

BOMET COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 9.30 am

[Hon. Speaker (The Hon. Geoffrey Kipng'etich) on the Chair]

PRAYERS

❖ COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Members, I have a communication to make, as indicated in the house business committee yesterday, the house business committee are required to meet immediately after this session. Secondly, is to the Procedure and Rules committee too to meet to deliberate on the committees' issues.

❖ STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members there is a statement, which was sought by Hon. John Molel on 7th December 2016 from the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriation Committee on renovation of Governor's private residence using public funds. The Hon. Members wished to be informed, particularly on the following;

- a. How much was used to do the said renovation and were the payments done?
- b. What sorts of renovations were undertaken in the said private home?
- c. Who was awarded the said contract and when were the renovations done?
- d. Where are the minutes of the tender committee that sat to deliberate on the same?
- e. What are the status of the pending cases and who has been charged?

This Statement was committed to the committee on Budget and Appropriation. I am not seeing the chairperson, any member from the Budget and Appropriation committee? Yes, Hon...

Hon Julius Korir: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, this is the response on the statement that was sought by Hon. Molel on the renovation of the Governors residence...

Hon Speaker: Do you have the answer?

Hon Julius Korir: Yes

Hon Speaker: Have you committed to the member?

Hon Julius Korir: Hon. Speaker, as I was coming here, this response was given to me.

Hon Speaker: So you do not know whether the member has been served or not? This is so because if he has been given the response, then you can proceed to answer but if you are not sure you... Therefore, you need to find out. Just find out.

Next statement is statement number two which is a comprehensive statement sought by Hon. Wilson Keter on 21st February, 2017 statement from the chairperson committee on Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources on the desilting of water dams within the county. Chairperson...?

Hon E. Chepkemoi: Thank you very much Hon Speaker, this is the response to the statement, which was sought by Hon. Wilson Keter on 21st February 2017 from the chairperson committee on Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources on the desilting of water dams within the county. In particular the member wanted to get clarification on the following issues...

Hon Speaker: Have you given the response to Hon. Keter?

Hon E. Chepkemoi: The response was given yesterday

Hon Speaker: Table clerk, was Hon. Keter aware that his statement was due today?

So I am being informed that he was called and ... he is already in, let us wait for him.

Hon. Keter, we were waiting for you. I wanted to ascertain whether you have been served with the response on the statement that you sought on 21st Feb. 2017 from the chairperson committee on Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources on the desilting of water dams within the county. Where you wanted find out and whether the department is aware about a myriad challenges and suffering facing (PWD) persons with Disabilities because of silted dams.

So have you received the copy?

Hon W. Keter: Yes

Hon Speaker: Have you been able to go through it?

Hon W. Keter: Yes

Hon Speaker: Hon Evaline, you can now proceed.

Hon E. Chepkemoi: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, the statement that was sought by Hon. Keter...

Hon. Speaker: Do all the members have copies?

Hon E. Chepkemoi: Some copies have been distributed...

Hon Speaker: Are all the members having copies?

Hon E. Chepkemoi: Some members have the copies some do not

Hon Speaker: Some members... as some copies are being distributed you can go on.

(On a point of order)

Hon R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker is it in order that the chair is asked to proceed when we do not have the copies, because we need the copies so that as the chair goes on we will be following. In addition, if there arise a need to react then easy reference will be made. This is so because I do not have a copy and my colleagues too.

Hon A. Maritim: Mr. Speaker, I think members need to use their tablets because the same information is in the individual email accounts. The procedure and the tradition of this house is that a soft copy of what is being discussed is emailed to the members.

Hon Speaker: Yes Hon. Serbai

Hon R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker, we came here to transact today's business as is in the order paper. Hon Maritim is on record as a perpetual complainant of absence of hard copies on issues being discussed here. On this issue of the tablets, at times these machines could not be functional. For example, mine run down and was taken to Nairobi for maintenance and repair.

Hon Speaker: How many members do not have I Pads?

So I think honourable chairperson, may be copies can be availed to members so that be able to follow your response. I hope that is ok and your answers will be in the next sitting.

