
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 4th October 2023.

The Assembly met at 9:45 a.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

APPROVED BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023.

Hon. Antony Marubu: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to issue the following statement;

That pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), it is notified that the House Business and Rules Committee at its last meeting approved Business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, October 10 to Wednesday, October 11, 2023 as per the attached program.

Madam Speaker, on Tuesday October 10 morning sitting we shall have Paper; Chairperson Liaison Committee on the Report on Committees half year progress report for FY2022/2023 for the period January to June 2023 and work plans for FY 2023/2024. There will be a notice of Motion on adoption of Report on Committees half year progress report for FY2022/2023 for the period January to June 2023 and work plans for FY 2023/2024, by Chairperson Liaison Committee.

There will be a Motion by the Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee on adoption of first half budget implementation review report for FY 2022/2023 from controller of budget. There will still be a Motion by Hon. Thuku, MCA Kiru Ward on County preparedness on El Niño rains.

On Tuesday October 10, 2023 afternoon sitting there will be Paper by Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning Committee on a report of financial statements for Murang'a Municipality for the period ended June 30, 2023.

There will still be a notice of Motion by Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning Committee on adoption of a report of financial statements for Murang'a Municipality for the

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period ended June 30, 2023. There will be a Motion by Chairperson Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee on adoption of a report on execution of functions of the County Public Service Board for the period ended December 31, 2022.

On Wednesday, October 11, 2023 morning sitting, Statement on approved Business of the Assembly for the period from week commencing Tuesday, October 17, 2023 to Wednesday, October 18, 2023 a member of the House Business and Rules Committee will give the Statement.

There will be a Motion by the Chairman Budget and Appropriation Committee that is adoption of the first nine months budget implementation review report FY 2022/2023 from the Controller of Budget. That is so Hon. Madam Speaker. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Next order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL DIGITAL LEARNING PILOT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Education and Child Welfare on the status of early childhood development and education digital learning pilot program in the County, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Madam Speaker, as members have in their Reports, I wish to highlight just a few issues; that on January 13, 2022 a collaboration agreement was signed between EIDU Kenya limited and County Government of Murang'a to launch a pilot of EIDU program digital learning and improve quality of education of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) learners in the County. The EIDU programme pilot was designed to enhance learning outcomes by providing learner exercises and assessments, teachers training, ECDE officers training and tools and dashboards for data collection and monitoring.

Now we want on to gauge the impact, the results and the EIDU programme pilot has so far impacted 24474 learners, who have been using the EIDU app with its digital personalized learning exercises and assessment in mathematics and language for an average of 3.2 hours every day per classroom in the past ten months.

We highlighted some benefits of the program; the EIDU programme was met with a high level of enthusiasm among learners, parents, teachers and ECDE officers. The adoption of the program was very successful as it was an exciting activity for learners. Some of the registered benefits, we highlighted just a few;

- 1) The focus on individual learning helps the children to have confidence and self-control.
- 2) The learner exercises act as a motivator to learners in the classroom, improving the class concentration.
- 3) The learners spoken English has improved and their vocabulary has widened since instructions on the device are given in English.
- 4) The use of the digital learners' exercises has resulted in an improved eye-hand coordination of the learners and better digital literacy.
- 5) The program has nurtured a feeling of self-actualization as they train to learn by themselves through digital personalized learning activities.
- 6) The program also enhances turn taking in learning activities and the learners get to interact more and know each other as they share the devices.

Additionally, there were registered benefits for the teachers as well; -

- 1) Teachers were motivated by the EIDU program.
- 2) It also acts as an assistant teacher; so, it is important and it is helpful to the teachers.
- 3) It reinforces taught contents.
- 4) Boost learners' self-esteem among many others.

