

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Thursday, 2nd March, 2023

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan), in the Chair

PRAYER

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PAPERS

Member Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to table the following paper.

(Hon. Loloju walks to table the paper)

(Hon. Loloju gets guidance from the Clerk at the Table concerning the Paper)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Joseph Loloju take you time, but we need to give attention and caution which Paper. Just read the title.

Member, Budget Committee, (Hon. Joseph Loloju): Thank you for the correction Hon. Speaker Sir. That is the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2023.

(Hon. Loloju bows and proceeds to lay the Paper on the Table)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Very well. Hon. Members, I now commit the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2023. The Public Finance Management Act, section 117 (1) states;

The County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval, and the County Treasury shall submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Assembly, by 28th February of each year.

The monies Bills have timelines. You see today is 2nd but it was supposed to have been tabled by 28th. Never the less we are about two days, so we are within the timelines. For the purpose of understanding for those of us who are new, money Bills are guided by timeframe. Some times when you go like a week or two weeks without observing, it becomes obsolete. It's not acceptable. And it has huge repercussions when it is budgetary issue. That is why it is important that we observe the financial cycle. It is now my pleasure to commit the document as directed by our Standing Orders to the Committee on Budget and it is so directed. Thank you.

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STATEMENTS

Response for Statements

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): It is notified that following statements are due for response today Thursday 2nd March, 2023 at 2:30 PM Pursuant to Standing Orders 45 (c);

- a) Statement number 013/2023 from Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training regarding the status of the disbursement of bursary for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and the recent appointment of Bursary Coordinator by HE Governor, requested by Hon. Lemartile Francis MCA Wamba West
- b) Statement number 017/2022 from Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development regarding the enactment of the Community Land Act of 21st Septemeber,2016 and its regulation on 2017.

Member Committee on Education and Vocational Training, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir and Members. I have not yet received the statement response, thank you Sir.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Hon. Member I know you are representing the Committee, but I wish you could give the House the day and the time when the statement response shall be availed to the House otherwise we shall pronounce differently.

Member, Committee on Education and Vocational Training, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): On behalf of our Committee Chairperson who is out of the Country on official duty as well as the Vice-Chairperson kindly allow us to avail the statement response on Thursday 9th March, 2023 at 2:30 PM.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Lemartile Francis, is that okay.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Mr. Speaker, this statement is overdue and I see that the Committee is not serious; it is not the Committee that does give the response

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but rather the Chairperson is supposed to only take present the statement to the Department concerned. If the Chairperson is not around then he should delegate to any Committee member to follow up on the response from the Department.

Mr. Speaker please help the House so that the Committee gives the correct date of availing the correct statement response, thank you.

MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward, (Hon. Leshimpiro Paul): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the Committee on Education is not serious with the Statement. They seem not to know the gravity of the question that they were asked. Up to date no bursary has been issued to our students. Yesterday, the students and teachers were here and informed us that they will chase all the students home tomorrow. The Committee is yet to give us the Statement. We were not asking the Committee to give us the answer, they were just supposed to collect the information and give us as they have answered.

Probably, the Committee is not aware whether there is that response, we are not sure whether they took back the questions and the concerns we had added on that Statement. We are not sure if it reached the department or not. We wish to seek your direction Mr. Speaker if at all by Thursday they will not produce that response, if not we seek a possible *Ad Hoc* Committee because there is a lot to be understood in this Department. We do not have bad intentions but wish to see good things happen in our Department. We are only seeking Statements so that we may improve service delivery to our people.

We ask the Committee to understand the gravity of the Statement and come Thursday this may resolve to the formation of an *Ad Hoc* Committee, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Most obliged Hon. Leshimpiro. Hon. Silapia

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to echo the sentiments of the Hon. Members who spoke before me. Looking at that Statement, it is almost four months since the Honorable Member for Wamba West sought that Statement; it seems that

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the Committee on Education is just another white elephant in the House. Mr. Speaker with your...

(Point of Order by Hon. Loloju)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): What is your point of Order Hon. Member?

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Yes. Mr. Speaker. I think the Hon. Member standing here ought to withdraw her Statement. That language is very rude. Consequently, she should not only withdraw it but be given marching orders. We are not white elephant. Does she even understand English? What is a white elephant?

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): I have captured your and request the Hon. Member to use Parliamentary language in the House with a lot of decorum on how we engage each other, the Member will withdraw. Take your seat.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I only ask that the Member stands up and explain from her own point of view and explain what a white elephant is. Do not use words that you do not know the meaning.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Joseph Loloju please take your seat. Hon. Silapia will apologize and withdraw. It is not parliamentary.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I withdraw with an apology. I want the Hon. Member to understand that I do not mean any bad thing on the Education Committee. I meant that they are not doing anything. It is almost two months without a response. It is only that you look like that, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): You are repeating yourself.

(Point of Order by Hon. Loloju)

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Mr. Speaker protect me.

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Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Take your seats. This is not how we will debate and it is my direction.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Mr. Speaker, let the Hon. Member...

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Please take your seat. Let us debate with decorum and use parliamentary language...

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): I wish to give the direction that the statement sought was presented to the house, only that the member and the house called for more information. This statement has never taken too much, for your information. We redirected the question because actually the facts were not sufficient and not convincing to the members. So it is also not prudent to give wrong information. This not the first statement. This statement was re-asked. Let us not use hard language and belittle one another. It is our primary objective to keep the executive on their toes.

Had it been the committee working on that we would have said “they are sleeping on their job.” But because we want them to pull up their socks and we want this matter to rest, I ask the honorable Members, particularly Hon. Lemartile, that our secretariat...you know maybe the chairman was not prepared because they are somewhere, we all know where our other members are and maybe for that reason he did not foresee. I’m not really defending but what I am saying is let us now have, and I direct that this statement should be tabled in this house on the 9th of March 2023 at 2:30 pm, failure to which we might recall Hon. Leshimpiro away, which is not good. So the committee, our secretariat, please take caution on this directive and let’s be serious in our work lest we are pronounced otherwise. Thank you. I have put that matter to rest and now I wish to ask for statement number 17/2022, from the Chairperson for committee on Lands.

MCA Poro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Tulikuwa tumeandikia wizara na bado hatujapata majibu. Kwa hivyo naomba kuwasilisha majibu hayo 9th March 2023, 2:30pm.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Who is the originator of the statement because I cannot see Hon. Lenamparasio who is not present with us. Who else is in Lands committee? I
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see the Chairman. Please chairman we respect all Committees. This House will not work if our Committees are silent. They say when you see Committees working, Parliament is working. That is the only parameter that can show that Parliament is pro-active.

With the permission and humble acceptance of the honorable member who sought the statement, we will expect the statement to be tabled on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 2:30pm. Our secretariat please take note and I urge you inform the particular Chairperson of the Committee that we need this statement as directed. Let us be active. Somebody might have some facts but decorum calls for respect. Otherwise honorable members we will expect this statement as directed. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Honorable Members, the time being one minute past four O'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 7th March, 2023 at 2:30 PM.