We come to statement number three, which is a statement sought by Hon. John Ngetich on 18th January, 2017 from the Chairperson Committee on Labour and Public Service on the employment of senior directors in the County Public Service Board;

In the statement, the Chairperson should indicate;

- (a) Which job group is the designation of "senior director" falls into?
- (b) Whether there is any staff establishment which indicates the position of a senior director and if there is any who approved the establishment?
- (c) Whether the position of a senior director is equal to the position of a chief officer?
- (d) If (c) above is in negative then why were the so called senior directors appointed?

This statement was committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Service. Can the chair respond to this?

Hon. R. Langat: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I think there were some changes and the county secretary is not responding to these issues.

Hon Speaker: Very well then, my direction is as others. Summon the county secretary and the human resource director and any other relevant person. This applies to other committees and after this sitting, the committees which have pending responses can sit and write summon letters; it is no longer invitation letters. In the summon indicate what they need to do, summon all the relevant people, I give you seven days to summon, the committee write their report within the next seven days and in fourteen days the report should be in the house.

Hon Korir, statement number one, have you been able to find out?

Hon Julius Korir: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I have confirmed from the statement seeker and he said he has been served with the response.

Hon Speaker: Have the members been issued with the copy?

Hon Julius Korir: Not yet

Hon Speaker: My direction is that the Members be issued with the copies so that in the next sitting you can answer that statement.

Hon Julius Korir: Thank You

Hon Speaker: Next? I think motion number eight should be number nine then number nine should be number eight. Therefore, I direct that motion number eight come after motion number nine.

❖ MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nancy proceed.

Hon N. Chepkirui: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to move the motion in the house.

Aware that, in reference to the National Cervical Cancer Prevention Program Strategic Plan 2012 -2015 by the Ministry of Public Health & Sanitation and Ministry Of Medical Services (2012) ,cervical cancer is the second most frequent cancer among women in Kenya and the leading cause of cancer deaths in women of reproductive age (WRA);

Appreciating that, there is a policy in Kenya that is conducive to roll out the National Cervical Cancer program;

This County Assembly urges the County Government's Department for Health to collaborate with the National Cancer Institute of Kenya and initiate a program to conduct an educational and information campaign on cervical cancer prevention, treatment and control pursuant to section 29, 30 and 32 of the Cancer Prevention and Control Act, 2012.

Hon Speaker allow me to say that the cervix cancer is a cancer that arises from the cervix. This is due to abnormal growth of cells that grow and invade other parts of the body.

No known symptoms are noticed easily other than the cervical bleeding or pain experienced during sexual intercourse. While bleeding after sex may not be serious, it may indicate the presence of cervical cancer.

It is known that worldwide, cervical cancer is the most common cancer and the forth cause of death in women. In 2012, an estimated cases of cervix cancer was 528,000 of cervix cancer occurred with 266,000 deaths. 70% of cancer cases occur in developing countries.

The cancer campaigns and screening will therefore reduce the rate of this cancer and early identification can help a great deal. As much as this type of cancer seems to be silent, none the less it leads to death. According to the star newspaper dated June 14th 2016, fifteen new cases of cervix cancer are reported in Nairobi every week.

This cancer can be treated if it is diagnosed early. However, cervix cancer is the second most frequent cancer among Kenyan women and the leading cause of death among women of reproductive age.

The estimated number of cervix cancer annually is 3,000 while the deaths are about 1,600 as per the report of 2015. The new cervix cases annually has reached the 200 mark according to the Kenya Cancer Registry.

In the 2014/2015 financial year, no specific vote was allocated to cancer related diseases. Cancer is now becoming our threat to survival and it almost obvious that everyone who gets cancer dies.

(On a point of order)

Hon. Speaker: What is your Point of Order?

Hon. J. Molel: If this is a motion, the member ought to go through it and not reading a document.

Hon. N. Chepkirui: It was a motion that I had moved it and was trying to support but quorum was not enough.

(On a point of order)

Hon. L. Kirui: I do not know whether Hon. Molel is in order to put it that way. I wish we would have utilized the standing orders that when you are supporting a motion in this house you are not allowed to read a script in support but you can only refer. I do not know whether that was what Hon. Molel was after.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nancy Proceed.

