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The County Assembly met at 9:42 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

(Hon. Ndagara sought to raise a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K. Katisya): Just a second Hon. Ndagara I settle and also sip some water.
(Silence prevailed)

What is your Point of Order Hon. Ndagara?

Hon. Ndagara: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker and the Hon. Members.

Mr. Speaker, we know that County Assembly is a House of order and that whenever people meet in the streets and do their own things, they should not bring it into this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker there are even people who were rigged into this House...

The Speaker: Hon. Ndagara, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Ndagara: My Point of Order is that it is always in order for the Deputy Speaker to sit in his seat and not anybody else. It is always good for the Majority Leaders to be in his seat not the coup d'état leader should be on the majority leader's seat. That's my Point of Order Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Ndagara. Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi take your seat. Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi take your seat. Wait Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo). Hon. Ndagara I want you to confirm just for the record which Member is seated on the Deputy Speakers seat, the Majority Leaders seat and I can the Minority Leader's seat has also been taken. Just confirm for the record.

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Hon. Ndagara: Just for the record, Hon. Munyalo (Sylvester) the Minority Whip is seated on the Deputy Speaker's seat, the Member for Kyuso Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi is seated on the Majority Leader's seat, and the Whip for the *United Democratic Alliance (UDA)* is seated on the Minority Leader's seat. Mr. Speaker, that's not in order and that's not what we were elected to do in this House Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo) are you the Deputy Speaker? Why are you seated on the Deputy Speaker's seat?

Hon. Munyalo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. When I entered the House, I found Hon. Malinga seated on the Minority Leader's seat. I tried to persuade him to vacate the seat but he told me to find another seat. Mr. Speaker I had no choice but to take the nearest seat which I did know belongs to the ...i don't know where he is ...is the Deputy Speaker's seat.

Mr. Speaker if Hon. Malinga can vacate his seat so that so that I can pass and hold a brief for the minority leader Hon. Nganga will be very much obliged. You made a ruling about me sitting here but Mr. Speaker I had no choice but to seat here Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker: thank you I have heard you...

Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo): second, I also found Hon. Mwinzi, the member for Kyuso ward seated on the Majority Leader's seat

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya: Hon. Sylvester allow me to interrupt you.

Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo): Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya: Even before we continue. Are you the Deputy Speaker despite the explanation? Yes or no?

Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo): Mr. Speaker.....

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya: are you the Deputy Speaker?

Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo): For now, I am not the Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Ok do this come to this microphone and explain yourself from there because that's a seat for the Deputy Speaker.

*(Hon. Sylvester moved to the
microphone at the dispatch box)*

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Now you can explain.

Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo): Yeah, thank you Mr. Speaker. As I said Mr. Speaker, I wanted to move to the Minority Leader's seat where the Member for Zombe ward Hon. Malinga is seated. Mr. Speaker when I told him to move he told me to go to hell. The plenary had not started at that time. I had no choice I wanted peace I went and sat there. It's not about...i respect authority Mr. Speaker but one thing I also like is peace. Mr. Speaker I can see it's even ... *(inaudible)* Hon. Masaku to pass right now....

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Thank you very much Hon.....

Hon. Sylvester (Munyalo): We have nowhere to seat Mr. Speaker I found the nearest seat which is here and Mr. Speaker I understand its for the outgoing Deputy Speaker so I had no choice but to sit there.

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Hon. Sylvester that is enough, take any other seat apart from the Deputy Speaker's seat. Hon. Malinga are you the Minority Leader? Why did you sit on Minority Leader's seat? Hon. Sylvester you can't sit there.

(Hon Sylvester obliged)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Thank you very much. Hon. Laban (Malinga)

Hon. Laban (Malinga): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As Hon. Ndagara has said this is a House of order and the reason why I am sitting here is because I have seen there is another Member sitting at the Majority Leader's seat. I have decided because he is seated there I sit on this side so that I can see him well.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Thank you

Hon. Laban (Malinga): That is why I am here. If you rule the....

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Kindly move to the next. I am sure from there you will see him well. Please move to the next that's the seat for....thank you Hon. Malinga for complying. Yes Hon. Paul.