So, as a Committee we came up with findings and observations and I can read them through;

- 1) That the Tayari program is a good intervention in ECDE digital learning as it is anchored on the CBC (Competence Based Curriculum) developed by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)
- 2) That EIDU EDCE digital learning program offers a holistic and digital approach to improve learning outcomes. It is an open digital platform that excites children and gets them school ready. It is affordable and is in line with official ministry of education policy on CBC digital literacy.
- 3) ECDE officers are required to visit all schools to ensure successful implementation, but visiting schools in remote areas became a challenge due to transport cost being higher than what is covered by EIDU monthly transport reimbursement.

- 4) Some teachers were promoted to support the program and conducted ECDE officer visits, but they have not found a replacement for their classes, so they perform both roles as they report to school and also being ECDE officer. This results in teachers not getting required mentorship and support.
- 5) There is lack of electricity connection in some of the ECDE centres causing a barrier to keep the devices fully charged when needed.
- 6) Large classrooms that EIDU recommends one device per 30-40 learners. Several PP1 and PP2 classrooms registered more than 40 learners which posed a challenge for sharing one device per classroom.
- 7) That most ECDE teachers are aged and not tech-...that led to challenges when adapting the EIDU app.
- 8) That monitoring devices used by teachers have a very small screen, hence posing a challenge in operation due to various activities required to be carried out during support.

Madam Speaker, the Committee came up with recommendations; -

- 1) Based on the success of the pilot and substantial gain that the EIDU program has achieved, the Committee recommends the continuation of digital learning program in all EDCE centres in the County.
- 2) As the current Memorandum of Understanding and agreement between the EIDU and the County Government of Murang'a is coming to and in December 2023. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Education Technical Training, do include a total of 25 million through a supplementary budget in order to facilitate, finance and run the EIDU program as the EIDU donor funding to support the pilot is not going to last beyond December 2023.
- 3) Within 60 days after adoption of this Report, the CECM for Education and Technical training initiates formal procedures for a seamless transition of the program to the County Government to the timely continuity and operation efficiency.
- 4) ECDE teachers selected to supervise the program be replaced to ensure they can successfully perform their new roles.
- 5) The County Government--- with relevant agencies do fast-track connection to electricity power to all public ECDE centres for charging of digital devices.

- 6) By October 2023 the department of Education and Technical Training procures new digital devices to increase the number of devices in large classrooms to achieve the ratio of one device for every 30 learners.
- 7) Within 60 days after adoption of this Report, a training be undertaken for training and coaching of all ECDE teachers to improve their digital skills.
- 8) ECDE officers be issued with bigger devices for monitoring, supervision, and support of the program.

So, Madam Speaker, I will urge the House to support the Motion and I would really like to call upon Hon. Priscilla to second the Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Pricilla Mwangi: I am a nominated Member. I second the Motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Moses, are you in order? Can you remove those things in your ears! This is a House of rules and orders. I will now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Members, the Floor is now open for the debate.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you Madam, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) MCA for Gitugi Ward, I stand to support the Motion. However, there are some things I would like the Committee to know, or maybe to shed some light on this because there are some grey areas I have realized or I have seen from the Report they have given. I am not making a ruling; it is an observation. Hon. Speaker, as much as we support the Motion, I feel perhaps maybe the Committee can tell us which are these areas they covered, and the areas they did cover, are they aware that there is a caption I would say, that there was an advertisement recently, that we are employing, we are going to recruit ECDE teachers. In that connection, to me somehow, a misuse of public resources.

The cause for this, there is new ECDE teachers to be employed. I really do not know, those teachers who are trained digitally, those teachers who are trained, how are they for now, will they be absorbed? Because if they will not be absorbed, what it means that the resources used to train them has gone to waste. They have further gone to say that they realized, in their recommendations and even what they observed, there are some people who are so elderly but

again they were taken through. If they realized this, was there a mechanism in place to eradicate these elderly people to replace with new energetic people who will be able now to capture the digital literacy.

