption. The general information is that since then the maize has started reverting to its natural green colour. It is a good thing to note.

UN-SURRENDERED IMPRESTS BY MEMBERS

Honourable Members, there is an issue touching on the members. The matter is on un-surrendered imprests and the details shall be made to individual members. I wish to remind members that it is always an obligation of each one of us to make sure that every imprest that has been issued to you must be accounted for and accounted for in time.

Otherwise, Honourable Members, I wish us a very good deliberation this morning.

Next order!

(Point of order)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Ramadan!

QUORUM

MCA Werambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. As I can see we don't have a quorum to continue with the business. Mr. Speaker, maybe it is your discretion to get a way forward.

Mr. Speaker: The Clerk, do we have a quorum?

Members Present – 4 (Four)

Hon. Isaac Kemboi (MCA Kapsoya Ward), Hon. Lucy Ngendo (Nominated MCA), Hon. Peter Chomba (MCA Huruma Ward) and Hon. Ramadhan Ali (MCA Kiplombe Ward/Leader of Minority).

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, it is a great disappointment and, going by that number, the business of the House cannot continue. I will order that the Quorum Bell be rung for the usual time.

The Honourable Member for Kapsoya, I designate you to be the temporary Whip to check if the members are within the precincts.

(Quorum Bell rung)

Mr. Speaker: Clerk! Do we have a quorum?

Members Present – 6 (Six)

Hon. Hillary Mutai (MCA Tulwet/ Chuiyat), Hon. Pius Kigen (MCA Tembelio Ward), Hon. Peter Chomba (MCA Huruma Ward), Hon. Ramadhan Ali (MCA Kiplombe Ward/Leader of Minority), Hon. Lucy Ngendo (Nominated MCA) and Hon. Isaac Kemboi (MCA Kapsoya Ward).

Mr. Speaker: I will order, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31 (2), that the quorum bell be rung for a further five minutes.

The Honourable Member for Kapsoya, you are still the temporary Whip.

(Quorum Bell rung)

Mr. Speaker: The Clerk, do we have a quorum?

Members Present – 7 (Seven)

Hon. Amos Kiptanui (MCA Racecourse Ward), Hon. Pius Kigen (MCA Tembelio Ward), Hon. Hillary Mutai (MCA Tulwet/ Chuiyat), Hon. Isaac Kemboi (MCA Kapsoya Ward), Hon. Lucy Ngendo (Nominated MCA), Hon. Ramadhan Ali (MCA Kiplombe Ward/Leader of Minority) and Hon. Peter Chomba (MCA Huruma Ward).

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, our Standing Order Number 31 (1) provides that a quorum of the County Assembly or of a Committee of the whole County Assembly shall be a third of its members. This County Assembly has 44 members; a third thereof would be 15 members. Seven members, honourable members, cannot and do not qualify to be a quorum. Pursuant to Standing Order Number 31 (2), the quorum bell has been rung for the 10 minutes; we still didn't get a quorum. It was rung for five minutes; still we don't have a quorum. It is disappointing, Honourable Members, bearing in mind that the business before us today is a continuation of a business that was canvassed in yesterday's afternoon sitting. It is the responsibility of the Honourable Members to do what they were elected by electorates to do.

It is also unfortunate that yesterday's sitting came to a premature end for lack of quorum after several members left the Floor of the House, either after or before contributing. I want to remind Members that choices have consequences as we have always been informed. It will not go without consequences that the proceedings of this House cannot proceed for lack of quorum.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order Number 1, I would order that the Hansard record for this particular sitting be made and brought to my table for certification, together with the register for today's attendance by members.

Honourable Members, it is our duty as the first arm of government to lead by example. It is a bit outrageous that we are not doing that as a House. I remember warning of this early this year that there would be challenges that may make us not see the reason of actually attending the plenary sittings as well as the Committee Sittings. But then, that is the main business of this County Assembly. If members feel like that they have better businesses elsewhere, then they better amend the Standing Orders and the existing legislation to direct otherwise.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr Speaker: Otherwise Members, with those remarks I have no option but to adjourn this Assembly until the next sitting at 2.30PM. The House stands so adjourned.

The House rose at 10:08AM