

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 28th October, 2015

The House met at the Temporary Chambers at the defunct Malindi Municipal Council, Malindi Town, 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Good afternoon hon. Members?

Hon. Members: Good afternoon Sir!

PAPER LAID

REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE KILIFI
COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2015

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Chairperson for Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Mangi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to table the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Kilifi County Finance Bill, 2015, for consideration and subsequent adoption by the County Assembly. I call upon hon. Jared Kaunda Chokwe Burns to second. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Hon. Mangi laid the Paper on the Table)

(Hon. Chokwe stood at his place to second)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you for seconding that.

STATEMENTS

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK STARTING MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, TO 13th
NOVEMBER, 2015

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Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give the Order of Business for the week starting Monday, 9th November, to 13th November, 2015 as approved by the House Business Committee on Wednesday, 28th October, 2015.

DAY	DATE & TIME	BUSINESS
MONDAY	9 th NOVEMBER, 2015 AT 2.30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statements ▪ Responses to statements Sought ▪ Motion for Adoption of the Report of the Ad hoc Committee on investigation of the County Secretary
TUESDAY	10 th NOVEMBER, 9.30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Kilifi County Finance Bill, 2015-Second Reading
TUESDAY	10 th NOVEMBER, 2.30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion on the Review of the County Assembly of Kilifi Standing Orders 185 and 186
WEDNESDAY	11 th NOVEMBER, 2.30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee of the Whole House- The Kilifi County Finance Bill, 2015 ▪ The Kilifi County Finance Bill, 2015-Third reading
THURSDAY	12 th NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMMITTEE
FRIDAY	13 th NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMMITTEES

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Kaunda stood at his place to second)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Order for Committee read)

(The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi) left the Chair)

IN THE COMMITTEE

(The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire) took the Chair)

KILIFI COUNTY MICRO FINANCE (MBEGU) BILL, 2015

(Resumption of consideration in Committee interrupted on 21.10.2015)

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The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members welcome to the Committee of the Whole House; the beauty is that one can speak more than once. You had already adopted Clause 6 so let me give a chance to the Clerk so that he can take us through the remaining Clauses so that we can wind up as fast as possible.

(Clause 7 agreed to)

Clause 8

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I propose that Clause 8 be amended as in the Order Paper.

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Yes hon. Kiraga?

Hon. Kiraga: Mr. Chairperson can Clause 8 be read as amended so that it can go on record in the HANSARD.

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): You have a copy of the Bill, read so that we know in case you have any issue because we believe everybody has a copy, that is why the Chairperson said 'be amended as it is in the Order Paper'.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Chairperson. We have the copies but once we pass this document it became a public document. How will it appear to the Member of the public being referred to an Order Paper which she/or he may be not be having and that is what I am saying. Why don't we read this part so that it can appear or captured in the HANSARD?

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Okay, I will instruct the Clerk to read for you that part.

Clause 8

Clerk-at-the Table: Amendments to Clause 8. That,

- Clause 8 be amended by deleting the word 'youth' in Clause 8 (2) (c) to read as 'establish procedures and guidelines for matters relating to registration of enterprises, on loan approval and loan recovery'.
- Deleting Clause 8 (2) (d) (ii); 'approve or reject such applications in accordance with the provisions of this Act'.
- Renumbering Clause 8 (2) (d) (iii) as Clause 8 (2) (d) (iii)
- Deleting Clause 8 (2) (f) and renumbering Clause 8 (2) (g) as Clause 8 (2) (f).

(Question of amendments proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

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(Clause 8 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 9 agreed to)

Clause 10

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I move that the amendments as contained in the Order Paper be accepted.

