

## MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015

The House met at 2:34p.m.

*(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)*

### PRAYERS

### STATEMENTS

#### KAIHUNGU BRIDGE

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** Request for statement. According to standing order number 45 (2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the chairperson public works

*(Hon. Samuel Wandia rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Samuel Wandia:** The chairman of the committee the question is being put to is not in

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I believe the committee has a vice-chairperson, and the members. I hereby request for a statement from the chairperson public works, roads and transport committee on the status of Kaihungu Bridge.

- a. Is he aware that after construction, Kaihungu Bridge developed a depression?
- b. That the bridge is of sub-standard height which is lower than the level of the road, thus rendering the road inaccessible during the rainy season due to flooding?
- c. Did the engineer in charge conduct a site visit before designing the above mentioned bridge?
- d. Were there any site meetings with the contractor and were there recommendations of site design changes, and if so, can he provide minutes and resolutions of any site meetings?
- e. If (3) and (4) above were carried out, why did the contractor not adhere to the engineer's recommendations and standards of a bridge construction works?
- f. What is the way forward on the bridge and all those it serves? Thank you Mr Speaker

**Hon. Eliud Gitau:** We have received this request and I want to assure the Hon. member, we are dealing with the issues and we want to request for five working days, so that we can get a comprehensive report. Thank you Mr Speaker.

### MOTIONS

#### ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTION ON PLACEMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

**Hon. Peter Kihungi:** I hereby request;-

That, this Assembly adopts the report of the committee of selection on placement of members to various committees, laid on the table of the Assembly on March 24, 2015.

Mr. Speaker sir, the committee on selection is continually working on placement of members where we have made sure that we have conformed to the new standing orders.

In the last paper we laid, there were members who felt they were not favourably treated by the selection committee, they wrote to the committee; we met and placed them in various committees as they had requested. I wish I can read the new membership. For the sectoral committees we have the

Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment and Natural Resources and Co-operative Management;

1. Hon. Joseph Kimani Machiri -Chairperson
2. Hon. Francis Kamande Kamau -Vice- Chairperson
3. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai
4. Hon. Peter Mweri Maina
5. Hon. Julius Maina Kimani
6. Hon. Danson Mburu Muchoki
7. Hon Caroline Wairimu Njoroge
8. Hon. Rebecca Wanjiru Mwicigi
9. Hon. Mary Waithira Njoroge
10. Hon. Agnes Ndunge Mutwiwa
11. Hon Mary Watiri Kariuki
12. Hon Rosemary Wakuthii Njine
13. Hon Lucy Wangechi Njoroge

Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and e-government

1. Hon. John Njoroge Gitau - Chairperson
2. Hon. Danson Mburu Muchoki - Vice- Chairperson
3. Hon. Julius Maina Kimani
4. Hon. Anderson Muchemi Waweru
5. Hon. Bernard Wanyoike Kariuki
6. Hon. James Kariuki Ngugi
7. Hon. Esther Wanjiru Ngugi
8. Hon. Cecilia Wanjiku Gitu
9. Hon. Agnes Ndunge Mutwiwa

Public Works, Roads and Transport

1. Hon. Eliud Gitau Kabuthi - Chairperson
2. Hon. John Kiarie Ngugi - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. David Kabaka Gachuru
4. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge
5. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi
6. Hon. Moses Gachui Mungai
7. Hon. Bernard Wanyoike Kariuki
8. Hon Joseph Kimani Gitau
9. Hon. Peter Maina Mweri
10. Hon. Mary Waithira Njoroge
11. Hon. Jane Wanjiku Ndegwa
12. Hon. Florence Nyambura Wangechi
13. Hon. Peter Kariuki Njogu

Finance and Economic Planning

1. Hon. Joseph Gitau Kimani - Chairperson

2. Hon. Samuel Dishon Wandia - Vice- Chairperson
3. Hon. Charles Mwangi Kirigwi
4. Hon. Duncan Mwangi Njuguna
5. Hon. Peter Irungu Kihungi
6. Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii Njiine
7. Hon. John Njoroge Gitau
8. Hon. Beth Wanjiku Ngugi
9. Hon. Jane Wanjiku Ndegwa
10. Hon. Joseph Njoroge Mwangi
11. Hon. Francis Kamande Kamau

Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement

1. Hon. Duncan Mwangi Njuguna - Chairperson
2. Hon. Samson Kago Njoroge -Vice- chairperson
3. Hon. David Kabaka Gachuru
4. Hon. Charles Mwaniki Karina
5. Hon. Francis Kamande Kamau
6. Hon. Esther Nyakio Munywoki
7. Hon. Catherine Wairimu Mugo
8. Hon. Charity Wangui Rugu
9. Hon. Lucy Wangechi Njoroge

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

1. Hon. James Kariuki Ngugi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Isaac Mwangi Kamote - Vice- chairperson
3. Hon. James Njoroge Kariuki
4. Hon. Martin Mwangi Macharia
5. Hon. Joseph Ndung'u Muchina
6. Hon. Joseph Njoroge Mwangi
7. Hon. Lucy Wangechi Njoroge
8. Hon. Rebecca Wanjiru Mwicigi
9. Hon Florence Nyambura Wangechi
10. Hon Charity Wangui Rugu
11. Hon Erick Kamande Kimani

