

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on Tuesday, 14th February 2023 at 2:36PM

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi) in Chair

PRAYER

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Sergeant At Arms kindly ring the quorum bell.

(Quorum bell rung)

Clerk!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SPEAKER'S RULING ON STATE OF HEALTH SECTOR IN BARINGO

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Members we had deliberations in the morning session and expressed their views and a lot of issues arose. I hereby exercise my discretion under standing order number 1 and direct as follows;

Regarding the state of health sector in Baringo County, I direct the Committee for Health Services to visit Baringo County referral hospital, and have a meeting with the Members of the County Assembly and any other relevant persons and table before this House a report on the 28th of February 2022, this will enable this House to ventilate on the issue of the state of the health sector in Baringo County.

On the second issue of the use of equipment, this is an issue has been raised several times and I hereby exercise by discretion under standing order number 1 and direct that the Committee for Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure work together with the committee for Water, Irrigation and Sanitation Services as per Standing Order 188 which states that, two committees of the House considering similar matters may with the approval of the Speaker hold joint sittings.

I so direct that the committee for Water, Irrigation and Sanitation Services and the Committee for Transport Public Works and Infrastructure to consider the issues that was raised by the Members. Have a meeting with all the Members affected by the said machineries, visit the relevant departments and table a report to this House on the 1st of March 2023.

Hon. Members unless there is any reaction, I can only allow two members to contribute. Yes Hon. Sitei

Hon. Sitei: Mr. Speaker I realized that when you gave your communication for the Health Services Committee to visit the facility, none of the Members of the Committee on Health Services was present but I am happy one Member has just entered.

Mr. Speaker, I wish that you also allow some few Members of this House to accompany them to that facility noting that these Members visited that facility some time back and gave a clean bill of health. Mr. Speaker we really doubt if they go back they will give us the factual and the actual situation. Thank you.

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The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Maybe I can allow one more contribution on the same, yes Hon. Tarus.

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Hon. Speaker. On the health issue we actually need to do something because what is happening in our health facilities and not necessarily the Baringo County referral hospital, we also need the health committee to be serious on the health issues.

At times you will see some clips on social media and you wonder why we are sleeping on the job, our residents are visiting these facilities and they are told to buy even the simplest medicine in the pharmacies in town.

I support what Hon. Sitoi has said that we need at least two or three members to accompany these Members but not to this facility alone but also to the Sub-Counties, go to Chemolingot, Mogotio and Eldama Ravine so that we ascertain what is happening in this facilities Mr. Speaker.

At the end of the day, the same people who are visiting these facilities are suffering and we are the ones who go for fund raisings to assist these people. I request that we have few Members and maybe per Sub-County so that we can be able to have good representation and a good report. Than you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Because it is still a weighty issue I can still allow two more. Yes Hon. Kiprono.

Hon. Kiprono: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the issue of health as Hon. Sitoi said I think it is time for the Committee to wake up and I believe that as the Member has said, they will give us nothing more, we want to give them some time because I believe they are equal to the task and given a chance they will do something. As Members what we do is to assist them in our Sub-counties and maybe in our Wards if there are issues so that we can also help them come up with good resolutions. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Members, I am tempted to agree with Hon. Sitoi and Hon. Tarus and I hereby issue a corrigendum to my earlier ruling and directions that in addition to the Health Services Committee, each and every sub-county to meet, the members of every Sub-County caucus to meet and agree on one extra person who is not a member of the Health Services Committee and to be coopted in that Committee.

As a sign of good will I would like the Members to give us a progressive report if they will not have been able to finalize their report, they give us a progress report on 28th February 2023 and so that there will be no issue about when the sub-county caucuses will meet I direct that immediately after this sitting the members of the sub-county caucuses who are here to meet and elect one person or nominate and the name be forwarded to the office of the Clerk before close of business today.

The Health Services Committee together with the said members to start the work immediately soonest if possible even tomorrow to have their first sitting and we expect to have your first report on the 28th of February and so that there is no doubt on whether...I would like to call upon Members that we expect you to give us a progressive report and I am invoking standing orders 181 to admit the said Members to the Health Services Committee. Hon. Members everybody is

watching and they want to see what the committee and the Baringo County Assembly want to say on the state of health in Baringo County.

Next order!

PAPERS

The following papers were laid by Hon. Kiprono;

The Baringo County Micro and Small Enterprises Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2022.

(Hon. Kiprono lays the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Members, I direct that the said report to be committed to the Committee on Finance and Economic planning and I expect them to analyze the report and give us their findings within the shortest time possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The House stands Adjourned until tomorrow at 9:30AM.

The House rose at 2:57 PM.