Clerk-at-the Table:

- Deleting the phrase in Clause 10(2) (b) “the Sub County Youth officer” and inserting the phrase “Sub County officer in charge of Trade or a representative dully nominated in writing;”
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 10(2) (c) “two youth representatives from both gender” and insert the phrase “Sub County officer in charge of Finance or a representative dully nominated in writing;”
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 10(2) (d) “a representative, being a person with disability” and insert the phrase “Sub County officer in charge of Cooperatives or a representative dully nominated in writing;”
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 10(2) (e) “two other members co-opted by the Sub County Committee” and insert the phrase “Sub County officer in charge of Social Welfare or a representative dully nominated in writing;”
- Inserting Clause 10(2)(f) “four other members co-opted by the Sub County Committee one whom shall be a youth representing the youth, a woman representing the women and a person with disability representing people with disability and a representative from the cooperation movement”
- Inserting Clause 10(2) (g) “An official from the Kenya National Chambers of commerce and industry, Kilifi chapter or a representative duly nominated in writing
- Deleting Clause 10(3) “The Board may co-opt into membership of a committee established under sub-section 1(e) other persons whose knowledge and skills are found necessary for the functions of the Board” and inserting the phrase “The sub County Enterprise Development Committee may invite any person to attend any of its meetings and to participate in its deliberations but such person shall not have a vote in any decision of the board.

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- Renumbering Clause 10(4) as Clause 10(5)
- Inserting Clause 10(4) (a) “the appointed members under Clause 10(2)(f) shall be subject to such persons; satisfying the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and hold a minimum qualification of a certificate at 0-level.”
- Inserting Clause 10 (4) (b) “the above appointments shall satisfy the requirement of the Gender rule as envisaged in the constitution.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted, put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 10 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 11 agreed to)

(Hon. Nzaro stood on a Point of Order)

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): There is a point of Order from hon. Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. The precedence we have set should have some consistence; Clause 11 has not been read out for us to hear the content as hon. Kiraga had said.

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): It is not in Clause 11 only, what we had agreed with hon. Kiraga is that in all the Clauses whereby we have some Amendments will be read so that they can go on record. The Clauses that are not read are just as they are in this document or Bill. So, Clause 11 in this record has no amendments, or do you see any amendments Chair?

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: It is just renumbering.

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): It is just renumbering. So, it is okay. It has no problem because the wording is the same except the numbering. The Clause that has some amendments is Clause 12, amendments proposed by the Chairperson. Let the clerk read the amendments so that they can go in the HANSARD for future references, I believe Members you understand. Okay proceed with Clause 12.

Clause 12

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I propose that Clause 12 be Amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk-at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause 12 as Clause 14

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- Deleting the phrase in Clause 12 “A member of the Board may be removed from office on any one or more of the following grounds-” and inserting the phrase “A member of the Board or the Sub County Enterprise development fund Committee may be removed from the office on any one or more of the following grounds-”
- Inserting the phrase in Clause 12(e) “Missing three consecutive meetings without a reasonable cause.”
- Inserting the phrase in Clause 12(f) “Incompetence during the period in office, the appointing authority should write to the County Assembly requesting for removal of member from the Board and in the case of the Sub County Committee, the appointing authority should write to the Board requesting for removal of a member in the Sub County Committee;”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 12 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 13 agreed to)

Clause 14(1)

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I move that Clause 14 be Amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk –at-the-Table:

- Renumbering Clause 14 as Clause 16
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 14(1) “All monies received by the Fund be maintained in a separate bank account in the name of Kilifi County Micro Finance Fund opened and administered in accordance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act,2012” inserting the phrase “All monies received by the Fund be maintained in a separate bank account in the name of Kilifi County Micro Finance Fund which shall be further separated into two accounts one of which will be specifically for loans and the other for operational expenditure, opened and administered in accordance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act,2012”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

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(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 14 as amended agreed to)

Clause 15

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I move that Clause 15 be Amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk -at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause **15** as Clause **17**
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 15(1) "Pursuant to Article 116(2) of the Public Finance Act, the Executive Committee Member for Finance shall designate a person responsible for administering the Fund" inserting the phrase "Pursuant to Article 116(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, the Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance shall appoint a person responsible for administering the Fund whom shall be recruited competitively by the County Public Service Board and vetted by the County Assembly"
- Inserting Clause 15(3) "The Fund Manager shall be the Secretary to the Board"