The other thing is that in this kind of training they are talking about, I don't know, and I need to be told the parameters they used to disseminate this kind of information. The parameters in terms of, what is the scope of coverage, which area did they cover? Did they cover the windows? did they cover MS word? What are the areas they covered? Was there a structured programme of activities the scheme of work. I was once a teacher, today we are teaching this, today we are teaching that again.

Also I have observed, I do not know whether we are in another world because as far as I come from Gitugi, I hear that there are recorded in black and white that the pupils that we are teaching there the digital literacy that they have improved in communication; English language and I can pose this challenge to them to randomly go to another school in Gitugi, because I have even gone there and they are being taught in our vernaculars. Have vernacular changed to be English language, that is something to be answered because all what I know is that perhaps they never went to launch these things in my ward because some of these pupils when you give them porridge and what have you, they are even taught using Kikuyu, the vernacular language and I am surprised to hear that they are talking good grammar, unless Kikuyu changed to English, I really do not know but that one stands to be desired.

On that point, on orientation programme in our wards we need to be oriented. Madam Speaker, I am disturbed, somebody is speaking behind me and I need protection to proceed. On orientation, the MCAs whether nominated or elected we should be oriented so that we can exactly know what is being taught in our areas. These children belong to us; it is prudent to even know the curriculum. Last but not least we gave a sectoral Committee on ICT, I have seen in the Report they are proposing to buy these gadgets and the screens they are using are very small. Why can't they work in tandem with the ICT Committee because we have such a Committee which is supposed to go now and purchase those kind of things and evaluate these children and what they want to buy but not for them to proceed and say this is what I want to buy. I rest my case.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): I now call the mover to respond

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would first say that we supported the Motion and as a Committee we did our best and we obviously take serious what honourable Wairagu has said and we will work with the department to ensure like what you have said on orientation, I believe that can be done and for areas of learning , this is a pilot that has not been rolled out across the County so it is a sample on few sub counties and it is a good programme based in English though we should also appreciate our vernacular it is a good language. The programme is English based and kit is of great help to our kids because they are able to use the gadget that is a smart phone. They interact with it more as early as possible and it will give us some more people in the field of technology for more ideas if we introduce it to them. That is why we are requesting you members, we will do our best, we are here to serve those kids, we have done our best, that is where our mandate lies and if we get this through, 25million in our supplementary budget, these gadgets will be all over the County. We will be involved as the representatives of those people. I beg you to kindly support the Motion and I know that the future is bright for our kids. Thank you honourable members.

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

NOTICES OF MOTION

RESCINDING THE DECISION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY ON SUSPENSION OF HONOURABLE GRACE NDUTA WAIRIMU

Hon. Clement Gichobe: I wish to give notice of Motion to rescind the decision of the County Assembly on suspension of Honourable Grace Nduta Wairimu, MCA, Kanyenya-ini Ward.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Honourable Clement Gichobe, can you read out the supplementary paper

Hon. Clement Gichobe: Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion-

(Hon. John Ngugi rose on a point of order)

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Hon. John Ngugi: Madam Chair is there Clement Gichobe or is it Hon. Clement Gichobe?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Clement Gichobe.

Hon. Clement Gichobe: Madam Speaker, let me ignore that, allow me to give the notice of the following Motion; -

Aware that Section 15 of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act and Standing Order 203 establishes the Powers and Privileges Committee, that shall inquire into the conduct of a member whose conduct is alleged to constitute a breach of powers and privilege as provided in national legislation. Providing for powers, privileges and immunities of County Assemblies their Committees and members enacted by Parliament pursuant to Article 196 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya and by the Standing Orders.

Further aware that, in an Assembly sitting held on June 6, 2023 at 2.45 p.m. this Assembly adopted a Report of the Powers and Privileges Committee, on inquiry into breach of privilege by Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu, MCA Kanyenya-ini ward, noting that the inquiry established that Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu had conducted herself in a manner that reflected adversely on the dignity and integrity of the Assembly and of the members of the Assembly. Informed that, upon adoption of the Report, the following resolutions of the Assembly were implemented;

- 1) That, pursuant to Section 17 (3) (e) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act, 2017 and Standing Order 203 (9) (v), Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu was discharged as a Member of the Speakers Panel and ceased to be a member of the House Business and Rules Committee and Committee on Selection
- 2) That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 (3) (g) and Standing Order 203 (9)(vii) Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu was suspended from the County Assembly and its Committees for a period of four months with effect from June 06, 2023.

