

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 13th February 2018

The House met at 2:41 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS

THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2017/2018

Hon. Francis Kibe: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Ithiru Ward and also the Chairperson for the Budget and Appropriations Committee. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly; the Murang'a County Executive and County Assembly Supplementary Budget, 2017/2018

(Hon. Francis Kibe laid the document on the Table)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 2017

Hon. Kiiru Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Gaturi Ward and also the Chairperson for the Finance and Economic Planning Committee. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly; the Murang'a County Government Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended December 31ST 2017.

(Hon. Kiiru Mwangi laid the document on the Table)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30TH 2017

Hon. Kiiru Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly; the Murang'a County Government Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended September 30th 2017.

(Hon. Kiiru Mwangi laid the document on the Table)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee (PIC/PAC), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this House; the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the County Executive of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June 2016.

(Hon. Caroline Njoroge laid the document on the Table)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

Hon. Jane Wanjiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of PIC/PAC, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this House; the Report of the Auditor general on the Financial Statements of the County Assembly of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June 2016.

(Hon. Jane Wanjiru laid the document on the Table)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT

TENTATIVE BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING
TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018 TO THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2018

Hon. Erick Kimani: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kahumbu Ward and also the Leader of the Majority Party. Pursuant to Standing Order 42 (2) (a) and (b), I beg to issue a Statement of the tentative business that will come before the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday 13th March 2018 to Thursday 15th March 2018 and the subsequent weeks. I wish to give a preview of the pending businesses:-

1. The consideration of the Murang'a County Executive and the Murang'a County Assembly Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2017/2018

and the subsequent adoption of the Supplementary Act of the same by this Assembly.

2. The various Committees of the Assembly will be expected to undertake vetting of Chief Officers and submit a Report of the same to this Assembly within 14 days.
3. Consideration of the Financial Year 2018/19 Annual Development Plan (ADP) by the Sectoral Committees and subjection of the same to public participation by the Finance and Economic Planning Committee and subsequent adoption of a Report on the same.
4. The Assembly expects to receive the Financial Year 2017/18 County Budget Review Outlook Paper (CBROP) from the Executive and will be subjected to all the Sectoral Committees for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee and subsequent adoption of the Report of the same by this Assembly.
5. The Assembly expects to receive the revised County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for consideration of all the Sectoral Committees and subjection of the same to public participation by the Finance and Economic Planning Committee and subsequent adoption of a Report by this Assembly.
6. By 28th February 2018, this Assembly expects to receive the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) and the Debt Management Paper which will be subjected to all the Sectoral Committees and subsequent preparation of a Report by the Finance and Economic Planning Committee for adoption by this Assembly.
7. By 30th April 2018, the Assembly will receive the Financial Year 2018/19 Budget Estimates for the County Executive and the County Assembly for consideration by this Assembly. This will be subjected to public participation and subsequent adoption of the Appropriation Act on the same by this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, some of these pending businesses ought to have been done but have not due to the political instability that was there last year and also because we have just come from the recess. I request all the Hon. Members of this Assembly to make sure that we sit and reason to pass these businesses for the benefit of our County and our Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

THE CALENDER OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Kihurunjo Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Gitugi Ward and the Deputy Speaker for Murang'a County Assembly. I wish to move the following Motion:

That, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 30, this House approves the Calendar of the House for the regular Sessions of the First Session of the Second Assembly for the period February to December 2018 as contained in the Schedule.

Mr. Speaker, it is the mandate of the House Business and Rules Committee to prepare the Calendar of the House as per Standing Order 165 (5) (a). It is very important for us to have a Calendar for the smooth running of the Assembly and the Committees; hence the entire Session of the Assembly will operate properly.

Apart from what the Majority Leader has said about the pending businesses, it is also good for the Members to know that those pending businesses will be tackled smoothly if we have a proper Calendar for the Assembly. We also need a Calendar for proper representation of the electorate and legislation for Wanjiku. That will help us have healthy debates and keep the Assembly busy. There is a lot of delay in commencing the Plenary and I therefore urge the Members to adopt this Motion.

Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader has also talked about the issue of crucial documents which need to be Tabled in the House and when we have a proper Calendar, like the one we Tabled today, it will be possible for us to scrutinize the documents properly and give proper responses. The Calendar for the House will also enable the Members to have proper personal organization because we have the sittings and recess; thus every Member will be able to organize his or her businesses properly, such as when to visit the electorates.

Finally, I urge the Executive to submit those documents early enough to the Assembly in order for us not to be in a hurry when passing them. Those documents to be given to the relevant Committees include the CIDP, CBROP, CFSP and the Debt Management Strategy Paper. I therefore request the Members to adopt the Calendar of the House. I now urge the Majority Leader who is also a Member of the House Business and Rules Committee to second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Erick Kimani: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion. I do not wish to emphasize more than what the Deputy Speaker has said because he has almost said everything. I support his sentiments and arguments on the reasons why we should adopt this

Calendar. I hope that all the Members will support this calendar. Let us have that unity of purpose. I also urge the Members to respond fast anytime they are called upon for a certain meeting or activity. By so doing, we will have a very jovial, pleasing and smooth running of the Assembly. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion on the Floor of the House. In fact, Members will agree with me that we needed this calendar more than yesterday for the smooth running of this Assembly. Our people outside there are waiting to see what we are going to legislate on and what we are going to deliberate for their benefit. I therefore urge the Hon. Members to support and commit themselves to work for the benefit of our people, this Assembly and a good legacy. I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): There being no other contributions, I will put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Erick Kimani: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I apologise to the Members because this business is not in the Order Paper but I feel it is wise to move a Motion for Adjournment. Pursuant to Standing Order 54 (b) and 30 (3), I beg to move the following Motion:-

That, aware that the House Business and Rules Committee, with the approval of the Assembly, is mandated with the determination of the Assembly Calendar pursuant to Standing Order 30 (1), further aware that, pursuant to the same Standing Order, this Assembly has today adopted the County Assembly Calendar for the period of February to December 2018, cognizant of the fact that during a meeting of the House Business and Rules Committee held on Thursday February 8th 2018, the Committee resolved that the Assembly adjourns to allow induction of Members of the various Committees of the Second Assembly until notified otherwise, alive to the fact that despite the adjournment, Committee meetings will continue as scheduled weekly by the Liaison Committee; this Assembly adjourns until notified to allow induction of Members of the various Committees of the Assembly.

Members will realise that the Motion that has been moved by the Deputy Speaker has a Calendar for the sittings of the Assembly. You will also realise that the Plenary Sittings are

set to be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. However, in this case, we need to align ourselves with the Orders of the Assembly. Since we will not have Plenary Sittings tomorrow and Thursday as scheduled in the Calendar we have passed, it is always the practice of the Assembly to adjourn until another sitting is communicated by the Office of the Speaker.

On that note, I urge the Members to adopt this Motion so that we adjourn today and pave way for other businesses that have been passed by the Motion that has been moved. I request the Members to adopt this Motion because I understand that the Budget and Appropriation Committee will be meeting with the budget officials tomorrow. We shall have Committee sittings on Thursday and we will be having inductions for several Committees on Friday and Saturday.

Therefore, if we do not pass this Motion, it will mean that we will not work as the Orders of the Assembly allow. I urge that we pass this Motion considering the Statement I have just given on the activities we intend to do in this House from tomorrow and onwards. I urge the Members to agree with this Motion for the Assembly to attend to other businesses that have been organized by the House Business and Rules Committee, as well as the Liaison Committee. I invite Hon. Charles, the MCA for Ichagaki Ward to come and support this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Charles Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion. Knowledge is power and if we start doing business without knowledge of what we are doing, we will, definitely, be doing a useless job and we will be as useless as the word itself. I therefore support the Motion so that we can adjourn our Assembly until the right time and understand the procedures we need to follow in the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): There are no contributions? Pursuant to Standing Order 33, we do not have to put a question for this Motion. I, therefore, adjourn this Assembly until a date to be notified.

The House rose at 3:03 p.m.