

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU**THE HANSARD****Thursday 27th August, 2015***Assembly Building**The House met at 2.45pm**[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****PAPER**

NAKURU COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2016/2017

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Njane): Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, pursuant to Section 123 (6) of the Public Finance Management Act, I would wish to table before this House, the Nakuru County Annual Development Plan, 2016/2017, I beg to table.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you Majority Leader, this is committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. The Chairman, Budget and Appropriations Committee should now table the Nakuru County Emergency Fund Regulations. Is he there? Or the Vice? Is there any Member of the Budget in the House? Okay, the Leader of the Majority is also a Member.

PAPER

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU EMERGENCY FUND REGULATIONS

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Njane): Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I wish to table the County Government of Nakuru Emergency Fund Regulations, I beg to table.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you Majority Leader, I commit these Regulations to the Committee on Rules, Procedures and Delegated Legislations.

Hon. Joel Maina: Mr. Temporary Speaker, there is one honourable Okelo who is a Whip in this House and he is not in decorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you honourable Karuri for that observation. And he is a Whip! This is not acceptable.

STATEMENT

HEALTH WORKERS STRIKE

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Hon. Joseph Waithaka: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I rise on Standing Order 47(2) (c) to request for a Statement from the Chairperson Committee on Labour, Gender, Youth and Social Welfare concerning the recent strike of Health workers in the County.

Honourable Temporary Speaker, the issue of strike of Health workers has become a norm in our County, the recent one being witnessed early this month. This House should be told why the County government has over time treated the matter causally leading to repeated multiple strikes almost every year.

Honorable Temporary Speaker, The important role health practitioners play in our lives cannot be gainsaid. In fact doctors and health workers are so crucial to an extent that just a day of absence of these professionals can lead to serious crisis, which more often than not leads to loss of life. I am not sure how many patients succumbed to their ailments and injuries during the strike.

Honorable Temporary Speaker; Allow me to point out that the reason health function was devolved almost 100 percent was to improve management of health facilities which had suffered severely under the management of National government. The aim was to bring the services closer to the people and make treatment more affordable to the poor. Thousands of patients who visit these facilities are economically challenged; they cannot afford private health facilities therefore these strikes exposes them to all manner of frustrations.

Honorable Temporary Speaker; the County government must be sensitive to the lives of our people. We would be interested to know the genesis of the problems bedeviling our health sector and what kind of strategies are being put in place to protect the rights of doctors and that of patient's in equal measures.

Honorable Temporary Speaker as I conclude, allow me to mention that the CEC Health was adversely mentioned in the crisis. Some of the allegations against him are worrying since are touching on his personality and ability to handle health docket. It's alleged that the CEC, Health was in Nairobi during the strike while duping the public that he travelled abroad on official duty.

To this end I ask the Chairman of the Committee of Labour to respond to the following issues:

1. What was the reason for the strike?
2. How did the CEC health handle the strike, considering that there was a dialogue between the health workers union and the ministry?
3. How many patients died as a result of the strike?
4. What is the County government and the Health management in the county doing to avert any future crisis arising from the strikes?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you honorable Waithaka and considering the importance of health services I will commit the Statement to the Sectorial Committee on Labor and Social Welfare and within the first week coming from recess we will expect that Statement to be answered, so the Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Social

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welfare, is he around? The vice Chair is around and we are giving you only four weeks to respond. Next order.

BILL

NAKURU COUNTY FINANCE BILL, BILL NO.3 OF 2015

(FIRST READING)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): I refer the Bill to the Finance Committee is the Chairman there? Hon. Gicamu.

Next order!

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Samuel Njane): Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I wish to move the Motion;-

THAT Pursuant to Standing Order no 31 (3) that this House adjourns from tomorrow the 28/08/2015 to 28/09/2015.

It is very well known that this is in line with the Assembly Calendar that was agreed and passed for Members to have a break out of the tedious work.

It is equally important that at times like these we are supposed to retreat back to the people who elected us, so that we can gather what are their wishes and their views on what we have done.

I wish to congratulate our Hon. Members because from the time we came back from the previous recess we have passed several Bills.

I would also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the KICOSCA team that had gone to Eldoret to represent us, particularly the pool and football teams that managed to bring us trophies, and this is something that we applaud as an Assembly.

I would also want to say that when we go on recess, it is not time for Members to relax as most people would think, we are also equal to the task when we get to our various wards, because as we are out on recess various Committees will still continue conducting their duties as required. So Honorable Members despite that you have a very tight schedule, you are supposed to avail your precious time so that you can participate in your various committees. It is also the high time because the Finance Bill has been committed to the Budget Committee it is well known now that we are having Finance committee as separate entity from that of Budget. Mr. Temporary Speaker today you have committed the same to the Finance Committee. It is my wish because the same is expected to undergo public participation. the committee to move out and conduct public participation so that we can be timely in rendering services to our people and particularly our traders who cannot function properly without the Finance Bill and they need to air their views

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for proper service delivery. It is my wish that you have good time as you engage with your families and electorates. I beg to move

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you Majority Leader. Any seconder?

Hon Daniel Ambale: I want to second the Motion. Without many words, it is a procedural Motion and it is time that as Members of this Assembly we adjourn for recess.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Alright, pursuant to Standing Order 31 (3), I put it to question that this House adjourns from tomorrow 28th August, 2015 to 28th September 2015 in line with the Assembly Calendar.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon Members the House stands adjourned as we proceed for recess until 28th September 2015.

(The House rose at 3.05 pm)