Cognizant, that Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu is remorseful for her actions on breach of privilege that culminated in her suspension and has since apologized to individual members of the Assembly, observing that in a meeting held on June 6, 2023 the Committee on Powers and Privileges had undertaken to review the suspension depending on her future conduct.

Appreciating that in a meeting held on 28th September 2023, the Committee on Powers and Privilege reviewed her suspension and recommend that this Assembly rescinds its decision

and terminates her suspension; now therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 51 (2), this Assembly resolves to rescind its decision taken on June 6, 2023 as follows;

- 1) That, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 51 (2), upon adoption of this Motion, the suspension of Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu, MCA Kanyenya-ini ward from the County Assembly and its Committees be and is hereby lifted.
- 2) That, pursuant to section 17 (3) (e) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act, 2017 and Standing Order 203 (9) (v), the removal of Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu from the Speakers panel, House Business and Rules Committee and Committee on Selection remains as earlier resolved.
- 3) That, Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu resumes from her suspension with effect from Thursday October 5, 2023.

COUNTY PREPAREDNESS ON ELNINO RAINS

Hon. Antony Marubu: Thank you Madam Chair. I am going to read the notice of a Motion on behalf of Hon. Morris Thuku MCA Kiru ward. Madam Speaker, I beg to give the notice of the following Motion;-

Aware that 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for the development and implementation of a holistic disaster risk management at all levels, through effective measures aimed at preventing health consequences of El Nino conditions which may be expected to increase during the period. Further aware that there is need to systematically evaluate, record, share information and publicly account for losses in order to develop strategies and plans to address the impact of future El Ninos pursuant to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Recognizing that the National Policy for Disaster Management emphasizes preparedness on the part of the government, communities and other stakeholders, noting that the Kenya Meteorological department has issued an advisory on the likelihood of El Nino occurring in the Country between October and December 2023, cognizant of the fact that disaster management is one of the functions of the County government under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution; this Houses urges:

- a) The County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning to avail adequate funds for the management of effects of the possible El Nino

- b) The County Executive Committee Member for Environment and Natural Resources to establish a disaster call centre for those who are likely to be affected by El Nino and relocate traders operating along drainage areas in Murang'a County and other areas within the County;
- c) The County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation to procure adequate drugs and related consumables, facilitate Community Health Promoters (CHPs) to sensitize the public on the likely indications and impacts of El Nino such as cracks on buildings, swollen rivers and hanging power lines, so as to avert possible risks.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MOTION

RESCINDING OF DECISION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY ON SUSPENSION OF HON.
GRACE NDUTA WAIRIMU, MCA KANYENYA-INI WARD.

Hon. Clement Gichobe: Thank you Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker I beg to Move the following Motion; -

Aware that Section 15 of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act and Standing Order 203 establishes the Powers and Privileges Committee, that shall inquire into the conduct of a member whose conduct is alleged to constitute a breach of powers and privilege as provided in National legislation providing for powers, privileges and immunities of County Assemblies their Committees and members enacted by Parliament pursuant to Article 196 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, and by the Standing Orders.

