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Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 2:30 p. m
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Wednesday, 15th February, 2023
(The Assembly met at 2:30 p. m in the
County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)
[Hon. Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Hon. Busienei.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion;

THAT pursuant to the Standing Order 164 (1), this County Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the County Assembly Business and Rules Committee;

1. Hon. Cosmas Korir - Speaker
2. Hon. Leonard Rotich - Deputy Speaker
3. Hon. Paul Kirui - Leader of Majority
4. Hon. Kibet Ngetich - Leader of Minority
5. Hon. Richard Rutoh - Majority Whip
6. Hon. Dennis Kiplangat - Minority Whip
7. Hon. Lily Cherotich - Member
8. Hon. Catherine Chepngetich - Member
9. Hon. Ann Chepkemoi - Member
10. Hon. Evaline Sang - Member
11. Hon. Charles Langat - Member

Hon. Member laid the document

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, I rise to seek the following Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock. The Chairperson should state;

Whether he is aware of the existence of dodder weed in Kimulot Ward.

Whether he is aware of the sporadic spread of the weed in the county.

The potential threat that the weed is likely to pose to the tea growing farmers who largely depend on tea for daily subsistence.

Whether the department has noted the grievous harm the weed may cause to the county if not acted upon.

Whether there are any mitigating factors that the department has put in place to curb the spread of the weed in the county. If not, what actions will the department take to mitigate this menace?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): The Statement sought by the member is directed to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock. Unfortunately, the Chairperson is not present. However, I direct the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock to report to this House within 21 days. That will be on Wednesday, 8th March, 2023.

PENDING QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Hon. Members, there were two Statements that were sought we went for a long recess. The first statement was committed to the Committee on Lands, Urban Planning and Housing. The same was asked by Hon. Charles Langat on the 13th October, 2022. The statement sought was about the waste disposal in all factories, educational institutions, hospitals and residential buildings in Bomet County.

I believe the Committee on Lands, Urban Planning and Housing are ready with the Report.

Hon. Denis Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, the Report is ready. We shall Table it tomorrow.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Okay. Thank you.

The second question was committed to the Committee on Administration, Legal Affairs and Citizen Engagement. The Statement was sought by Hon. Erick Kirui concerning the recruitment by the Department of Health Services through an advert dated the 29th November, 2022.

The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Administration and Public Service was required to provide the criteria used in coming up with the advertisement. Further, the Member wanted to know why the department chose for an external advertisement instead of an internal advertisement because there are serving persons in the advertised positions.

Thirdly, the Member wanted to know the plan that the department has for officers who have served in the county government diligently in the advertised positions for over 10 years.

The Chairperson should notify this Assembly if the Report is ready.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, I am rising on a point of order.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Proceed.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, the question was committed to the Committee on Labour and Public Service and not the Committee on Administration, Legal Affairs and Citizen Engagement. However, I do not want to look like I am defending the Member from Merigi Ward but I think it is not his question.

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Where is the Chairperson of the Committee on Labour and Public Service or the Vice Chairperson? Since they are both absent, I direct that during tomorrow's sitting, the Committee should inform the Assembly of the time they require to answer the question.

Hon. F. Chepkirui (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, I am a Member of the Committee on Labour and Public Service. We are still working on the report and we are almost done. However, we still need about a week.

Thank you.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, the Committee on Labour and Public Service is taking us for granted. It has been a while since the question was asked. The issues raised in the question were urgent. Can the Chair take action on the Committee? The Committee is wasting our time.

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerer Ward, UDA): Hon. Temporary Speaker, I am a Member of the Committee. As we are aware, we have been on recess. So, we need more time to deliberate on the matter.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): The Hon. Members of this committee are giving contradicting information. I believe in a week's time they will give us the report because recruitment has been done.

(Hon Rosaline Cheptoo rose on a point of order)

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): The Temporary Speaker, kindly inform us on the progress of pending petitions and Statement on health. When are they being tabled?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Hon. Members, there was a petition committee and I am the chair and one petition is ready and we are waiting for the County Assembly Business and Rules committee to be constituted so that we can bring it to the Assembly. The other petition we seek for extension. The report on the Health Committee is ready and we expect it tomorrow.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): The Temporary Speaker, I wish to inform the committee we have in the Assembly that our people are waiting for the jobs. There is climate change and access to water is a big challenge in our county. We also have a lot of road networks that need to be redesigned.

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerer Ward, UDA): The Temporary Speaker, our work is only to do oversight and not implementation.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rose to ask if hon. Rosaline is in order to ask the Assembly about the report on the committee on health yet she is a member of the committee.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Hon. Cheptoo you are out of order. Be attending the meetings.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): The temporary Speaker I am a member of the Health and Sanitation committee and I expected the chair to be here today to present the report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Hon. Members we just resume from recess and we expect all members to take up their tasks and attend committee meetings.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): The Temporary Speaker, I rise to comment something on response in terms of work given to each committee. It concerns me a lot if the Committees take a long time to respond to questions. Sometimes, the Members are not aware that there are questions before them. If we do not answer those questions, we put into jeopardy the intention of the activity. When we sought that Statement, there was an advertisement by the Executive. So, it had a timeline. There was an uproar on the number of people who were hired and that some staff who have been serving on contract for the longest time did not get an opportunity to be hired during the last recruitment. I urge hon members to work diligently.

Hon. P. Mutai (Sigor Ward, UDA): The Temporary Speaker, I am worried about the committee on Labour and Public Service that have delayed with the statement. Also there is an advertisement going on the county government and we shall have shortlisted personnel. This might affect the question raised by Hon. Eric. Hon Speaker

I am not in a position to challenge your ruling but I request that you reduce the number of days so that we are in a position to assist in the other advert going on.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): Hon members I ask the Members of this Assembly that we exercise high degree of responsibility and diligence so as to avoid postponement of business and matters that will affect our performance in this House. The timeline I have given to Labour committee is reasonable because altering it to tomorrow might not be practical.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. J. Kipkirui): There being no other business this Assembly stands adjourned to tomorrow Thursday 16th March 2023 at 2.30p.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:10 p.m