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MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 12th November, 2024

The House met at 10:20 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPERS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MURANG'A COUNTY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
FUND FOR FINANCIAL YEAR (FY) 2023/2024

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper;

That, the Report of the sectoral Committee on Education and Child Welfare on its consideration of the Annual Report for the Murang'a County Education Scholarship Fund for the FY 2023/2024 be laid on the Table of Assembly today Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Thank you.

(Hon. Naomi Maina laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you, next Order.

REPORT OF DELEGATED COUNTY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON A WORKSHOP
ON LINKING DEVOLUTION WITH EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION AT COUNTY LEVEL.

Hon. Priscilla Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to Lay this Paper on the Floor of the Assembly, that the Report of the Delegated County Legislation Committee a workshop on linking devolution with effective legislation at County level be laid on the Table of the Assembly.

Thank you.

(Hon Priscillah Mwangi laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION**ADDOPTION OF REPORT OF EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MURANG'A COUNTY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR FY 2023/2024**

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give the notice of the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Education and Child welfare Committee on its consideration of the Annual Report for the Murang'a County Education Scholarship Fund for the FY 2023/2024 Laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday November 12, 2024. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you. Next Order.

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF DELEGATED COUNTY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON A WORKSHOP ON LINKING DEVOLUTION WITH EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION AT COUNTY LEVEL

Hon. Priscilla Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Chairperson Delegated Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Deputy Chairperson! Are you the Chair of Delegated Legislated Committee?

Hon. Priscilla Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My name is Priscilla Mwangi Vice-Chair Delegated Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you.

Hon. Priscilla Mwangi: Hon. Speaker I beg to give notice of the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopt a Report of the Delegated County Legislation Committee on linking devolution with effective legislation at County level be laid on to the Table of the Assembly today November 12, 2024. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Hon. Vice-Chair. Next Order.

MOTION**ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON COMMITTEES SECOND HALF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT FOR FY 2023/2024 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2024 AND WORKPLANS FOR FY 2024/2025 AND LOCAL TRAVEL FOR FY 2024/2025**

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Liaison Committees second half year progress report for FY 2023/2024 that is January to June 2024 and work plans for FY 2024/2025 and local travel for FY 2024/2025 laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday October 15, 2024. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I move this Motion, it is a statutory requirement for this Committee and Mr. Speaker because we have a very big document in form of a Report that is going all the way to almost 70 pages I have summarized as the tradition of this House the Report. I have been able to do it in three segments so that we can be able to note what is in the comprehensive document.

Hon. Speaker, thank you for awarding me the opportunity to move this Motion. Pursuant to Standing Order no. 194 where the Liaison Committee is mandated, directed that it shall be within 21 days of submission of Committees half year progress reports compile and submit a Report to the County Assembly.

Hon. Speaker the timelines were not met due to a number of reasons. The biggest reason being the long recess and the short recess that we have just concluded and that is why we were not able to meet the timelines. Hon. Speaker if we look at when the Report was Tabled it is almost now a month and that is why I am saying the timelines were not met. Further Hon. Speaker the Committee considered work plans for financial year 2024/2025 which is in line with the Committee mandates as stipulated in the County Assembly Standing Orders 205 which establishes the Liaison Committee. Hon. Speaker, in addition to the above, the Committee is mandated to apportion the Committees' budget at the onset of every financial year and therefore the agenda was also considered.

Hon. Speaker I would also like to commend all the Committees at least this time they have been able to adhere to the timelines as stipulated in our Standing Orders. I must also appreciate all Committees Chairpersons since they have also mastered the art of presenting the half year progressive Report as compared to the previous financial year and in fact Hon. Speaker the said Chairpersons have been able to display, they are parliamentary figures from the Committees that they represent. The other segment of the half year progress Report that is between January 2024 to June 2024.

Hon. Speaker the Committee had the following findings; one of the findings in their several bills discussed by various sectoral Committees during the period in consideration and of course

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the others that have been proposed and we are still in the pipeline, the Bills are in the pipeline phase in Committees.