Further aware that, in an Assembly sitting held on June 06, 2023 at 2.45 p.m. this Assembly adopted a report of the Powers and Privileges Committee, on inquiry into breach of privilege by Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu, MCA Kanyenya-ini Ward, noting that the inquiry established that Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu had conducted herself in a manner that reflected adversely on the dignity and integrity of the Assembly and of the members of the Assembly, informed that, upon adoption of the report, the following resolutions of the Assembly were implemented;

Cognizant, that Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu is remorseful for her actions on breach of privilege that culminated in her suspension, and has since apologized to individual members of the Assembly, observing that in a meeting held on June 06, 2023 the Committee on Powers and Privileges had undertaken to review the suspension depending on her future conduct, appreciating

that in a meeting held on September 28, 2023 the Committee on Powers and Privilege reviewed her suspension and recommend that this Assembly rescinds its decision and terminates her suspension; Now therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 51 (2), this Assembly resolves to rescind its decision taken on June 06, 2023 as follows;

- 1) That, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 51 (2), upon adoption of this Motion, the suspension of Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu, MCA Kanyenya-Ini Ward from the County Assembly and its Committees be and is hereby lifted.
- 2) That, pursuant to Section 17 (3) (e) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act, 2017 and Standing Order 203 (9) (v), Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu the removal of Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu from the Speakers Panel, House Business and Rules Committee and Committee on Selection remains as earlier resolved.
- 3) That, Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu resumes from her suspension with effect from Thursday October 5, 2023.

Like I have said in the Motion, the Committee on Powers and Privileges sat on 28th September 2023 we had included in the Report on 6th June was that the decision to suspend Hon. Grace Nduta due to her action was to BE reviewed in future based on her actions. As I have noted while moving the Motion it is clear this honourable member is remorseful and is on record having apologized to various members of this Committee and of this House and I mean every single member of this House. She has been remorseful and she has apologized. It is the view of this Committee that her suspension from the House should be lifted.

It is also good to note that the suspension of any member is ofcourse very unfortunate, it is not the wish of the Powers and Privilege Committee to be busy, it is the Committee that we wish for the remaining period of this Assembly that, that Committee will be idle because the more busy that Committee means that more breach of powers and privileges is undertaken in this House and is not the wish of this House. Therefore it is our view as a Committee and as a members of that Committee that we should bring this member to this House because the objective of the suspension was not to punish the member but the objective of that suspension was to ensure that we rubberstamp the importance of holding powers and privileges in the right way as a Member of a County Assembly (MCA); from our perspective as a Committee that has been achieved it is my view and that of the Committee that that member should come back to this House. Since it is these

members that resolved through a Motion to suspend her it is now my kind request that we reinstate the member to the House so that she can continue representing the great people of Kanyenya-ini.

When she is out there the people of Kanyenya-ini are missing out on representation noting that the only person who is democratically elected and officially given the mandate to represent the people of Kanyenya-ini is none other than Hon. Grace Nduto from our perspective and as MCA we cannot purport to have the ability to represent the people of Kanyenya-ini. It is my view and I urge all members to kindly this member back so that the great people of Kanyenya-ini can continue to have representation in this House. I now call Hon. Mukora who is a member of that Committee to second that Motion.

Thank you.

Hon. Samson Ngige: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Members, the Floor is now open for Debate. Yes Hon. Edwin Wairagu.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand here to support the Motion the way it is. It is a well-done Report by the Powers and Privileges Committee. This is one of the best Reports they can produce here, maybe in the next five years to come. However, as I support it, I want to seek leave from the Hon. Speaker to address some of the issues here. The leave I am seeking is to first of all is to address an issue that has been hovering around here. As we support this Motion and as Hon. Gichobe has said, that we do not want to have them have a lot of activities. We need that Committee to stay idle the way it is for now because we do not intend to have other issues cropping up.

However, I want us to seize this matter and make it up and bury the hatchet once and for all. We forget what is happening there. The other goals have already gone but here I would say that even if this Committee establish and anchor the rules and regulations in our Standing Orders 203, it has its mandates as a Committee to keep check and balancing on what we are operating here. We still don't want it to appear as a demigod; by a demigod I mean, let us avoid some utterances which may subject members to psychosocial effect in terms of immoralism. We don't want this issue to appear as if it is a demigod that you have to obey and bending our heads.