Hon. N. Chepkirui: As per what Hon. Molel said, allow me to say that we have had precedents and we do research to get supporting documents on the motions.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nancy what the standing order says is that you are not allowed to read but you are allowed to refer to a document, however, you need to seek leave of the Speaker in case you wish to refer. You are not allowed to read a script. You can do research but once you are here you can ventilated on what you researched on without reading a script. There is nothing wrong to refer, but you are reading word by word which is against the Standing Order. Proceed but under those circumstances.

Hon. N. Chepkirui: What I was trying to come up with was the research that was done about the cervical cancer. We know that cervical cancer is a killer disease that most of our women down there in the grass root are innocent about it. They need some civic education by the health department so that they can get to know that when prevented it cannot lead to death. There is some research I did and also the national government normally sets aside some funds to prevent these diseases. I urge the Members that we debate on this issue and finally pass it so that at the end we approve and the women down there will be able to get assisted. I urge Hon. Leah to support the Motion.

Hon. L. Chepkoech: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I support the motion. I also stand to second the motion and that we need our County Government to collaborate with the National Cancer Institute of Kenya to initiate a program so that cervical cancer may be treated. Women who give birth more often do suffer from this dangerous disease known as cervical cancer. Our County Government may chip in and collaborate with this organization so that they may prevent this disease. We know this cervical cancer is a dangerous disease and if our county does not take measure, we can lose most of our people in the Society.

Mr. Speaker I second the motion and urge the members that we support the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Honourable Nancy and Leah. It is now my turn to propose the question;

Aware that, in reference to the National Cervical Cancer Prevention Program Strategic Plan 2012 -2015 by the Ministry of Public Health & Sanitation And Ministry Of Medical Services (2012), cervical cancer is the second most frequent cancer among women in Kenya and the leading cause of cancer deaths in women of reproductive age (WRA);

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Open for contribution.

Hon. Metet.

Hon. R. Metet: Asante sana Bw. Spika. Kwanza ningependa kuchangia kwenye mjadala wa leo, hasa kwa kuhimiza Serikali kukinga ugonjwa wa uzazi wa wanawake. Mhe. Spika, kulingana na utafiti ambao umefanywa katika sehemu mbali mbali, imebainika kwamba ugonjwa wa Saratani umekuwa hatari sana. Tumewapoteza wanawake wengi sana kwa kutofahamu kwamba wamo na shida ya Saratani. Mhe. Spika, wakati mmoja, mimi na baadhi ya wawakilishi tuliposafiri kule nchini Marekani, tuliona kwamba utafiti ambao ulifanya na serikali kuu ya nchi ya Marekani, pesa nyingi sana huelekezwa katika utafiti wa saratani hasa tukizingatia kuwa nchi hiyo ina watu wengi sana zaidi ya milioni mia moja sitini. Ugonjwa huu hushika kwenye uzazi wa kike Mhe. Spika ambapo ni shida kubwa sana. Itakuwa ni vyema sana kwenye mjadala wa leo tukishurutisha Serikali Kuu na ya Kaunti kuhimiza wananchi waende hospitali kupimwa. Ugonjwa ambao unawaua watu wengi sana ni ugonjwa wa saratani. Kwenye Kata ambazo tunawakilisha ugonjwa huu wa Saratani umewaua watu wengi sana hasa wanawake. Mjadala huu umekuwa wakati ufaao ndipo tuangalie kwamba tumeweka fedha kwenye bajeti, hasa kwenye utafiti wa ugonjwa huu. Ningependa kupongeza hospitali ya Tenwek kwa kujenga Wadi ya kushughulikia ugonjwa wa Saratani na ikiwa mahospitali yetu ya rufa katika jimbo likifanya hivi basi jambo bora litakuwa kwa wanainchi wetu ambao wanaugua ugonjwa wa Saratani. Nimempongeza yule aliyelea mjadala wa leo. Ni bayana kuwa mwakilishi huyo ni wa jinsia ya kike na anajua shida ambazo zinawakabili wanawake.

Ninaunga mkono mjadala kwamba zitengwe fedha ili wanawake wengi wasaidiwe wanapopatikana na shida hizi. Mjadala wa leo ni bora zaidi. Asante sana.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maritim.