The other finding Hon. Speaker, we also observed that there are no statements sought by various members and it is good for us Hon. Speaker to let the members know that seeking for statements is one of the roles for Hon. Members as a way of representation. During that period, we observed that there were no statements sought and we should be encouraging members from various wards which they represent to be seeking statements on behalf of the members of the public they represent.

The other finding Hon. Speaker, is that all the Committees had generated business from the reports after sittings held within the Assembly and outside the precepts of the Assembly. This is a very good progress after we encouraged the Committees through their chairpersons to be making sure that they generate the reports once they hold meetings outside the precepts and of course within. This has been able to ensure that the plenary has had adequate business, that was between January and June. It is good Mr. Speaker to report that we still have enough Business to take this Assembly forward that is emanating from the sectoral Committees and other Committees.

The other finding Hon. Speaker was that majority of the Committees had inadequate allocations and this Hon. Speaker has been recurring in every report that we have. The previous reports, the inadequacy of allocations for the Committees has been finding and we have several recommendations to the same thing Hon. Speaker and this is something that maybe as I leave the recommendations that we made is something that need to be thought of in a big way.

The other finding Hon. Speaker was that there was increased consideration of various policies by the sectoral Committees from their respective oversight departments in the executive. This one we must give kudos to the executive departments because they have been able to keep this Assembly Committees very busy, because of the formulation of the policies that have been there and that have been taking place between period in consideration.

Mr. Speaker, we have the first quarter expenditure, it was reported that the Assembly's total funds available for the oversight, representation and legislative roles amounted to Kshs114,181,600, that was supposed to be spent on Committee's activities, the whole house meetings and of course the CASA games. That is what the Liaison Committee was given, the mandate to apportion because the kitchen is the Budget Committee, the Liaison Committee is only mandated to apportion what has been cooked by the Budget Committee and of course the preparation comes

from the County Assembly Service Board, where the budget of the Assembly is formulated and made.

During the first quarter, the Committees had spent Kshs16,407,200 on four days workshops which was to consider various Businesses as had been scheduled on the workplans. The balance as at 30th August amounted to 97,774,400 and that amount was to be spent during the last three quarters including the quarter that we are. It was argued that the value for money would be measured by the number of Reports, Bills, Motions, responses to statements and Petition considerations emanating from the Committees. Every oversight Committee, that is, the sectoral Committees, was mandated to produce at least one Report per quarter while the select Committees would produce the Reports based on their mandates because some of the mandates of the other select Committees are statutory.

The workplans for FY 2024/25, were well drafted and met all the requirements and as I said earlier, Hon. Speaker, this is a great improvement for the Committees and the Committee chairpersons as compared to last financial year where the Honourable Members were all green and that means the Honourable Members are very fast learning on how parliamentary procedure looks like. On the same, the workplans, we observed that the budget cycle activities were considered by sectoral Committees for the half year period and were well provided in the workplans of the period in consideration.

We had several recommendations and I must point at some of the recommendations and maybe urge the members when debating to include or add other recommendations. On half year progress Report we recommended that all sectoral Committees should jointly work with the respective County Executive departments in generation of Bills. Because, Mr. Speaker, we have many policies that have been formulated and passed by this Assembly and if the sectoral Committees remain pro-active, considering the kind of work we have as a County, they can formulate or make the Bills out of the policies. That is why we have recommended that they should be working very closely with the respective departments in the Executive. Of course, when doing that, they should be considering only the mandates given by the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

The other recommendation, Hon. Speaker, was that members of the County Assembly should seek statements from Chairpersons to various sectoral Committees on matters they need clarification or more information on, especially concerning their representation role. We

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understand there are many issues that we have at the ward level, that is another way of doing representation.