They are doing the right thing but the issue of victimizing and even putting pressure to members of the Assembly should stop. We have buried our hatchet as now. We have said enough is enough and let bygones be bygones. Let this Assembly move in positive trajectory the way it used to move. By so doing I believe once we do that, as Powers has done a very positive report. Let us embrace the unity of purpose in this Assembly, let us embrace oneness. Let us embrace comradeship. Let us embrace a situation where there will be no pointing of fingers to one another.

Since we have one umbrella called Murang'a County Assembly, my view as a member of Gitugi is that, let what was happening, let us forget about that and foster forward. There so many duties as Hon. Gichobe has said, it is true we don't have a member representing Kanyenya-ini. We do not have any other member apart from the one, Hon. Grace. Therefore, this matter should have been solved long time ago. But because of push and pull and other factors here and there, we should realize that it is high time that we realize that it is the high time to move forward and work together as one. We avoid emotional issues, emotional imbalances thereby being able to move well. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Moses.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion, and also congratulate the Committee for the good work it has done. I also want to congratulate the Committee for standing with the rule of law and the Constitution. They took an oath here to defend.

It is good to note that a County Assembly just like the Senate and the national assembly, it is a House of rule of law and also bound by the Constitution of Kenya. There is no way a County Assembly can bow down goonship, hooliganism or any form of intimidation.

I stand to support the Motion and state that we have heard that Hon. Member apologized but I would like to state that the best apology is a changed behavior. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Thank you. Yes Hon. Kibaiya.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support this Motion. In deed today is a good day for the Assembly of Murang'a and also a good day for Hon. Nduta. There are no winners to this and we never anticipated this situation to digress the way it did digress. Be as it may, we are where we are and I am on record when we had that Motion, requesting members of the Powers and Privilege Committee to look into the representation aspect. The penalty of the representation aspect of Hon. Grace Nduta. The members were very attentive to that request and this matter digressed and other people, none participants in this Assembly or people who wanted

to gunner political mileage out of this situation got into play and this matter went where it went. I want to thank this Assembly because they were not distracted by the attempts to julienne us, fry us and eat us for lunch. This Assembly stood firm by its decision and I indeed, I am of the opinion that this Assembly is better off with the decision that was done and the stand they have taken in this matter because I believe we have garnered some respect out of it. I know that it has had a negative impact on the member but she brought this on herself because I think she was properly advised by Members of this Assembly not to stretch this matter too much but like I said, non-actors, people who were not part of this business got to this business and they wanted this matter to digress to other areas but the Assembly stood firm and corrected that anomaly.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to officially welcome Hon. Grace Nduta, my younger sister to this Assembly and I want when she comes, I am requesting all Members to give her the necessary support that she needs so that she can continue going on the business of the people of Kanyenyaini. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hannah Wairimu): Hon. John Munyua.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As my colleague has said, I will still say the same and I really support the Motion that we welcome her back, we are brothers and sisters. We should be keepers of each other and that whole drama ensured that the County Assembly is independent and for sure history will judge us in a very fair manner. Any time you wrong anybody, kindly, have a heart to say sorry. It is very important, it will cost nothing. That should be the trend and once you say sorry you will be forgiven and that is done. As Hon. Gichobe Clement is requesting that their Committee not to be as active, that is what we wish all of us and as Hon. Edwin Wairagu has said, there should be nobody selling fear to any person because of this and that as we move on. Let this be the final----

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Moses Muchiri, you cannot pass there. You are out of order through the Speaker's eye.....[laughter].....

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Hon. Speaker for protecting me because for sure he would have blocked me from your contact. So, I believe we are moving in the right direction as we promised and we keep promises. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, may she come back and represent the people of Kanyenyaini the way she should be doing. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Caroline Njoroge.

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the Motion and first of all, foremost, it is to congratulate the Committee for the job well done for considering this member to this Assembly. I am a victim of such an incident in the previous Assembly and I know it hurts a lot, especially when it is done maliciously but I want to say that we all stood together and this issue brought us together and indeed we spoke in one voice. As the saying goes that when a deep injury is done to us we never recover until we forgive, personally as a Member I have forgiven that Member, she asked for forgiveness, maybe from all of us and it is indeed true that we are ready to embrace her, as a woman, I am ready for that.

