

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Thursday, 12th November 2015

The House met at 2:34 p.m.

(First Chair Hon. Bernard Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

BURGLARY OF ASSEMBLY OFFICES

First Chair: Hon. members, it is with regret that I inform you there was an attack yesterday on the County Assembly offices at the CDM by unknown armed men; some computers were stolen the police were promptly informed.

This coming so soon after the attempted burning of the Assembly of which there has been no conclusive report, is of major concern as is the security of all members. The Speaker is very concerned about the issue and he had a meeting with the Hon. Senator.

The two have decided to take the matter to the national level and right now they are making arrangements to urgently meet the Inspector General of police and the director of Criminal Investigations Department so that this matter is diligently and independently investigated to find out the perpetrators and the aim of these attacks.

They are therefore appealing to the members, while they are free to condemn the action, to remain calm and not to make statements that may prejudice the independent investigations. Further course of action will be advised after the meeting with the Inspector General.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DEFUNCT LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Hon. Jesse Mburu: Mr. Speaker, I stand to seek 14 working days because this is a matter that happened sometime back and the CEC is trying to dig out the files and records so that we can give out a comprehensive answer to this question.

RESPONSE ON RECRUITMENT OF ECDE TEACHERS AND IMPROVEMENT OF STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

First Chair: Chair for education or a member of that committee.

(No response)

Member for Kangari you are a member of that committee.

Hon. Anderson Muchemi: Mr. Speaker, I request for seven more days to finalize on the issue. We received the response from the CEC education today. Allow us to give the response to statement in a week's time.

RESPONSE ON STATE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY IN MURANG'A COUNTY

Hon. James Kagoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the chair, the CEC has not responded to the committee in regard to that particular statement and she is requesting if we can be given seven more days.

First Chair: *(inaudible)*.....

Hon. James Kagoni: I am not sure Mr. Speaker, but it is not long ago, it is during the crisis period.

RESPONSE ON GRADING AND GRAVELLING OF KANJOYA- GITHURI ROAD

Hon. John Kiarie: Mr. Speaker, we have not received any report from the CEC but we have been informed that it is among the work being done and I will request that we be given 14 more days to respond conclusively on this matter.

(Mobile phone rung)

(Hon Anderson Muchemi rose on a point of order)

Hon. Anderson Muchemi: Is it in order for the Hon. Chief Whip to put his phone in a loud mode that is disturbing the members?

(Hon. James Kagoni rose on a point of order)

Hon James Kagoni: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the order of decorum and I am wondering whether the Chief Whip is properly dressed in regard to the kind of jacket he is wearing.

First Chair: That is a very valid point of order and in the Speaker's opinion the Chief Whip should be a role model in terms of decorum, today the Chief Whip, you have failed to be a role model in decorum and the Speaker authorizes that you go and dress properly. Thank you.

(Hon. David Kabaka walked out of the Chamber)

Chairman, what steps have you made to ensure that the statement is delivered.

Hon. John Kiarie: Mr. Speaker, we have written to the CEC and we have received confirmation that the issue will be dealt with conclusively in 14 days.

First Chair: It is important that as you resume to the committee, the chair

(Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii rose on a point of order)

First Chair: You cannot raise a point of order on the Speaker; resume your seat I will give you an opportunity to comment.

Hon Chair for transport, as you resume to the committee, make sure that this statement is delivered in good time. What was it member for Gaturi?

Hon. Rosemary Wakuthii: Is it in order for hon. Murigi to talk on phone inside the Assembly?

First Chair: That is a very valid point and I think the hon. member for Muruka is lucky that the Speaker never saw him; I would have thrown him out.

(Hon. Peter Murigi rose on a point of order)

First Chair: Let that matter rest hon. member, so that we move to the next order.

RESPONSE ON STAFF EMPLOYED IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE

Hon. Jesse Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the chairman of Governance. Hon. Samson Kago asked this question sometime back and I feel ashamed as I stand here because I do not have an answer from the County Executive Committee (CEC) member.

I have to apologise to this House because this is not a matter that should be pending for too long. I however know that the political upheavals in this county have taken a toll on the Executive as well as this Assembly. We also know that the CEC's are affected by what is happening in the county. I will try to push for an answer and I request for a period of 14 days from now. The committee will come and request for advice from the Assembly on the way forward. I will make it an Assembly matter once the committee fails.

First Chair: The time for this Assembly is catered for by the people of Murang'a and it is very serious when we do not have response to five important issues that are supposed to be deliberated on by this House.

It is upon the respective chairs and the vice-chairs to make sure that whenever they for instance commit 14 days, the response will be in the order paper. It is also important for committees to note that they have powers that they are not using. It is very sad to see that the answer to a question that was asked three months ago is not given to date.

The committee has powers to summon, invite and investigate. It is a sorry state of affairs from the answers that we are getting here. We cannot keep on singing the song that the CEC's are not responding, because you have powers to summon them.

One of the fundamental ways of doing oversight is asking the executive questions, otherwise, how else do you do oversight unless you are asking questions? It is therefore important for the chairs to note that the CEC's are not to blame; we can only blame the chairmen because they are the ones who are supposed to bring the responses here.

It is important for the chairs to take up that matter very urgently and with the seriousness that it deserves. We have not transacted any business today, except for the Speaker, who has made a communication. The rest of us are going to use the airtime of the people of Murang'a just by mere responses.

Chairs, whenever a statement is sought and you have a problematic CEC, like the one for roads, you can summon him. You should not keep on writing letters because you can summon him. There is nowhere written that you do three invitations first before you summon; that is a very wrong assumption because you should know how your CEC behaves two years down the line.

Therefore, summon him and get the answer because you have committed 14 days and you know that he gives an excuse every time you invite him. Let us stop that rhetoric of saying that the CEC's are not available because they should be available and the Assembly should get these answers. Next order.

ADJOURNMENT

First Chair: Hon. members, the House is adjourned until Tuesday next week.

The House rose at 2:50 p.m.