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*The Assembly met at the Chamber,
Main Assembly Buildings at 9.00 a. m.*

[The Speaker (Hon. David Shadrack Rotich) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN THE CHAMBER

The Speaker (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Hon. Members, I have a concern that I wish to raise. As it was raised by Hon. A. Langat last week, there is no supply of drinking water in the House. Unfortunately still, I am informed that there is a procurement problem. It is an issue that the board will take an action to establish why this problem exists.

So, for now I regret the unfortunate shortage and I promise that in the next Sitting, you shall be provided with drinking water.

(The Leader of Minority (Hon. A. Maritim) stood on a point of order)

The Leader of Minority (Hon. A. Maritim): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I am surprised that the honourable Members are paid sitting allowances to sit in the House for less than ten minutes. I urge Members to be serious and start to generate business in the House.

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We heard the President yesterday commenting about the Members of the County Assemblies (MCAs) that they are sitting in the assemblies for less than 10 minutes and drawing sitting allowances.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, in the spirit of fighting corruption---

The Speaker (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Order the Leader of Minority!

(Hon. L. Kirui stood from his place)

Hon. L. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, Sir, this House is guided by the number of businesses in the Order Paper. Every Member here has the mandate of generating a business.

(Applause)

Is the Leader of Minority in order to raise the issue yet today we had no business? He is a Member of this House and I thought he could have generated a business. I have never seen a business from the Leader of Minority. However, he may be right but this is not the right place to raise such issues.

(Applause)

Hon. R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in as much as I am agree with the Leader of Minority, is he in order to say that His Excellency the President mentioned something about the MCAs yet it is not within any proviso of the law or the Constitution that the President has the power to direct the county assemblies? Secondly, is the President in order to carry out oversight over the MCAs? Is the Leader of Minority-whom we do not know where he came from- in order to disturb me when I am on the Floor of the House? The Chair has not granted him the chance to address the House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I remember I also raised the same issue that the Leader of Minority raised and I was denounced by the Leader of Majority. We are the ones to generate business in this House.

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The Leader of Minority is a member of the House Business Committee. He is supposed to encourage us during “*Kamukunji*” to generate the House business.

There are a number of Statements that we raised and I have not seen anything coming forth. There is a Statement that I keep asking concerning the expenditure of the County Assembly but six or seven months down the line it has not been issued. So, what else do we need to do? We cannot be generating business yet some have not been dispensed with. We need to hold a “*Kamukunji*” so that we can generate businesses.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. J. Kirui): Hon. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. Is it in order for Hon. A. Maritim, to purport that there is no House business yet he is a Member of the House Business Committee? Secondly, he is the Leader of Minority and when you find the Leader of Minority singing the tune more than the Jubilee Party Members, then the oversight role has been thrown out of the window. The Leader of Minority needs to be reminded his position so that he checks on the government and the progress of the Bills. We have several Bills that are pending and the Clerks-At-the Table need to check on the Bill tracker.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, since there are several businesses, the issue at hand should be discussed in the House Business Committee where the Leader of Minority sits. Lastly, it is not good to drag the name of His Excellency the President of this Republic into such an issue. The President’s concerns were genuine. I do not want to be tempted into what the Leader of Minority tried to allude because I know he was trying to take us into discussing the President whom they do not respect because they belong to “*tialala*.”

Thank you.

(Laughter)

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The Speaker (Hon. D. S. Rotich): Order Hon. Members! You have made your points and we will not deviate from the business.

Hon. J. Chepkwony: Hon. Speaker, Sir, I wish to deviate from what is currently on the Floor. On a point of information, the water pipes in Bomet town are laid beneath the trenches where dirty water pass. In an event of a leakage, there can be a disastrous effect. I urge the Committee on Energy, Water, Environment and Water Resources---

Hon. R. Rono: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a House of rules and procedures. The issue raised by the Member of Chebunyo Ward should be sought in a formal Statement.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. D. K. Rotich): Hon. R. Rono, I totally concur with you.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. A. Maritim): Thank you, Hon. Speaker Sir. First of all, I salute myself. I know that some of the Members will not salute me because I am in the reasoning age.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. D. K. Rotich): Hon. Leader of Minority, you have made your point.

Hon. L. Kirui: Hon. Speaker, Sir, the statement by the Leader of Minority should be expunged from the HANSARD.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. D. K. Rotich): Order Hon. L. Kirui. The Chair is on his feet.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. D. K. Rotich): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House now stands adjourned to Tuesday, 20th February 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

(The House rose at 9.15 a.m.)