Youth, Culture and Social Services

1. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge - Chairperson
2. Hon. James Njoroge Kariuki -Vice- chairperson
3. Hon. Joseph Ndung'u Njogu
4. Hon. Joseph Ndung'u Muchina
5. Hon. Samuel Ndehi Mwangi
6. Hon. Erick Kamande Kimani
7. Hon. Boniface Njihia Mbogo
8. Hon John Kiarie Ngugi
9. Hon. James Benson Kagoni
10. Hon. Florence Nyambura Wangechi
11. Hon. Peter Kariuki Njogu

Governance, Labour, Social Welfare, Justice and Legal Affairs

1. Hon. Jesse Mburu Gitau - Chairperson
2. Hon. Anderson Muchemi Waweru - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Samuel Dishon Wandia
4. Hon. Peter Irungu Kihungi
5. Hon. Isaac Mwangi Kamote
6. Hon. Martin Mwangi Macharia
7. Hon. Beth Wanjiku Ngugi
8. Hon. Jane Wanjiku Ndegwa
9. Hon. Cecilia Wanjiku Gitu

#### Trade, Industrialization, Tourism and Wildlife

1. Hon. Charles Mwangi Kirigwi - Chairperson
2. Hon. David Muhoro Njeri -Vice- Chairperson
3. Hon. Samuel Ndehi Mwangi
4. Hon. Jesse Mburu Gitau
5. Hon. Joseph Njoroge Mwangi
6. Hon. Samson Kago Njoroge
7. Hon. Charles Mwaniki Karina
8. Hon. Joseph Ndungu Njogu
9. Hon. Catherine Wairimu Mugo
10. Hon. Esther Wanjiru Ngugi
11. Hon. Mary Watiri Kariuki

#### Health Services

1. Hon. Boniface Njihia Mbogo - Chairperson
2. Hon. James Benson Kagoni - Vice- Chairperson
3. Hon. David Muhoro Njeri
4. Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii Njiine
5. Hon. Esther Nyakio Munywoki
6. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi
7. Hon. Joseph Kimani Machiri
8. Hon. Eliud Gitau Kabuthi
9. Hon. Peter Kariuki Njogu
10. Hon. Mary Watiri Kariuki
11. Hon. Charity Wangui Rugu

Mr. Speaker sir, that is the list as we have put it but we are going ahead as a committee because during the first placement there are members we placed in other committees but they were justified to be in others committee like the members of liaison, members of budget committee whereby under the new standing orders all the chairs of sectoral committees became members of budget and planning committee.

We will continue to review about those members who are in so many committees so that they may not be in the list as members and they fail to attend because of many meetings affecting the quorum. I wish to request Hon. Karina to second the motion.

**Hon. Charles Karina:** I stand to second the motion and urge members to adopt it because this is the voice of the hon. members and we did exactly what they had requested. I thank you

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Joseph Kimani:** Thank you Mr Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion. Since the committee has considered the requests of the hon. members, I hope they have considered what the chairman has also said, the replacements will not affect those committees, I stand to support.

**Hon. Peter Mweri:** Thank you Mr Speaker sir, I am the MCA, Rwathia ward. I stand to support the report and to commend the chairman and his team for the good work they have done as per the request of the Hon. members, but Mr. Speaker, it is good that I have noted that the chairman has said that they are going to review with time because in another meeting we had, liaison committee, we also realised that you cannot manage to be in many committees. The Hon. members want to be in as many committees as possible, but on the other hand, it is affecting the quorum, as the chairman of the selection committee has said.

In this regard, Mr. Speaker, it is good that the Hon. members to rethink even before the changes are done so that those who are in many committees can relinquish some of the committees. In actual fact, we realised that if you have more than three committees, you cannot give a lot of input to the committees work. So, even as the chairman is going to review, maybe those Hon. members who have five or so committees can opt to relinquish some of the committee membership. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**Hon. Martin Mwangi:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I am the MCA Murarandia ward. I am also standing here to support this motion. As I am supporting, the committee observation is that the standing orders state clearly that you should be in three committees; not more than three unless there is a resolution to support. So, that is the observation of the committee.

Mr. Speaker, the cry is the same because of late, we, sometimes, even feel as if we can be surcharged because of the way we are operating our committees. Somebody is in three committees and wants to attend the three of them at the same time. This is making committee meetings disorderly. We can make sure that every member is in three committees.

In some cases, Mr. Speaker, even the chairmen, who are also members of other committees, when their committee are meeting, we are sometimes forced to call them to other meetings and they tell us, "Let me contribute here first and, then, I will come." They are the chairmen and their committees are meeting and they are requesting to be allowed to be in other committees.

So, Mr Speaker, this committee has done very good work and because they said that they are going to review, let it be reviewed. Number two, we should not be asked which committee we want to join. The committee should look our ability. Some of the members are accountants. You cannot ask an accountant where he or she wants to go; put him or her in the Finance committee because you have powers and the mandate. But when we open the door to say the committees we want, I cannot support that because I think the committee has powers and they know us. We can bring our CVs so that you place us where we are supposed to be. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**The Speaker:** I ask the mover to respond.

**Hon. Peter Kihungi:** Thank you Mr Speaker sir, mine is to congratulate the members for supporting my report and the motion and also for the support they have given us as a committee because we have to review it, as you have said. We will also consider the attendance of a member to the various committees because there are committees whereby a member is a member but has never contributed or given support to that committee. Therefore, we will consider many issues and the other report we will bring here might not be so good to some our members.

*(Laughter and Applause)*

But, they must be ready for it so that we may make our Assembly and the committees active. I congratulate you members for supporting our report. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Speaker:** There being no other business, the House is adjourned until tomorrow 2:30 p.m. Thank you.

*The House rose at 2:52 p.m.*