It is unfortunate that this thing when it happens it affects the people that we represent and so it is good that now she has made some of us maybe learn our lesson. She has also learned in her own way and I pray that... I remember Hon. John Munyua once telling me that he would wish that this Committee be abolished, but I advised him that it is not possible because indeed we need it. This is a Committee that has its own role, it is actually acceptable and it is my hope that as members of the Committee state, we do not have such an occurrence again.

Personally, I know we are not all good we fall short of... we all are sinners as the Bible says and the best thing is to forgive one another because we just came to know each other here and we are all different. But personally, I am so glad this morning, that this Member will be back to this House and we are ready to work together. Personally, I am ready to work with her as much as I can. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hannah Wairimu): I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Gichobe Clement: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the Members that have contributed to the Motion for the support you have shown and particularly, I would want to, Madam Speaker, respond to my brother from Gitugi, Hon. Edwin Wairagu and say that, I do not think at any time arises an issue of a demi-god Committee. This committee is established by our own Standing Orders. Number two, there is a code of conduct that each and every Member of this House signed when we became MCAs and therefore, if you ever find yourselves like as I have said in a very unfortunate event, you find yourself as a guest of the Powers and Privileges Committee, it will only be because you breached your powers and privileges and that is well stipulated in the Standing Orders. Therefore, *mheshimiwa* (honourable) Edwin Wairagu, I would request that we read our powers, we understand our powers, we understand our privileges so that, going into the future, we do not have cases of breach. So that this Committee as I have requested or I have noted,

stays as idle as possible, because these are matters that are well stipulated within the law and within our Standing Orders.

Madam Speaker, this case, continued digressing and continued growing and moving since we passed that resolution in that House and there are several issues that have come out from this , that we passed, and I think like *mheshimiwa* (honourable) Caroline Njoroge has said, I think we have all had a lesson to learn. I am sure because I have spoken to this Honourable Member, *mheshimiwa* (honourable) Grace Nduta, she told me that particularly there are lessons she has learnt. I also hope that as a House, we have also taken time to learn but I must also celebrate this House for one thing; that during this hard time, Madam Speaker, this House was able to stand united, against all odds of intimidation and outside interruption. This House came out strong as a united House and this is something that I would encourage us to do going into the future. Let us ensure that once we make a decision, we stand by it and we all get united and defend our position.

Number two Madam Speaker allow me to particularly thank, I was on record one day after that Motion but particularly to thank the department of the Serjeant-At-Arms in this House because when this House was under attack by outsiders, by strangers, they showed their bravery to stand for the integrity of this House may be no one had ever noticed that but I would want to say to all Serjeant-At- Arms that I really particularly noted that they sacrificed a lot, almost their lives to ensure that the integrity of this House is preserved. That is something that we should do going forward we work as one House so that our dignity is going to be preserved and our name stands high even outside there.

Madam Speaker, I want to urge all members now to finally support this Motion so that now our sister, our colleague can come to this House and continue her representation work. I am sure even because you have noted in the Report that Hon. Grace Nduta removal from the Speakers panel, the House Business Rules Committee and the Committee on Selection stands as earlier resolved. I am sure that these are issues that are going to be resolved slowly and progressively as we go into the future but first and foremost let her come back and like Hon. Moses has said I think the best apology is change of behavior and I am sure because she is remorseful like the Committee has noted and reported in this Assembly am sure once she come back we will find a way to even incorporate her slowly into the committees that she has been suspended form and am sure our work is going to be easier and we are going to be more united . Thank you, Madam Speaker I beg all Hon. Members to support. Thank you.

(Question put and Agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Honourable members this House stands adjourned until Tuesday 10th 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 10:56 a.m.