Hon. Paul (Maluki): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Mr. Speaker you remember so well that when we came to this Assembly there was a fierce fight regarding who were the majority and who were the minority because when we were doing campaigns during 2022 we had two opposing sides that was Azimio versus Kenya Kwanza. And Mr. Speaker you made a ruling and we agreed we from Kenya Kwanza accepted but from today when I saw Hon. Sylvester in Deputy Speaker's position and Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi , my Chairman for the Finance Committee on the Majority Speaker's seat I thought maybe the Azimio fraternity decided to unite and may be chair the position and leave the position of Minority Leader to Kenya Kwanza may be they can confirm that.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Hon. Ngoima, take your seat. You will raise your Point of Order don't worry. Every member will say something. Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi we are still on Ndagara's point of order. The last time I checked because I am the Speaker of this House you were not the Majority Leader. Please go to that microphone and now respond and confirm how you became the Majority Leader because you're seated on the Majority Leader's seat.

(Hon. Mwinzi spoke off-record)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Go to that microphone and speak from there.

(Hon. Mwinzi refused to bulge)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): I am not listening to you.

(Hon. Mwinzi remained adamant)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Hon. Mwinzi, please leave that seat now.

(Hon. Mwinzi speak off-record again)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): I have told you to go to that microphone and speak from there if you want airtime. Hon. Mwinzi vacate...

(Hon. Mwinzi did not oblige)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Hon. Mwinzi if you want to talk go to that microphone. Hon. Mwinzi vacate that seat. Hon. Mwinzi I order you to vacate that seat now peacefully. Vacate that seat now Hon. Mwinzi. Vacate that seat now Hon. Mwinzi.

(Hon. Mwinzi remained defiant)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Hon. Member out of that seat.

(Some members shouted, 'no')

Escort the Member right now.

*(Protests as some Members
Opposed the ejection of Hon. Mwinzi)*

Hon. Mwinzi vacate that seat right now. The Sergeant-At-Arms do your work.

(Hon. Mwinzi escorted out of the Chamber)

(Loud protests from a section of the Members)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Hon. Members take your seats. Hon. Mwinzi leave the Chambers now peacefully. Let him go out of the Chamber. Hon. Members take our seats. Whoever wants to go out can go. This is a House of law and order.

(More protests)

Hon. Priscilla leave the Chamber. Escort her. You can't bring chaos here get out. No, no get out. The Sergeant-At-Arms escort Hon. Priscilla out of the Chamber. Hon. Members take your seats

(Hon. Priscilla was escorted out of the Chamber)

Hon Members let us take our seats

(Foot-thumbng)

Hon. Members, order!

(The Order Paper was read)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Hon. Members, please allow me to issue a communication relating to the Kitui County supplementary Budget (1) estimates for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

Hon. Members, Section 135(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) outlines instances in which supplementary estimates can be submitted to the Assembly for approval. These are: -

- i) Where the amount appropriated under the Appropriation Act is insufficient;
- ii) Where a need has arisen for which no amount has been appropriated by the Appropriation Act;

Subsection (2) of the same Act mandates the County Government to submit to the County Assembly, a supplementary budget in support of the additional expenditure for the authority to spend.

Further Standing Order No. 214 outlines the procedure to be followed in considering the Supplementary Budget Estimates.

Hon. Members, in light of the above legal provisions, on 8th September, 2023 the County Executive Committee Member - County Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management submitted the Supplementary Budget I Estimates for consideration.

Hon. Members, in line with the above legal provisions, I hereby commit the First Kitui County Supplementary Budget I Estimates for the Financial Year 2023/2024 to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations to deliberate upon and submit its report and recommendations to the Assembly for approval. Thank you.

Hon. Members allow me to issue another communication relating to Mwingi Municipality Board Members

Hon. Members, section 11 of the Urban and Cities (Amendment) Act, 2019 provides for the constitution of the municipality board through the appointment of the following as members;

- a) The County Executive Member for the time being responsible for cities and urban areas or his representative;
- b) Three members who shall be appointed by the County Governor, with the approval of the County Assembly;
- c) Four members who shall be nominated by an association and appointed by the county Governor, with the approval of the County Assembly;
- d) The chief officer responsible for urban development; and
- e) The municipal manager appointed under section 28 who shall be the secretary of the board and an ex officio member of the board.

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Hon. Members, it is in lieu of the above and Pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 (1) of the Urban and Cities Act as read together with section 6 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, I hereby notify the House that I am in receipt of the following nominees for Mwingi Municipality Board from H.E the Governor on 7th September, 2023:

Table 1: Nominees under Category (2) competitively identified through public advertisement, applications, shortlisting, interviewing, and ranking by the County Public Service Board.

NO.	NAME	ID	RESIDENCE
1.	Alex Nzoka Mwanzia	2096261	Kanzanzu
2.	Ronald Mutua Kamotho	273879	Thonoa
3.	Everlyne Mutheu Kitheka	24492213	Kiomo

Table 2: Nominees under category (3) nominated by associations operating within the municipality areas.