Hon. A. Maritim: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I want to support the motion and the mover for coming up with this wonderful motion. This cancer is actually a very dangerous disease, it is known worldwide.

This disease destroys families and the status of the affected people because it requires many resources. The treatment of this disease is also very expensive and most of the time people travel overseas. This is a disease that can actually make the affected people to economically suffer.

Mr. Speaker, we need a comprehensive sensitization program from the County and National government to make serious awareness, educate the people and communities on its dangers. As Members we have seen some of the symptoms that the women should be aware as soon as they recognize some of this symptoms they should go to the nearest health facility for proper examination and be advised accordingly. If there is any bleeding or an itch, in the productive part, remember we have seen some of the serious symptoms of this disease. In addition, if a spouse cannot understand, then there is a serious problem. It can destroy the marriage setting thinking that one has refused the conjugal right. If that area is so painful and one spouse cannot understand then there is a serious problem in that family. Spouses should be educated in this manner because one can be feeling a lot of pain and another cannot understand. You see it can destroy the marriage setting and serious awareness should be done.

Enough funding from the national government and county government should be done because it requires a comprehensive sensitization and diagnostic machines for early diagnosis. Cancer when detected in early stages can be cured.

I realized one senator in this country went overseas and was cured because of diagnosis in early stages. One is Hon. Beth Mugo and Prof. Anyang Nyongo. They have even gone on record that if sensitization is done, the disease can be cured at early stages.

So therefore, I urge the county government in collaboration with National Cancer Institute to come up with a real programme on the sensitization, education and campaign so we can do away with this disease. It is not a laughing matter, it is terminal and we are losing a lot of people every now and then because of this disease. Whether it is cervical cancer, oesophagus cancer, malignant or non malignant, we experience it in our areas.

I support the motion and also urge my colleagues that we support the motion and follow up on it.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Siele

Hon. Siele: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Siele, you cannot thank me for my work. You know I will always give you a chance. I am not doing you a favour.

(On a Point of order)

Hon. H. Chepkirui: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. You know Hon. Siele is fond of thanking you. Why can you not appreciate? Whenever he stands, do not deny him the chance to thank you. Just accept.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Siele, you are in order to thank me.

Hon. Chelule

Hon. Chelule: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I do not believe that Hon. Siele has a mandate of thanking you. Any Member who stands thanks you. You have the authority to give any Member a chance to speak but not Hon. Siele to thank you.

Hon. Joyce: Hon. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Joyce

Hon. Joyce: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I feel so bitter when Hon. Members rise to attack Hon. Siele. He has all the rights to thank you because you are the Speaker and a very able Speaker of this house. Hon. Siele has a heart and that is why he is a very close friend of mine.

I was shocked when I entered in and found Hon. Molel trying to take my seat. So Hon. Speaker though I am defending Hon. Siele, I have a lot of bitterness because Hon. Molel is sitting on my seat. Hon. Siele is in order.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Siele just proceed

Hon. Siele: Hon. Speaker I have decided to withdraw the word thank you. Am I allowed to withdraw?

Therefore, Hon. Speaker I want to say this motion is very timely because it is very serious. This kind of disease is moving very fast and most of our people are very ignorant. Most of the people who are dying are killed by cancer.

Despite the fact that we are now discussing, we need these issues to be addressed sooner. If this can be identified on early stages I wonder, the measures that the government has taken so that the people are on a safe side. I believe that all health centres should be able to diagnose this disease, breast and cervical cancers.

To date, our people are not aware that this disease can be diagnosed in various facilities even in ground level. It is my appeal through your chair that this disease can be sensitized in various places. A day can be set aside for demonstration meant to educate our people to know that it can be treated in early stages. It is becoming very serious and if not treated, it will have an impact in the economy because a lot of money will be used in treatment.

We have realized that people who have money can treat themselves, what about the common man on the ground? We need a way to save our people. It is becoming rampant in our country.

Three quarter of the people are dying because of cancer. It is high time we put this as a disaster because our people are dying. On the lower region, this disease is killing people. All wards should be made aware that we have a killer disease in this country.

With those few remarks, I support this motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kirui then Hon. Joyce

Hon. L. Kirui: Allow me to thank you Hon. Speaker, because the standing order, is clear that the Speaker controls the contributions in the house. So getting an opportunity means you must have contributed in one way or the other. Therefore, I think Hon. Siele was in order to thank you for giving him an opportunity.