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed top)

(Clause 15 as amended agreed to)

Clause 16

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I move that Clause 16 be Amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk -at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause 16 as Clause 18
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 16(1) (a) "loans to the small and micro enterprise owners or members" to read "loans to qualified applicants"
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 16(2) "the expenses incurred in paragraph (b) and (c) of sub-section (1) shall not exceed ten percent of the Funds loan book from

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time to time” inserting the phrase “the expenses incurred in paragraph (b) and (c) of sub-Clause (1) shall not exceed three percent of the Funds loan book from time to time.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed top)

(Clause 16 as amended agreed to)

Clause 17

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I move that Clause 17 be Amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk –at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause 17 as Clause 19
- Deleting Clause 17(2) (a) “incorporate a subsidiary to undertake commercial functions of the Board; or”

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Yes hon. Kiraga.

Hon. Kiraga: I wish to move the following amendments on Clause 17 (b) that, *if it considers it necessary partner with, we delete any person for purposes of achieving its objects under this act, and insert if it considers it necessary to partner with Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) only.*

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Kiraga, I believe you have a copy of the Standing Orders.

Hon. Kiraga: Yeah.

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): What is the procedure of bring an amendment to a Bill?

Hon. Kiraga: But this is the Committee of the whole House, we can forward our amendments during the debate during the Committee of the whole House, it is allowed.

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Okay let the Clerk refer, just take a seat as we consult. Hon. Members, let us be keen in what the Clerk is going to read from the Standing Orders in terms of amendments.

Clerk-at-the Table: Procedure in Committee of the whole Assembly on a Bill, Standing Order No. 125 (2) reads: No amendments shall be moved to any part of a Bill by any Member other than the Member in charge of the Bill unless written notification of the amendment shall have been given to the Clerk 24 hours before the commencement of the sitting at which that part of the Bill is considered in the Committee.

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The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Are you contented hon. Kiraga?

Hon. Kiraga: Let us proceed.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 17 as amended agreed to)

Clause 18

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I move that the proposal for amendments as contained in the Order Paper be approved.

Clerk-at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause 18 as Clause 20
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 18(2) “small and micro enterprises” and insert the word “applicants”
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 18(2) (a) “interest rate” and insert the phrase “service charge”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 18 as amended agreed to)

Clause 19

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I move that the amendments in Clause 19 be made as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk-at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause 19 as Clause 21

(Question of the amendments proposed)

(Clause 19 as amended agreed to)

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Clause 20

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I move that Clause 20 be Amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk-at –the Table:

- Renumbering Clause 20 as Clause 22.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Clause 20 as amended agreed to)

Clause 21

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson I move that Clause 21 be amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk-at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause 21 as Clause 23
- Deleting the phrase in sub-title ‘Annual Report and Publication’ and inserting the phrase ‘Reports and Publications’.
- Inserting Clause 21 (2) that shall reads ‘the Board shall submit quarterly Reports to the Executive Committee Member for onwards submission to the County Assembly’
- Renumbering Clause 21 (2) to be Clause 21(3) and 21 (3) to be Clause 21 (4) .

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed top)

(Clause 21 as amended agreed to)

Clause 22

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, I now propose that Clause 22 be amended as Contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk-at-the Table:

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- The amendments as contained in the Order Paper are;
- Renumbering Clause (22) as Clause (24).
- Deleting the phrase “whether orally or in writing” in Clause 22(a) to read “is granted a loan on the basis of false statements made in the loan application relating to any matter affecting a request for a loan”.
- Deleting the phrase in Clause 22(1) (b) which reads; “...commits an offence and is upon conviction liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand shillings.” and inserting the phrase “...commit an offence and is upon conviction liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding eighteen months or both”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 22 as amended agreed to)

Clause 23

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson I now propose that Clause 23 be amended as Contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk-at-the Table:

- Renumbering Clause (23) as Clause (25).