NO.	NAME	ID	NOMINATING ASSOCIATION
1.	Lydia Mwikali Kitonga	36729038	Larger Mwingi Link
2.	Eunice Mutua	11276993	Shiloh Saving Credit Cooperative Ltd and Clergy Self Group
3.	Mbuvi Musyimi	28714832	Mwingi Association
4.	Dr. John Kyalo Muthuka	21973397	Kyulungwa Professional Association (KYUPRA)

Hon. Members, I hereby commit the list of the nominees to the Committee on Appointments pursuant to Section 7 (1) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act as read together with Standing Order No. 184 for consideration. Thank you.

(Foot-thumbing)

Clerk, next order

MOTIONS AND BILLS

Hon. Paul (Maluki) sought to speak.

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Yes Hon. Paul (Maluki) what is it?

Hon. Paul (Maluki): Mr. Speaker we are in this House which is guided by rules and procedures and it's high time that you give clear communication so that next time we won't experience such. Because Mr. Speaker, all of us here

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): What are you saying we have experienced.

Hon. Paul (Maluki): What we have experienced some few minutes ago Mr. Speaker.....

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): What have we experienced?

Hon. Paul (Maluki): People trying to stage a coup. You never know tomorrow you will find someone occupying your seat. So Mr. Speaker....

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The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Just remind us for the record which seats were seated on? I can see the majority leader on his seat. You know I have no eyes to see or mind to remember, so remind me.

Hon. Paul (Maluki): The Deputy Spear's seat, the Majority Spear's seat and that of the Minority Leader. You see those seats are preserved for certain people who can only occupy such after you make a communication and of course the position you are holding Mr. Speaker so you see we must be having a clear communication so that we won't just say vacate the House because tomorrow you will just find them there Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Thank you but I can the Majority Leader on his seat. The Majority Leader, I can see you comfortably seated with the Majority Whip on your left. Are you safe? Are you ok don't tell us what is happening in your party but here in the assembly we have no business in what is happening in your party.

Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir and the Hon. Members. First of all I want to appreciate you for restoring dignity in this House and protecting the Majority Leader's seat. You will allow me to actually divert a bit from this but as Hon. Paul (Maluki) said this is a House of rules and procedures and Mr. Speaker and there is always repercussions when you break the rules. Mr. Speaker Sir I request you in your wisdom because we have seen some members violating the rules of this House the powers and privileges committee should summon those Members and if found they are found guilty of any misdeeds Mr. Speaker, the necessary action to be taken should be taken against them. Let us respect one another let us obey the rules of this House. Mr. Speaker Sir mine is actually to appreciate you because of the leader of Majority Party in consultation with the leader of the Minority Party we sat down when you received the supplementary budget and we humbly requested you that this is a matter of county importance and after writing a letter to you we have this special sitting today on 18th September 2023. In your wisdom, you allowed us to be here today so that we can commit the supplementary budget to the budget committee so that they can have time to look at it because we as a county assembly and the county executive led by Dr. Julius Malombe, we all need this supplementary budget for our operations to continue

Mr. Speaker Sir, I really appreciate you for allowing us to be here today to commit this supplementary budget and also members who have been nominated to be in the board of Mwingi Municipality. Let me also take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, actually it has been quite sometime since we have had this kind of a number in the Chambers but I really want to appreciate you my colleagues because after we requested for a special sitting I also humbly requested you to be here today and we have shown that actually great people of Kitui made the right choice to elect us because we have sacrificed whatever we were doing to come and make sure we commit this supplementary budget and that means we all wish well to our great people of Kitui who elected us. I have to appreciate Hon. Members and also request you that next time when there will be need for a special sitting the same way we have turned up today I humbly request you to be here so that we can support our assembly and also the Executive led by our Governor so that we can keep the operations going.

Mr. Speaker Sir allow me to say this I saw a text and also heard some people say that there are some documents which are lying here in the County Assembly which we have not processed. Even there documents in this assembly there is an elaborate plan on how we are going to process them and make sure that we have done our work. Hon. Members, let me also humbly remind you let us do our work for which we were elected which is representation, legislation and oversight

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because at the end of the day whatever we are doing the only person we are supposed to fear is GOD the Almighty and through whom we swore when we were assuming these offices that we shall protect our constitution and we shall adhere to what we swore to do.

So Hon. Members, thank you very much for your time and when we are called next time let us avail ourselves so that we do what we were elected to do. Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Thank you Hon. Majority Leader. Do we have any other Member with any comment because we have to proceed to Mwingi to do the sectoral... (*Inaudible*. Hon. Muange please, just one minute, Hon. