



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI**  
**SECOND ASSEMBLY –THIRD SESSION**

**THE HANSARD**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,  
Malindi Town, at 9:30 a.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**FAILURE TO ATTEND SITTINGS**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, I want to bring to your attention that there is a rule that requires you to attend eight consecutive sittings. If you fail to attend the eight consecutive sittings and a Petition is brought against you, you are likely to lose your seat.

Kindly remind our colleagues. I know you know them. Apparently that rule does not apply to the Speaker. It applies to you.

Members, you stand a risk of ceasing being a Member of the County Assembly and there is no defense because I have not received any letter from any Member saying that he or she intends to be away for a specified period.

Members, that is why if you are travelling even on personal business outside the country or if you want to be away, the requirement is that you should notify the Office of the Speaker so that should a Petition be lodged against you, that letter will be able to save you. Right now for the Members who have not been coming, tell them to break the silence before the long recess.

Members, I am saying so because I know there is a risk and remember your competitors outside there are wishing to come here at any given opportunity. Any slightest opportunity given to them they will want to come. Members, if I do not have a letter from you indicating that you are either unwell, have travelled on personal business or are engaged in private affairs, then I will not be able to defend you or your seat. This is an issue and you will have to go.

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I am not saying you should not be away; you can be away but notify the Office of the Speaker because it is not my rule. It is a rule that governs this House. I wanted to bring that to your attention. I have heard there are people who want to bring Petitions because they have noticed there are MCAs not attending sessions. I want to make it very clear that you will be surprised you have no defense and you will go home for no reason.

We do not want further by-elections because of non-attendance in the Chamber. Trust me, if that Petition is lodged, count on me you will still go home because in the absence of a letter from the Speaker's Office to show that you are engaged, then I can't help you.

#### FRIENDLY MATCH BETWEEN MCAS AND STAFF MEMBERS

I wish to communicate to you that today at 3:30 p.m. we will be having matches with the staff against MCAs and that is for football. Members, we do not have much Business today. I can assure you we will finish early.

Mine is to communicate formally that at 3:30 p.m. the games will kick off. For those who have just come from honey moon, hon. Mumba...

*(Laughter)*

You are most welcome back. We require you in the field at 3:30 p.m. I hope you still have some energy left. That applies to Members and staff who play football. I am informed the other disciplines may not have that quorum for MCAs and staff.

I want to bring to your attention that every Tuesday there will be an inter-match between MCAs and staff and every Wednesday we will have a friendly match with an outside team until such a time that we are going for CASA (County Assembly Sports Association) games. We are transforming Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for preparation of the upcoming games. Thank you.

### **BILL**

#### *First Reading*

#### THE KILIFI COUNTY CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CIVIC EDUCATION BILL, 2019

*(Orders for the First Reading read – Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Departmental Committee)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): I think we will be following that and refer it to the concerned Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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In the absence of any other Business in the Order Paper, this House stands adjourned.

**The House rose at 9:37 a.m.**

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