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THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 17th June, 2020

*The House met at the Assembly Chambers
County Assembly Buildings, at 2.35 p.m.*

[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING
TUESDAY 23RD JUNE, 2020

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): We have some new statements. The first one is---- you want to read the itinerary of the House Business Committee?

Hon. Ahmed Rashid (Gither): Yes. Pursuant to the Standing Order 44 (2) (a), I want to lay the following businesses which was slot by House Business Committee (HBC) on 16th June, 2020 regarding the business of the House commencing Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020;

1. Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020 at 2:30 p.m., Notice of Motion on Progress Report of Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 activities in the county.
2. Wednesday, 24th June, 2020 at 2:30 pm, Motion on Progress Report of Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 activities in the county

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Leader of Majority, anything to say?

Hon. Abdi Adan (Neboi): Thank, you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I do not have much to say. I want to welcome back Members. The situation of COVID-19 in the country is going up but in our county things are not bad. Yesterday, 17 people who were in Isolation Centres were released. I think the situation in our county is improving and we pray things will go smoothly.

I wanted to tell honorable members that tomorrow there will be Leaders Consultative Meeting that is going to take place in Mandera. There have been discussions of leaders in this County spearheaded by H. E the Governor which has been taking place in Nairobi and the same is now coming to the ground. We as leaders are invited to be in that meeting. That is what I wanted to pass. There are also other arrangements. Minority Leader and I are going to communicate to the members in due course.

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Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): We go to the new statements. The first one is to be delivered by me but Hon. Ahmed Rashid will deliver it on my behalf.

DEPLORABLE STATE OF LIBEHIA-B9 ROAD

Hon. Ahmed Rashid (Gither): This is a statement on behalf of Hon. Farah Abdi, Member representing Libehia Ward.

Pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order 44 (2) (c), I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson of Roads, Public Works and Transport Committee as follows;

1. Whether the department is aware that the road between Libehia junction and B9 roads are cut off due to the recent flooding in the area?
2. What plan does the department have to address the above if any?

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for Roads, Honorable Abdiaziz.

Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat (Arabia): We will respond in three weeks' time.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Is it not possible to make it two weeks because it is a direct question?

Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat (Arabia): There are some other statements pending with us. It is good to give us ample time to respond.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): It is ok. We go to the next statement by Honorable Yussuf Maalim Dakane to the Committee on Health Services.

Hon. Shaaban Hassan (Ashabito): Last week I promised this House that we will bring an updated response on this. After consultation with the office of the clerk, all this information will be captured in the progressive report which will be presented by the Ad Hoc Committee on Covid-19 next week.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): I hope the Ad Hoc Committee report will be ready by next week. If this information will be captured there is no need to respond now. We go to the next statement by Honorable Dakane Rafat of Khalalio ward to the Finance and Economic Planning Committee, chair for Finance Honorable Abdirahman.

Hon. Abdirahman Alio (Banisa): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We received the response but the committee is yet to discuss, we will discuss and respond next week.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Have you received the response from the department?

Hon. Abdirahman Alio (Banisa): Yes.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): So it will be ready by next week?

Hon. Abdirahman Alio (Banisa): Yes.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): We go to the next statement by Honorable Adan Maalim Abdullahi to the Committee on Finance. Hon. Abdirahman, there is another statement pending with you.

Hon. Abdirahman Alio (Banisa): Mr. Deputy Speaker, we discussed the statement and we have written a letter to the department. It has been called back by the Assembly secretariat considering that the case is before a court. We were advised to retrieve it.

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Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Adan.

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I am not satisfied with the response given. Do we have a document that shows there is a court case affecting the statement I raised?

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Members, personally I am not sure whether we have received an official document from the court but still we will find out if this issue is before the court. We will give a clear ruling by next week but first we have to confirm whether we have received any communication from the court. I have made a ruling on that one, what do you want to say. You want to talk about this one?

Hon. Ahmed Gabnan (Waranqara): Yes, please

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): No, we have made a ruling. Clerk, Next Order!

Hon. Ahmed Gabnan (Waranqara): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have an issue relating to statement. Sometimes back, almost a year ago, there was statement I raised regarding illegal occupation of public land at Barwaqo location. The Speaker ruled that it has taken some time and ordered the committee to do a report on the same. The committee never shared with us any progress report and how that issue ended so far. Kindly, we need to hear the chairperson of lands and we are hearing a new development that even there is a plan to build permanent structures there. This is a matter of public interest. We would like the chairlady to tell us why she has taken over a year to bring a report to this House.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair lands.

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I think it is not our fault to delay the report. The report is ready. What is delaying us is that we have written a letter to the County Commissioner for site visit because you cannot just write a report and you have not seen the site. So, the County Commissioner has not yet responded and I just want to write a reminder and if he does not respond, we will just compile the report and present it to the House.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Rafat.

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this chance. The issue of this land which is being addressing by Hon. Gabnan is in the Senate. We want the Committee on Land to make sure that the report is brought to this House both from the Senate and also the County so that those people get justice.

Thank you.

Hon. Ahmed Gabnan (Waranqara): Mr. Deputy Speaker, before you give direction, this issue of County Commissioner has gone for quite some time now and I have seen some contradiction in the statement made by the chairlady because she is saying the report is ready and at the same time she said we are about to start. Which is which now? We need the correct information to be provided to this House because it has taken more than a year since that statement was raised. If they have failed to get certain information and they got some, what interest will we have after two years? This is the second year since that statement was raised. Let the committee not take this matter lightly. There is new development on that land. These people

have even gone to the extent of building permanent structures. So, the committee should take this matter seriously and we humbly request your office also to support us in this matter.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): I think this statement is not with us right now and we cannot discuss it further. Honorable chair for land that complain still exist and the issue of land is always very sensitive. Please fast track your report and bring it to the House as soon as possible.

Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you, honorable Members. We are now coming to the end of our sitting, we therefore adjourn the House to next week Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.