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*(The House met at 2.30 p .m.)*

*[Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Let's proceed!

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Honorable members we have received communication from the CEC Education Culture and Social services and Ag CEC Public Service Management requesting for a meeting with the Committee on Governance, Labour and Social Services and Committee on Information, Communication Youth Affairs and E-Government. This is to request for a meeting with the above mentioned committees to discuss the way forward concerning recruitment of Security wardens. We propose that we meet on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February as from 10.00A.m.

Honorable members we have also received communication from the CEC Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Ag. CEC Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative management, Tourism and Wildlife. This is with respect to Kericho Farmers Expo and Trade Fair.

So the contents are, Remington Africa is a stakeholder in Agricultural sector value chains and is spearheading the Kericho Farmers Expo and Trade Fair with other key stakeholder in the sector.

The Expo will be held at Londiani Stadium on Thursday, 20th February, 2020 starting from 10:00am to 4:00 pm.

The main objective of the Expo is to mobilize key stakeholders in agricultural value chain and create linkages with the farmers. By so doing, it will create opportunities for farmers to advance discussions with experts with a view to better commercialize their enterprises through sustainable agricultural production.

The purpose of this letter is to bring the same to your attention and invite you and Members of County Assembly to attend the said occasion.

Next Order!

**MOTION BY HON. MAJORITY LEADER: “THE THANKS  
OF THE ASSEMBLY RECORDED FOR EXPOSITION OF  
PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS BY H.E THE  
GOVERNOR”**

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Hon. Majority Leader!

**Hon. Kassim Rashid (Deputy Majority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I would like to table a motion that pertains to The thanks of the Assembly recorded for exposition of the public policy contained in the address by His Excellency the Governor. Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Thank you. Who is seconding the motion?

**Hon. Kassim Rashid (Deputy Majority Leader):** Chief Whip!

*(Hon. Gilbert Ngetich bows in secondment)*

*(Question proposed)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Anyone who wants to give thanks? Chief Whip!

**Hon. Gilbert Ngetich:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. It could be a privilege also to give a speech after starting the fourth session representing the people of Kisiara Ward. Having seconded the particular motion I was also of the opinion that we give our comments as honorable members pertaining the speech. There are some areas which have been highlighted here and we were actually impressed by the speech. However there are some things which I also want to inquire and give a reservation pertaining page 9 paragraph 3 which reads, “To cater for the growing demand for the affordable dialysis services, we have expanded the renal unit at Kericho County Referral Hospital by additional five beds bringing the total number of dialysis beds to nine. Three of such machines have also been installed at the Kapkatet Hospital”

So my reservation really goes to this particular side because throughout the speech of the Governor we have a dialysis wing at Kapkatet. May be we should inquire through the committee and the department concerned because this words from the Governor, is it what is really happening? So in the mind of the Governor we have a dialysis unit yet at the ground we don’t have, could be it is me to inquire from the department whether this is true or it is coming.

Mr. Speaker there is also this ECDE teachers that is page 11 paragraph 3, it reads,

“We have also transformed Early Childhood Education (ECDE) through recruitment, which is okay. There is this Competence Based Curriculum (CBC) training for teachers, am of the information that the teachers were not trained they just met to propose to have a training. ECDE teacher across the county are not trained as we talk but I am really lamenting in the side of the materials that is the books. For the training, I also have a reservation there because the training has not yet been done and could be to inquire from the relevant department also on whether this has been done and what plans they have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Thank you, anyone else? The Hon. William Soi!

**Hon. William Soi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I would like to highlight some points which has made me happy in this speech. This is a very beautiful speech and I

concur with the Majority Leader and our Whip on what he pointed out. What made me rejoice and happy also is about the tea sector. We had a problem last time because the bonus prices were down but here I am seeing that the problem will be solved. So I am rejoicing and welcoming this speech made by our governor. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Thank you, anyone else? Can I ask the Hon Alex Bett!