The other recommendation, is that the sectoral Committees and individual members should be coming up with Motions, because our Motion tracker has a lot of space because this time around, during the period in consideration has not been able to have enough Motions, so there is still room for improvement.

Another recommendation, Mr. Speaker, is that, it is never enough, and that is why we recommended all the sectoral Committees should have additional Businesses because the Assembly cannot say we have enough Business more than we can chew. We still have room for improvement, those Committees who were able to have like five Reports can even go all the way up to ten Reports or even beyond. I want to encourage the Committees to continue with the good work they are doing.

The other recommendation on the same, Mr. Speaker, we have had the Governor talking about various policies that have been formulated and they have not been able to see the Floor of this House, we encourage the Chairpersons of various Committees to move with speed and pursue the said policies so that we can still have business.

Mr. Speaker as I conclude on the work plans, we recommend that the Assembly Committees should continue in ensuring their activities are taken as outlined in the work plans generated at the commencement of every financial year. Because that is their mandate that's another recommendation that we had. On local travel, we recommended that the Budget and the Appropriations Committee in conjunction with the County Assembly Service Board as I had mentioned there earlier should be considered allocating additional funds to all the Committees. So that the one of the challenges was the inadequacy in a budget allocation. This would help those Committees to carry out their mandate without hinderances as the Committees are alluding to.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to belabor more than that because this is something that every member of this House is acquitted to and I think this document was given to the members the time it was laid on the Table a month ago. I hope all the members will be able to support without much maybe resistance and at this point I would want to call the Chairperson Education Committee who is a very strong and active member in the Liaison Committee to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion and second the Motion.

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): The Floor is open for debate.

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. more so for catching my eye. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. I want to singularly point out on two issues, one the Committee has done a very good job in coming up with a very comprehensive Report detailing each and every activity happening in each Committee. Mr. Speaker it's very unfortunate the Committee for Delegated Legislation Committee the chairperson is not feeling well, Mr. Speaker and I want to wish him a quick recovery. Mr. Speaker I also want to thank the members on behalf of this Assembly for the concern and different errands they are running on behalf of the members and also you Mr. Speaker for some of the decisions that we've been able to make including the meeting that we having today.

Mr. Speaker I also want to point out on the Committee on Implementation the report doesn't dedicate any work plan for that committee I believe that Committee should be the busiest Committee in this Assembly, more so regarding the different activities that you're doing in our wards. Mr. Speaker maybe that's a challenge to the entire Committee to see what needs to be done.

Mr. Speaker, I want to point out on the budget that is indicated in page 61 on members DSA an available budget of Kshs 114,181100. Allow me Mr. Speaker to pick the boil and tell the truth because I also want to be a truthful man. Mr. Speaker the last audit report from the Auditor General. Mr. Speaker I'm sure you are aware that every question or every audit query that comes in this Assembly is that you have been using a budget that is beyond what we are supposed to be using and the reason for that is because while we are making our budget, we have been using what we County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA) and the Auditor General has been using regulations that have been developed by the Senate much later. Therefore, every year and I don't know what we are going to do. The Auditor General this year said we are should not be using 841 million and instead our budget is 723 million. Mr. Speaker that brings the question of whether 114 million is realistic and I feel it's high time for us to face the bullet and know what we need to do.

The other thing is on the Finance Bill that was never passed by the National Assembly giving us a dilemma on exactly what budget we are supposed to do to use. Mr. Speaker as we speak right now remember we had an issue of the Treasury releasing money to the County Assemblies and the only amount that is allowed to be used by the County Assembly is just 50%

of the budget. I do not know Mr. Speaker how long we can wait for the National Assembly to pass the budget and also how long it will take these Assembly to consume the 50% and therefore will be other mercy of the National Assembly so that we can use more money.