I want to congratulate the mover of the motion. I like the motions that Hon. Nancy has been bringing to this house. They are touching and timely in the sense that most of them are touching on the livelihood of our people. Today's motion is very relevant especially to me as a health professional and the chairperson of the committee on health in this county assembly.

I want to say that this motion is in order and it requires us as Members to understand the issue of cancer. From the statistic from the members who have contributed and the mover of the motion, it is clear that cancer is the leading cause of death in Kenya and not only Kenya but the rest of the world.

I like the way the motion has been drafted because I am seeing the priority of handling this issue which is purely on educational, and professional.

It is clear that in cancer, prevention is better than cure. As I had said earlier, I am a health professional, and during my training, I was taught that there is no disease that cannot be cured, it is just a matter of examination and identification. That is why, there is the issue of early diagnosis when it comes to all sorts of diseases.

I know there are other diseases that I heard Hon. Siele saying every person who is buried is due to cancer. I think it was a slip of the tongue because there are others buried because of other diseases. Only that cancer has taken a higher percentage of the people who are dying.

To make it more factual, it was only yesterday at around 3:30 pm when a woman called Hellen from a place called Chelelech in my ward was buried. The woman had died of cancer. Around my village, I have two mothers who have died of this same disease. One from a place called Kingwoti and another not far from my place, a village called Kamabwai is a mother who died of cervical cancer. This is an indication that cancer has come even to our doorstep and it is a high time we as leaders rise up and see how we can deal with this issue.

The way the motion has been drafted clearly indicates that this issue is not for one level of the government. It is a function that requires collaboration between the two levels of governments, which are; the national and county government. This is a situation that the two levels of government should come together to a realization that they were created to help the public. They were not created to fight for their own right but their work is to come together and look at the issues affecting our people especially on the issues of health.

Hon. Speaker, it is clearly stated that a healthy nation is a wealthy nation. You cannot expect a nation to be rich when its citizens are sick.

I liked the way Hon. Maritim had stated. This disease has taken a lot of our money to the extent that families are poor. An example is the one I had yesterday. It was a family, that were well off but as we were burying the mother, the family was financially down; we had to do a harambee. In fact, the Catholic Church where the woman was working for was also overwhelmed with the treatment of treating this mother. Meaning the disease, especially cancer had brought down the wealth in our country to an extent that we are ranked as the poorest.

If you look at the latest statistics, Bomet County was ranked number 46 out of 47 when it comes to issues of wealth. Bomet and Kericho are leading in cancer cases and this could have led to poverty. I am a victim because I lost my father to this cancer.

We have to rise and put aside the differences and realize that we have that mandate to deal with this. The National Government has tried its best because if you go to the hospitals you get what we call a routine examination. The mothers are being examined free of charge in terms of survival cancer.

The mover of the motion has put it well because people are not lacking treatment but they are not aware that dispensaries and hospitals are providing free examination in terms of survival cancer. We need to sensitize our people because this survival cancer does not require domesticated machines but small machines which within some few seconds you can tell if you have it or not.

Both men and women should be sensitized on this disease, because in a family, the father is the decision makers and he can deny the mother to go to the hospital for check-up because of fear.

I have been having problems with the County Executive when it comes to implementation of motions and resolutions of this House. This should be handled in a special way so that we can save life. We should not be passing resolutions and not implemented because it shows that there is no need to have this Assembly and Members like Hon. Nancy who has done research on this.

I want to challenge the chairperson committee on Implementation that he should follow up on this because I know the Hon. Members will pass this motion and the big battles will be how to implement.

I support the motion and urge all the Hon. Members to support it to save the situation in our County.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Joyce, we can give it two minutes

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I would like to thank Hon. Nancy who brought the motion to this House. This is a motion that is touching on the lives of our people and affects the residents of this County.

Indeed, this disease has caused our people to be very poor.

The same disease is not supposed to be handled only by the health sector but at least three departments like Agriculture, Health and Co-operative. The agriculture department should take a lead in terms of educating our farmers in planting their crops using the right manure. These are some of the causes of cancer and the vendors are selling the onions and tomatoes from green house that have been treated with insecticides up to the last minute. We use to have cattle dips where farmers used to take their animals but because of scarcity of land, they have opted to spraying their animals at home without using the protective gears.