**Hon. Alex Bett:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker for also giving me an opportunity to contribute to the speech that was made by his Excellency the Governor. I think the speech was balanced and it touched a lot on the development and especially on the common *mwana*inchi. Mr. Speaker there is only one area which I thought it was a bit exaggerated especially when he talked about other counties coming to Kericho to benchmark on revenue collection and Mr. Speaker I beg to differ with that. This is because so far, there is nothing much to celebrate as far as our revenue collection is concerned. We see a lot of loop holes we see a lot of laxity as far as revenue collection is concerned. Maybe when he talked about other counties to bench mark I think he referred to maybe only Kericho town but if you expand the network to other places like the town in my ward, Litein, there is very little that is being done to collect that revenue. One area is that when you go there you find that there are a lot of vehicles that are in that town but there is not much effort that the county government has done as far as collecting revenue that those vehicles are supposed to be paying. For example is that a big town like Litein up to this time since independence so many years almost sixty years after independence we don't have a bus station and Litein is a municipality equal to Kericho and when we talk of Kericho County being ahead of other counties as far as revenue collection is concerned? I think that one I beg to differ especially being the chairman of Finance and Economic Planning so what I would want to urge the executive is to continue in streamlining our revenue collection especially when we talk about automation we have been putting a lot of money to strengthen automation but so far we don't see what is going on as far as this automation is concerned. One example is that if you go outside there today and even see how the people who are supposed to be collecting revenue are doing it, I think we have a long way to go otherwise the speech was good though as Majority

Whip has said some of the areas which he mentioned I think are those which need to be relooked into. He also touched on a water project that is touching us especially the people of Bureti. One Kipkobob water project, I think the Governor talked about one of the major areas that has invested on water is Kipkobob. So what we are waiting to see especially on the budget when budget will be discussed is that those areas are also majored into especially on the issue of finance. Otherwise Mr. Speaker, I wish also to thank the Governor for finding time to come and interact with us and also give us a state of the economy in our county. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Thank you, the Honorable Grace Koech!

**Hon. Grace Betty Koech:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to come and contribute on The Governor's speech. I would want to join my colleagues by appreciating this speech because it highlighted some of the developmental areas which inform the agenda of this county. So Mr. Speaker allow me to make some observations, however I have some reservations in some areas. On page nine the part where Chief Whip had raised a concern, "on the County Referral Hospital, we have the expansion of the renal unit which has been done and the expansion has been done by the addition of five beds bringing the number of dialysis beds to nine" Mr. Speaker and honorable members, the number of beds in the renal unit are four and not nine. So this one raises a concern may be the committee on health can check whether the beds and machines were added, where are they?

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, the part of the training of ECDE teachers, on this part I'm happy that the Chief Whip confirmed that no training was done, so the same I would to say if at all the training was done could we be served with the content of the training and who the facilitators were, because may be they could have done without us knowing. So if this training was done could we be made to know the content of training and how many days these teachers were trained. Because honorable members when we talk of ECDE this is an area that is very crucial. Our teachers this is a new area, teachers need to be trained and supported .they need to be trained and retrained because it is an ongoing process. Even primary teachers have undertaken a very

intensive training which they do every holiday so it cannot be one day's work it has to be continuous training

Lastly the support these teachers are being given for them to continue, otherwise I want to say thank you and let's continue and endeavor to ensure that whatever being spoken is in place.

Thank you very much.

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Thank you, can I ask if there is anyone else? Hon Philip Rono!

**Hon. Philip Rono:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I don't want to comment very much about the speech of the Governor but from the look of things Mr. Speaker it seems there some people who might be misleading his excellence the governor. When you see him giving speech which is not true tells us much about the kind of officers we have Mr. Speaker. It's my request we've seen Hon. Betty and Hon. Majority Whip raising the issue concerning dialysis bed, and if it's true these people might be misleading His Excellency the Governor. I think we need to take action against them. So it's my request that the Committee on Health should move in very fast to check on the status of this equipment and the beds so that we can know the next course of action to take against the health officer's .Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Thank you, Deputy Majority Leader, you can reply and you can wrap it up.

**Hon. Kassim Rashid (Deputy Majority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to appreciate the Honorable Members on the various observations made and as a request to the committee responsible I would kindly ask them to expedite and follow up on the matter and kindly give back the report to this House. That said Mr. Speaker I would like to thank this Honorable house for the opportunity, thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Adjournment)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** So Honorable members that being the case, we rise and will resume tomorrow in the morning thank you.

*(The House rose at 3.03 pm)*

*(Adjournment)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):** Thank you Members. The house stands adjourned until 2:30pm.

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*(The House rose at 9.33am)*