

KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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(The House met at 2.30 p .m.)

[Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Good afternoon honorable members, welcome to this afternoon session.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Honorable members I have a number of communications to make. One, we have received the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP) from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Finance and Economic Planning. I commit this report to the Budget and Appropriation Committee to have a look at it and make a report within the set timelines.

Secondly, we have received the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for Financial Year 2023/2024 from the CECM Finance and Economic Planning. I commit this to the Budget and Appropriation Committee to have a look at it and make a report on the same.

Thirdly, we have received Finance Bill for the year 2022. I commit this to the Finance and Economic Planning Committee to have a look at it and report back to this House.

Lastly, this morning the County Assembly Service Board held a meeting and approved Lap Trust as our pension scheme for this Financial Year. Thank you.

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Honorable members, we have two statements by Hon. Mathew Korir and Hon. Paul Chirchir.

STATEMENT BY HONORABLE PAUL CHIRCHIR

Hon. Paul Chirchir (Member for Kapsoit Ward): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to table the following statement;

Pursuant to Section 9 of the County Governments Act, 2012 and the Kericho County Assembly Standing Orders no. 48(1), I wish to seek a statement from the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the following issues;

- a) The number of Cooperative Societies in Kericho County
- b) The number of Dairy Cooperative Societies in Kericho County
- c) The average number of liters of milk collected from farmers by the Dairy Cooperatives Societies per day

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Thank you Hon. Paul Chirchir, I now invite the Chairperson for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee to come and tell us how many days he requires to come and give us the response.

Hon. Julius Siele (Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee, Member for Waldai Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First, I want to thank my electorates who gave me the mandate to represent them in the third County Assembly of Kericho.

Secondly, I want to thank the members who gave me the mandate to chair the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, thank you for the trust you have in me. I will do all my best to serve the entire Kericho County. Concerning the statement raised by Hon. Chirchir, I request to be given fourteen days to reply to the issues raised. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Thank you Chairperson for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee. Hon. Paul Chirchir please note that the chairperson has asked for fourteen days to respond to this and I am aware that this one must be sent to the County Executive to seek for answers. We expect you to table the report within the next fourteen days. The other statement is by honorable Mathew Korir. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY HONOURABLE MATHEW KORIR

Hon. Mathew Korir (Member for Chaik Ward): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for this opportunity;

Pursuant to Section 9 of the County Government Act, 2012 and the Kericho County Assembly Standing Order no. 48(1), I wish to seek a statement from the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the following issues;

- a) The number of machines being used by Multinational Companies in Kericho County
- b) The number of employees before the introduction of machines and the number retained to work as tea pluckers in the said Multinational Companies
- c) Total amount paid in terms of rates to Kericho County
- d) The current cost of hand plucking per kilo verses the cost incurred using the machine
- e) The risks arising as a result of using machines and measures to mitigate the risk

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Thank you Hon. Mathew Korir, I want to make a clarification from the first statement that was raised by Hon. Paul Chirchir, on the matter that touches on the Cooperative Societies, from the issues raised in the statement I think it should be on the Committee on Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife. I am sorry to honorable

Siele who had already made a commitment to his committee about the issue. What is it Hon. Matthew Korir!

Hon. Mathew Korir (Member for Chaik Ward): Point of Information!

Hon. Mathew Korir (Member for Chaik Ward): Mr. Speaker on the statement raised by Hon. Paul Chirchir, I think it affects two Committees because Dairy Farming falls under the committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Societies falls under the Committee on Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife, so in my opinion the two committees should work together and give us answers on the same. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Okay, Hon. Matthew I am not disputing this but the statement is seeking answers from the committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the Hon. Paul Chirchir, please clarify this.

Hon. Paul Chirchir (Member for Kapsoit Ward): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, in your wisdom I have seen that you intend to ask the two committees, that is the committee on Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife and the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries to sit together and respond to the statement that I have raised and I think it's wise that the two Committees sit together. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Thank you Hon. Paul Chirchir, this is a matter that touches on both the Committees on Agriculture and Cooperatives and also from here it will go to CEC Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperatives fall under that docket. I therefore direct that the two committees affected to dispense on the matter within the next fourteen days. I don't think the chairperson for Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Committee need to comment because the Chairperson for Agriculture has already done so. On whether you will sit together or do it differently in your respective committees is up to you. I hereby commit this statement to the two committees.

On the other statement raised by the Hon. Matthew Korir, a number of issues have been raised as you all can see; we have the number of machines being used by Multinational Companies in Kericho County. The number of employees before the introduction of machines and the number retained to work as tea pluckers in the said Multinational Companies, total amount paid in terms of rates to Kericho County, the current cost of hand plucking per kilo verses the cost incurred using the machine, the risks arising as a result of using machines and measures to mitigate the risk. I commit this to the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. Thank you, those were the two statements that we had today. Hon. Matthew Korir!

Hon. Matthew Korir (Member for Chaik Ward): Mr. Speaker sir, about the statement I have raised, I think it's wise that the committee concerned tells us how much duration they need to give us the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Thank you Hon. Mathew, the timeline remains fourteen days, the chairperson of the committee kindly take note of that, thank you.

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dr. Patrick Mutai): Honorable members in our last sitting we approved the House Calendar, we are now going on a short recess and we shall be back after ten days. There being no other business this House stands adjourned until 8th November 2022 at 9:30am. Thank you.

(The House rose at 2:45pm)