We should take a lead as the County Government of Bomet to educate farmers on the importance of using the right procedure in handling chemicals because you find that there are very dangerous chemicals like the ones for spraying cattle and crops. You find that a household can spray cattle at least three times a month meaning they are inhaling the chemicals without their knowledge. It is advisable that we set a good example and lump the departments and ban the use of green house or use them without chemicals to avoid consuming food that have chemicals.

Bomet County should major on poultry production, which should not be using the GMOs if we want to save the lives of our people. There is a Bill in the National Government, which is in the last stage that is handling the same issue that they want to declare the cancer disease a disaster and if someone is diagnosed with the disease, he or she should be treated free of charge.

I request the County Government to come together and sensitize the residents on the importance of, protecting ourselves when spraying our animals, using manure, kienyeji poultry and not buying food that are in the green houses. If we are going to start this, I want to assure you that these things will stop, but the moment we allow it to continue the disease will continue spreading.

I want to support Hon. Nancy that these programs should be conducted and request that it be lumped with the ministry of Agriculture and Trade and let the County Government give a special program of educating our people on the dangers of this disease and its causes.

I support the motion and thank the mover.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members I am seeing some members moving out and we might lack quorum. The number is reducing and I request that members given a chance should take one minute. I am giving one minute to each of these Hon. Members; Hon. Samson, Hon. Hellen, Hon. Chebomui and finally the mover

Hon. S.Towett: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I want to utilise the one minute. I want to contribute to the motion before us brought by Hon. Nancy, which is seeking that civic education should be done.

This should be mandatory because 5-10% of the cancer cases in Kenya are hereditary while others are because of lifestyle. When we talk about lifestyle this are the kind of food we eat and the physical activities. We are talking about cervical cancer that affects the lower cervix of women. A virus called Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) infection, which is a common sexual transmitted virus, causes it and it is also caused when women start sexually active at an early age, having multiple sex partners or does not go for pap-smear regularly so that the early signs are detected earlier.

If you look at these causes then it is clear that civic education is important. This is so because these causes are the things that people can shun away. By so doing they reduce the rate of cancer cases in the Kenya.

It is very important to have a centre within the County under the department of health. The centre will be carrying out civic education so that people are sensitized to go for testing so that if they are diagnosed they can be assisted and given treatment and this will reduce the cost the people incur in treating the cancer, which reduces the economy of this County.

I want to support this motion and it is a show that as an Assembly we are moving in the right direction.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Hellen

Hon. H. Chepkirui: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I thank Hon. Nancy for bringing such a motion. It should be prevented as it has been said that it is caused by unsafe sex and the people should be sensitized on how it can be prevented. It has also been cited that it is caused by lifestyle, which is true because unlike in the past people nowadays slaughter animals and give to our people and the milk that we consume.

We need sensitization by the County Government so that residents get the importance of preventing and treating cancer.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Chebomui

Hon. B. Chebomui: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the motion, which is on the floor of the House. I want to congratulate Hon. Nancy for coming up with this wonderful motion.

Talking about cancer, this disease has become rampant especially in Kenya.

(On a point of order)

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of order Hon. Chelule?

Hon. S. Chelule: I do not know whether I am the only person who is hearing this. We have been bringing motions since the inception of this County Government and every motion that a Member brings is important. Is it in order for Hon. Chebomui to say a wonderful motion and yet the ones we have brought have never been implemented?

Hon. Speaker: Of course Hon. Chelule, Hon. Chebomui is perfectly in order and I know these are some of the signs because you normally say 'the ground is moving'.

Proceed Hon. Chebomui.

Hon. B. Chebomui: I like Hon. Chelule. This is a wonderful motion because it is touching our lives and especially the lives of our mothers. Without mothers, I do not think anything can happen in the world and that is why I am saying this is a very wonderful motion because we are touching on the lives of women.

I concur with the mover of the motion and I want to support that the County Government of Bomet initiates programmes to conduct mitigation campaign on cervical cancer and control. This is very important because if you got to see in our County, women really lack information about cancer.