The other thing is the Speaker is this year's budget has been reduced by 20 billion nationwide and that also will trickle down to this Assembly reducing our budget to may be 20 million per year. Mr. Speaker as an Assembly we need to sit down and critically talk about this issue. As we speak right now this Assembly never received 72 million that we spent in previous year. And you know Mr. Speaker, despite your efforts in ensuring the money comes from the executive, the various legal hurdles that comes with that. Because as we want to spend 72 million your budget still remains 723 million. So even if you are given 723 million, you do not have an allowance to increase your budget by maybe 72 million. And part of 72 million Mr. Speaker belongs to these members' allowances.

Mr. Speaker, I want to speak on my behalf, personally I do not have money to spend and it has become even a big burden to come to this Assembly. We need to sit back because if I divide 723 million by 12 we can only get 60 million per month. And allowances for this Assembly is amounting to more than 34 million leaving us with less than 25 million to spend on this Assembly. May be this Assembly needs to sit down and say we do away with pending bills that is amounting to 72 million and we start on a clean slate for these members to benefit and be in a position to carry out their mandate. Alternatively, we stop all the meetings going ahead and pay the pending bills, because if we pay the pending bills Mr. Speaker and the budget was 114 million and we have already spent I do not know how much possibly 25 million it means we will have not any other business going forward. I think it is high time we sit down as an Assembly and we tell each other the truth so that as we tighten the belt, we know what is ahead of us. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes Hon. Wairagu.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support. I was once a member of that Committee but I was impeached. In parliamentary language I was impeached unconditionally however, I am here to support what is there it has been written.

I also want to say one or two things about what is happening in the Report which our Deputy Speaker has sent to us. I want to say categorically here Mr. Speaker, let us not engage this Assembly in an academic discourse whereby we disapprove or approve hypothesis. By that one I mean is that it is as what the Hon. Member has said that it has become like a tendency like we keep

on saying that there is delay in processing Committees' allowances, there is inadequate resources to enable public participation this is a discourse I will say. It is like an academic arena. I think the Liaison Committee because to me it is the super Committee in this House should come up with measures and ways of elevating this kind of a situation. We do not have to keep on seeing that every Committee is reporting that we do not have adequate resources, delay in Committee allowances. What are they telling us? I think they should be giving us a solution to a problem but not coming here every time and then they are rubberstamping a problem and escalating a problem. That is what I am saying to this Committee it is like an academic discourse, we are not here to disapprove or approve hypothesis whether null or accepted. We are not going to do that and they should know that.

Again also, I will draw the attention, I am a member of Youth Committee and Hon. Deputy Speaker has told us that we can also come up with some recommendations which can be added from individual members like I am. I have heard him clearly. Therefore, I want to -----Hon. Speaker is it in order for a member to pass by when I am raising my views. Please guide me on that.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Proceed he did not interrupt you.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Okay. Hon. Speaker I would say, if you look at page number 24 and 25 the Liaison Committee have done a very good job but again, they are saying if you look at page number 24 report on drug abuse in that table there, they are saying report awaiting scheduling by House Business. We are telling members that we have given this House a lot of Business. What is happening to this kind of a situation whereby a report has been done, we have gone there we have gotten all the information but again the report is awaiting to be scheduled by House Business. Again if you look at page 25, we are told about activities not accomplished by the Youth Committee where I belong. I would say that there are emerging things, emerging things which are happening in a society and we say the society is a fulcrum. And being a fulcrum is trying to balance the situations, it balances what is there.

As what Hon. Member from Kiru said in his opening quote, he mentioned and said that our Delegated Committee Member is sick. Of course, we know that and we pray God for that. Therefore, it draws my attention there is a sociologist by the name of Emile Durkheim and talks so much on structural functionalism perspective, and talks about the dynamism society. Talking about dynamism society is that we can embrace some other cultures here in terms of now coming

up as Murang'a County Assembly having structured prayers breakfast. Hon. Chefman keeps on giving us bible verses and telling us things we are supposed to do. Suppose we embraced that, we could not be in the situation we are in. And therefore, I would suggest as the Committee of the Youth sits down, even the Liaison Committee, please consider embracing the cultural diversity that we should be having even if not monthly, even halfway prayer breakfast because there are demons hovering around here. We may not see them physically but I can say there are demons. We have like Bishop Wamwea, these are the people who know these things because they are spiritual leaders, including myself. We are spiritual leaders and therefore I can stand here and say there are demons hovering around here and these demons need to be fought with all the strength and I am here to fight them. So given chance---

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Sorry, just for clarification, you have mentioned that you are a spiritual leader, are you ordained as a spiritual leader? For records, what is your title? Reverend?

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: I am an evangelist.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Okay, proceed.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you. So, when you see me as a Member of Gitugi, see me as an evangelist whereby I am able to chase away the demons which may be hovering around here and that is what I am saying. It may be like a joke but what is happening here spiritually, we have so many things undergoing here. Our members have really undergone some sicknesses. We have seen a number of members, not one, not two, not three, some members have even lost their beloved ones. Parents. In span of like not more than six months, something, a signal is being sent to us that you should wake up and do something with this. And therefore, I am saying that if there will be a Committee, when the Liaison thinks about this, they can also assign me that Committee as a spiritual leader of that Committee. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Member for Gitugi, very well-articulated. Yes Hon. Gladys.

Hon. Gladys Waikau: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am Mama Mazingira and I rise to support the Motion and away from the Motion, I just want to say that we have been having issues with Reports. Like right now, I do not have a Report that I can follow up and debate on. We have that issue from our previous plenaries and I really want to ask what is happening because we are

not getting the Reports in time and we are not having them so that we can know what we are debating on. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes Hon. Moses.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly for Muguru Ward and I stand to support this Motion as well as congratulate the Liaison Committee for coming up with this Report. I also want to reiterate on two issues that have been raised. First, is the issue of the budget. The reason why many Committees have not been able to come up with more Reports is because of the deficit of the budget. So, it is also good if the Liaison Committee can sit as well as come up with a good program that will make sure the Committees have enough budgets so that they can sit and deliberate on their mandate as well as come up with the Reports. The issue of the budget has been raised and I think even as we look at the small budget that we have, we can see much amount of money is allocated to the hotels. So, it is also my advice to the Liaison Committee, if it can come up with a program where maybe the Committees can be going for benchmarking and they will save a lot of money which goes to the hotels which can be used to support the Committees to sit for more days to complete their work.

Lastly, I also want to reiterate on the issue or one of the recommendations that is raised there concerning the Motions, recommendation number two where the Committee is urging members to come up with statements Motions and Bills. There is an issue that have been raised by our learned friend on the House Business Committee approving those Reports, so it is good for the House Business Committee not to hold this House at hostage because we know there are many Motions, Bills and Petitions by the members of the public that are forwarded to the house Business Committee but most of those Motions and statements do not reach this House, so it is good for the Committee to be transparent as well; as not to micro-manage this Assembly because what kills many Assemblies is the House Business and Rules Committee because if it fails to approve Motions from some members most members will be demotivated and such members might not even becoming to this House. I stand to support and urge my learned friend from Gitugi, I do not know whether we will need some dictionaries here because some of the terminologies raised here some members are having difficulties understanding them.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I want to thank the members who have been able to support in a way of deciding to rise and contribute and others who might have opted to support by remaining silent because many times when you hear there is no dissenting voice you

assume that even those who are silent have consented to what is being voted on. I thank every member who have contributed and those who have not.

There was an issue raised by hon. Morris member for Kiru and Mr. Speaker, it is good for the members to come to our senses, if you listen to what the Whip was trying to argue, we might be headed to a bigger hole than the hole that we are talking about, that we are not having enough budget allocation. This comes because of contradictory regulations passed by the senate forwarded by the Finance CS at the national level pointing at how the Assemblies should be having their budgets capped at 7% of the total revenue of the county government.

