

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 26th April, 2016

Assembly Building

The House met at 2.40pm

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS

REPORT ON MEMBERS VISIT TO QUEBEC CANADA

Hon. Joseph Muigai: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I want to table this Report on behalf of the Members who went to Quebec Canada in October last year. I will not go through the whole Report because I am aware the Report was served to Members as they entered this House, but most important is to mention the major objective of the tour.

The main objective was to tour an Assembly that is very well established and is somewhat similar to ours to learn about the core services that hold the key to the proper functioning of an Assembly.

The Quebec parliamentary system is similar to ours, they have a unicameral Assembly, as contrasted to the Republic of Kenya where we call electoral units as wards, they call their ridings and they have 125 electoral units each represented by a Member of the Assembly.

Unlike our status here, they elect the Government from the Assembly where there are ministers appointed from various Assemblies headed by the Speaker just like here. The time we were there they were holding their elections and I can attest on behalf of my colleagues that we witnessed the National Address by the Prime Minister that morning after elections.

Just like us here, they have oversight, representation and legislative responsibilities but unlike ourselves here, where we oversight the Government, they oversight administration and just like our place they have public participation and Consultations with members of the public to ensure all the Bills that they pass are well consulted and any other deliberation.

The difference that we noted although our systems are new is that they have put a lot of effort in research, because they ensure they pass Bills and deliberations with minimal corrections and as such they invest heavily on research. They have employed researchers who do research on behalf of Members to ensure that when Members are presenting their Bills on the floor of the House, even though it might face opposition it has grounds to stand the waters.

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Our recommendation is that we set up a research and resource center at the Assembly that will hold a comprehensive body of documentation both in print and electronic format.

Foster a partnership through the ministry of education in the county to reach out to schools and educate the youth on the functions of the Assembly.

I beg to table

(The Report was laid on the Table)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you, Hon. Muigai for a paper well drafted

ADJOURNMENT

The House rose at 2.45pm