Sometimes there are those who are suffering from this disease. These people fear going for check-ups because they do not know what the disease is all about and they might not be having any information on the disease they are suffering from.

This is a killer disease and we really need to initiate programmes where women are sensitized on this killer disease.

I support the motion and I urge hon. Members that we support this motion for the sake of women in our County.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members I have found the Standing Order that I was looking for

(Speeches may not be read)

Paragraph 66 of the standing orders states;

Number 1;

No Member shall read a speech but a Member may read short extracts from written and printed-papers in support of an argument and may refresh memory by reference to notes.

Number 2;

The Speaker may allow a Member to read a speech in particular cases where the Speaker is satisfied that this is necessary for precision in statement of facts.

Hon. Nancy can you make your reply.

Hon. N. Chepkirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker. For those who managed to contribute and those who did not, kindly allow me to congratulate them for availing themselves in the House so that we could attain quorum to be able to debate on the motion.

I do not have much to say but to urge the chairperson for Implementation to follow it up. I request Hon. Members to support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, I want to put the question that;

Aware that in reference to the National Cervical Cancer Prevention Program Strategic Plan 2012 - 2015 by the Ministry of Public Health & Sanitation And Ministry Of Medical Services (2012), cervical cancer is the second most frequent cancer among women in Kenya and the leading cause of cancer deaths in women of reproductive age (WRA);

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Question put and agreed to

❖ MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader

Hon. S. Bor: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I want to move a procedural motion. Aware that, pursuant to Standing Order 30 (3) (b), this County Assembly resolves to meet today Wednesday the 15th March 2017 at 11.00 a. m instead of 2.30 p. m.

You know that some of the Hon. Members have some pending business and they have requested that we meet at 11.00am instead of 2.30 pm today. I request the Deputy Majority Leader to second me.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Korir.

Hon. Julius Korir: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to second his motion. As said by the mover, there are many activities affecting the members and it will be fair if we push forward time for sitting so that the members can be able to engage their electorate. Thank you.

I second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, I propose that;

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Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chebomui.

Hon. B. Chebomui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members of this House are now engaged with a lot of business related to representation.

Most of the members are presenting their papers to their parties and you also know that their wards are becoming 'hot' and deadline for some parties is even today. I am urging members that we support this motion and we come at eleven o'clock so that we can dispense with the afternoon business and allow the members to go and preside over other businesses that they are supposed to do.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Samson.

Hon. S. Towett: It is only when we have some serious issues can we can change the sitting time from afternoon to morning. Listening to what Majority Leader said, to me the reasons are not convincing as to why we should change our sitting time from 2.30 pm to 11.00 am.

I object what the mover of the motion brought. We should stick to the calendar of this Assembly and change only when it is necessary.

You will find that if we change the time to sit at 11.00 am you will find these Members loitering around in the afternoon.

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of order Hon. Big Five?

Hon. D. Rotich Big Five: Is it in order for Hon. Samson to accuse Members saying they are loitering? Members do not loiter. They are handling issues around and outside this place.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Samson.

Hon. S. Towett: I did not say that Members are loitering in the precincts of County Assembly, I said you would find them loitering outside.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Joyce.

Hon. Joyce Korir: It is good to allow Members to go and conduct their activities as they have requested.

I want to support the motion and allow these Members to proceed with their activities.

Hon. S. Bor: Let me thank the members for supporting the motion and as I had said earlier on that some Members have requested that we meet today at 11.00 am instead of 2.30pm, let us allow them to conduct their business at that time. Members are not loitering but rather as said by one Member, they are conducting their mandate of representing their people.

Let me request Members that we meet today at 11.00 am.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, let me put the question that;

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Question put and agreed to.

❖ ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: I am seeing it is half past 10 am. Pursuant to Standing Order number 30 (1) Unless the Speaker, for the convenience of the County Assembly otherwise directs, the County Assembly shall meet at 9.00 a.m. and at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday but because of the short time and I know the House Business committee have a meeting after this and Procedure and Rules committee too, I will direct that we meet at 11.30 am so that those committees can be able to meet.

There being no other Business to be transacted in this House, this House stand adjourned until today 15th March 2017 11.30am.