To what the hon. Whip has alluded to, County Allocation of Revenue Act having been formulated by the CRA which is a constitutional body supersedes the regulations that should be marked by capital letters and a red biro pen because we cannot be following the regulations because they might have a plan to kill the Assemblies by trying to underfund the Assemblies, so that point is taken and should be forwarded to the Budget and Appropriations Committee because they should argue their case when they are formulating the budget for the Assemblies and of course for the executive.

I have heard the member for Gitugi stating that Liaison is a superior Committee which should have ways of increasing the budget. I want to bring the honourable member to attention, Mr. Speaker, when we got into this Assembly, we were clamoring for a copy of the Standing Orders which the Assembly provided. I encourage the members to be reading the Standing Order because Standing Order 205 clearly establishes the Liaison Committee and I want to read verbatim for the record so that the members can acquit themselves and refresh on the mandate of the Liaison Committee because some of the mandate raised here belongs to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

In my opening remarks, as I moved this Motion, I talked about the Budget Committee as the Committee where the budget is made, that is where the kitchen is, the cooking happens there, the preparation of the budget for County Assembly is done by the County Assembly Service Board, members we need to get to our Standing Orders and other relevant laws so that we can be able to have clear mandate for each establishment.

Standing Order 205 talks about Liaison Committee there shall be a select Committee to be known as Liaison Committee which shall consist of the Deputy Speaker as the chairperson and the

chairpersons of all Committees of the Assembly and the majority and the minority whips. The mandate without reading all of it:

- a) Guide and co-ordinate the operations policies and mandates of all the committees ----
- b) Deliberate on and apportion annual operating budget among the Committee remember the Budget Committee is where we got Kshs114 million from the Budget Committee where many of the members of the Liaison Committee, all the sectoral chairperson belongs.
- c) The other one is to consider the programs of all the Committees including the need to travel and sit away of the precinct of the Assembly.

I do not want to read the whole Standing Order but I wanted to capture on the funding of the Assembly Committees; Honourable member for Gitutgi ward that squarely lies on the Budget Committee where you belonged previously and you are aware that is the mandate of that Budget Committee. However, if the Budget Committee will be able to increase the funding we shall be able to apportion because that is where the plates are that is where the dining table is. I just wanted to bring to the attention of the honorable members of Gitugi Ward.

The other one that honorable member for Gitugi Ward raised is the issue of is scheduling of Business; it is true when I was opening, I talked about we have enough Business to drive this Assembly probably in the current session. We have enough Business and that is the mandate of the House Business and Rules Committee to schedule the Businesses. However the issue was raised by the member for Muguru Ward if the House Business feels that a Petition or a prayer from any region of this County is urgent should be created and we are lucky because the chairperson of the House Business and Rules Committee is the Speaker so in any case I am sure as a member of that Committee if there is a pending Petition that is to be given priority because the other Committee Reports can wait.

Hon. Gladys said about having zero Reports on their desks and we agreed the secretariat should be providing both soft and hard copy so that members can be able to peruse on the documents. No member can be able to follow without having the document that one I am sure it has been taken care of and I am sure Honorable Speaker you might be conveying this to the secretariat because these are very important documents that all members need to have presently and maybe for reference in future.

There was an issue that was raised that is very fundamental by the honorable member for Gitugi Ward about the cultural diversity, it is the feeling of every other member in the morning we were discussing with some members informally though it is out of the debate, it is a fundamental issue that needs to be addressed because parliamentary procedures are to be followed especially for the commonwealth parliament like ours. We need to be having what he was talking about the prayer breakfast so that the spiritual leaders can be able to cast out demons. I do not think we have demons here because we are all Christians but it is good. We all agree we need to follow suit as the way the National Assembly does so that we can be able to have spiritual nourishment and those of us who are willing to have a turban, we shall have a bishop who can be able to provide such services. Thank you, Honorable speaker, and thank you members for supporting.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): There being no other Business this House now stands adjourned until this afternoon Tuesday, 12th November 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 11:15 am.