

**KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

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*(The House met at 2.30 pm)*

*[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Welcome honorable members to this afternoon session after the long recess. Order number one!

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Honorable members, we have a communication from the chairperson in charge Budget and Appropriation Committee requesting members of the committee to go through the schedules in the programs of their wards in the Budget.

The Chairperson Education Committee is requesting the honorable members to come up with the list for the bursary so that they can be cleared with the bursary board committee at the headquarters. Thank you.

**STATEMENTS**

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Honorable members, we have just come from the long recess and I know most of us here are planning to vie for various seats during the 2022 general election. I want to give chance to two or three members so that we welcome each other from the long recess. The honorable member from Chemosot!

**Hon. William Soi (Member for Chemosot Ward):** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I want to welcome back the honorable members after the long recess. I also want to thank God for wiping out the Corona Virus which had terrorized us. I am also happy because we have stayed for five years together without any problem. As we go out now for our various campaigns in our various wards I am praying for each and every one to have a peaceful campaign and I pray for all of us to come back to this House again. Thank you for the cooperation that we have had all this time and as we go out each and every one is happy. Thank you honorable Speaker for giving us this chance so that we express our gratitude. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Thank you. Honorable Cheruiyot Bett!

**Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Member for Ainamoi Ward):** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving an opportunity to also join my colleagues in welcoming members to the sixth session of the County Assembly. It has been long since we were here. The whole of December and January we were at home and that is why today we are very fresh. I want to appeal to all the Honorable members that we may not have any other recess because I think the other recess that is coming shall be from June to the time the general election will be done. I hope we will have a fruitful discussion, deal with the issues that we didn't finish during those other sessions and more importantly is the campaign season that is beginning from tomorrow after civil servants have resigned. I want to believe that we will have a peaceful campaign period. Important also is the communication that you made that we have not received the bursary list that we were told by the

department to first go and clean the list before they are forwarded to the County Bursary Management Board. It is my appeal that we speed up the process so that our learners get what is rightfully theirs because they are currently facing a lot of challenges in terms payment of school fees. I want to urge the honorable members that we speed up. Remember the deadline was Friday but we extended it to tomorrow so let's inform our committee members. I also want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of us success as we go back to seek fresh mandate from the people. I wish you well, I know you have done a lot in your wards and it's my believe, although I know it's next to impossible, that the entire 47 of us makes it to the County Assembly this year. I know it's impossible but we pray to each and every one of us that whoever gets the chance comes and represent the people well. Thank you Mr. Speaker for granting me an opportunity to speak on behalf of the people of Ainamoi.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Thank you Honorable Cheruiyot Bett, honorable Grace Betty?

**Hon. Grace Betty Koech (Nominated Member representing Women):** Thank you honorable Speaker for giving me an opportunity to rise and make some few observations. First I really want to thank God for keeping all of us safe while we were out on recess for the last two months. Secondly I want to say that this is a campaign season, a very serious one and I am making a prayer to each and every one of us. I don't want to repeat what the others have said, my prayer to this honorable members those who are in as we go out to align ourselves now to our preferred candidates. Let us do this peacefully as other previous speakers have requested, that as we realign ourselves to preferred candidates let's do it peacefully, seamlessly and lets also request our bloggers and our supporters wherever they are both who are online and those supporting us physically to sell our agendas peacefully and name calling will not assist us. As I conclude, I want to thank God for giving us this opportunity, it is our prayer that this time many ladies will be elected because this time those of who were representing the women, it is very unfortunate that we are leaving this House having done nothing, no budgetary allocation, nothing being

assigned to the women! Mr. Speaker protect me! Otherwise I want to say thank you very much and I want to wish all the honorable members success including honorable member for Ainamoi.

**Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Member for Ainamoi Ward):** Point of Order!

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Yes Hon. Cheruiyot Bett!

**Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Member for Ainamoi Ward):** In fact the honorable member is misleading because you are member of County Assembly and you know what we have done to the women of this county you! You know it for a fact so the honorable by purporting that we have done nothing you know the word nothing Mr. Speaker!

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Thank you Hon. Cheruiyot Bett. Actually Hon. Grace Betty, you know that when we do our budget in Kericho County especially when it comes to bursaries, roads, health, it touches all women, men and also our children so it cuts across. Maybe you should have said you were not allocated some percentage to your side but not nothing, you withdraw that word nothing.

**Hon. Grace Betty Koech (Nominated Member representing Women):** Ok. Honorable Speaker sir, my point was on gender mainstreaming. When I say there was no budgetary allocation for gender mainstreaming, that is what I meant. I am not saying that there was no budgetary allocation. All the budgetary allocation were done on roads, water, hospitals and all that touches on them, but there was no allocation specifically to tackle their issues and to improve on their areas! That is what I meant otherwise I didn't mean to hurt anybody.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Honorable member the only word that I want you to withdraw is the word nothing.

**Hon. Grace Betty Koech (Nominated Member representing Women):** Okay. I withdraw the word nothing but I am saying specially improving their businesses and on their lives.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Thank you honorable Grace Betty now I am getting you clearly. Honorable members I'm seeing that may be we were warming this House. You know it has been so long since we met and you know that actually we are feeling that the nomination period will come and we need also to exercise as you talk to your various electorates. At least this is the place also where you practice well. So I want to thank you all honorable members for actually welcoming each and every one to this House after the long recess.

*(Adjournment)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto, Member for Soin Ward):** Since we don't have any other business, this House stands adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9:30am. Thank you.

*(The house rose at 3:10pm)*