(Question of amendment proposed)

(Clause 23 as amended agreed to)

Clause 2

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson I beg to move that the amendments as approved in the Order Paper be approved.

Clerk-at-the Table: The amendments for Clause two in the Order Paper are;

- Rephrasing the definition ‘BENEFICIARY-which means a person who is a member of micro and small enterprise’ to “BENEFICIARY-means a licensed

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individual, traders, registered groups and association, registered cooperatives, companies and other forms of Agri-businesses”

(Question of amendment proposed)

(Clause 2 as amended agreed to)

The Short Title

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson I beg to move that the Short Title be amended as contained in the Order Paper.

Clerk-at-the Table: The amendments as contained in the Order Paper read;

- Deleting the phrase ‘Micro finance’ and inserting the phrase ‘Enterprise Development’ to read; ‘This Act may be cited as The Kilifi County Development Fund Act, 2015, and it shall come into operation upon the assent by the Governor.

(Question of amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be deleted be deleted put and agreed to agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Short Title as amended agreed to)

(Long Title agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Mwambire): Thank you very much great Members for giving me an opportunity to run this Committee of the Whole House. It was very smooth and lively.

Let me believe that we will be making such considerations in the next Bills. I believe next time when we will be making possible amendments to the Bill or to the Act then we will make those considerations. They are very valid, it is only time that was against us, knowing how best we could move it but it was very valid and we are very thankful for that.

Chairperson, do you have anything to put across?

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I beg to move that the Committee do Report to the House this consideration of the Kilifi County Micro Finance Fund (Mbegu) Bill, 2015, and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House Resumed)

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

REPORT, CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND THIRD READING

THE KILIFI COUNTY MICRO FINANCE FUND (MBEGU BILL), 2015

Hon. Mwambire: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to Report that the Committee of the Whole House has considered the Kilifi County Micro Finance Fund (Mbegu) Bill, 2015, and approved the same with amendments.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Hon. Speaker, the House I do agree with the Committee in the said Report.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon. Members I propose the question that the House do agree in the said Report...

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Hon. Speaker I beg to move that the Kilifi County Micro Finance Fund (Mbegu Fund) Bill, 2015 be now read a third time.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time with leave of the House and passed)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, the Bill having been read for the third time brings it to its conclusion and it shall therefore within the stipulated time be forwarded to the Governor for his assent. Next Order?

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwingo): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to move this Motion of adjournment before the House. Which reads;

That, this House adjourns its sitting for the Third session, third part short recess from 29th October to 6th November, 2015. That, the Assembly resumes its sitting on Monday, 9th November, 2015. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Anybody to second that Motion?

(Hon. Pascal stood at his place to second)

Yes hon. Pascal. Hon. Members this is a Motion that has been derived from the calendar of the County Assembly but I will still propose that the same is ready for debate. Yes hon. Teddy Mwambire.

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Hon. Mwambire: Mr. Speaker, I have stood in support of this Motion simply because it is in our calendar. We have a number of issues that we wish we could have ample time to do. Looking at the economic hitch that we have in this County that has been brought by National Government's failure to transfer funds from the national treasury to the Counties, it is the most difficult time that Members are now going for this recess. Looking at the situation especially the issue of scholarships which is in an Act that we passed in this Assembly, indeed we passed a budget where Ksh 10 million was to be issued in each Ward and now a big number of students are back home simply because of lack of sufficient school fees that could have assisted them to remain in school especially to do the final year examination; which is also another qualification for one to access different funding from other organizations. This is a very serious issue which we as Members we are failing in especially to know how best we could handle this situation.

Mr. Speaker, we are going and we are very humble that we are going but the initiatives of even having Committees and following up matters still remains in our hands because our position is 24/7. We do not have Sundays, weekends or public holiday; we are always hon. Members. Let me believe that if anything better comes around we should be notified so that we see how best we can inform the Members of the public. This is an opportune time for us to sensitize the public, to inform the public of the realities that is happening especially in the devolved system.

As a person and with great support from some Members, we are developing a petition to the Senate to inquire, because if you read the Public Finance Management Act (PFM Act) it talks about monies being devolved or disbursed to the Counties on a quarterly basis. When I was going through the records I discovered that in the first quarter this County did not get even a single cent. Even in this quarter, we have not received money. If you look at the schedule that we have with the money that comes from the donors, they are following the procedure of disbursing that money in quarterly basis Mr. Speaker. This is infringing the Constitution of this Republic and that is why we have a petition to the Senate Finance Committee so that at least we can get a clear interpretation.

If you look at the Law Reform Act website, it is talking about monthly disbursement, but the Public Finance Management Act had a copy which is being constituted by all Members of the Public in the Republic of Kenya raised quarterly and if you read the Government Act, it also talks about quarterly. Everything is quarterly including the Reporting of the County Executive Members to the Assembly. They are supposed to bring quarterly Report which means they have got some money within that quarter to implement the project so that they can be in a position to Report back to this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, this is something which is just made by the Jubilee Government which I think everybody should stand firm so that we can know the reality of the financial position of this country. I do not believe that this country is bankrupt. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I still remain supportive, although very bitterly but I support to go home for the short recess.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes, Hon. Japhet Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the adjournment Motion by the Leader of Majority. As much as we have issues with the Scholarship Fund which has not been forthcoming and also other very pertinent issues in this County, I wish the Members also realize that we have Members in this Assembly who are doing their exams in the near future. So, I think

this is a great opportunity for the Members to revise for these exams so that they acquire the necessary knowledge and certification in time so that we use them in future.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish that we have ample time to stay around but there are also many disturbing issues which we...

(Hon. Kiraga stood on a Point of Order)

The speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Kiraga.

Hon. Kiraga: Mr. Speaker, can the Member tell us what kinds of exams are due because I understand as what the Motion reads, we are bound to be here by 9th. That is what is captured here and the only national examination which is due is starting on 10th so I don't know which kind of exams he is trying to tell us. Thank you.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think its public knowledge that we have examinations around the corner. We also have Members who are also pursuing further education in this Assembly; I being one of those people who want to have a Degree by 2017. So, this is an opportune time for us to revise for these examinations. Thank you, I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Nzaka.

Hon. Nzaka: I rise to support the Motion to have a short recess since it is the calendar we passed as the Business of the House. Mr. Speaker, Sir, today we had a meeting with the CEC for Finance about the Scholarship and things are very tight. Personally, I have exhausted all my salary paying school fees in my Ward yet there are other students who are supposed to pursue their Degrees Mr. Speaker, Sir.

As I am speaking, there are some social media people who are trying to spoil my name because the Scholarship Fund has not been released yet. Our offices are very *hot* as we are speaking because all cases which are coming in my office are about the school fees. However, I will urge the national treasury to release the money as soon as yesterday because people are suffering on the ground.

As Members, we want to have a short recess because we have businesses in this House for the Committee work to be done. Being the Chairperson for Education Committee, I would like to get more time to visit the ECD projects. I went around the County and I realized there are some ECD projects from 2013/2014 that are not completed so as once I get this time I think I will use it effectively so that I can perform my duty as the Chairperson. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes, hon. Gambo.

Hon. Gambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also rise in support of the adjournment for the short recess. It is in this time that we also get to be seen in our areas. This short recess will give us some time to be with our families as well.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Let me just move ahead and move the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

I understand the circumstances under which we go on recess. I would have loved to hang around to wait for manna to fall from heaven but certainly it is a good idea that we take a rest

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and see how best we will come back, probably we will come back with more energy. I wish you all the best during the short recess. I hope the issues that you have been having will have some ways to sort them out.

ADJOURNMENT

Otherwise, in the absence of any other Business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House pursuant to the Motion until the 9th of November. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 3.20 p.m.

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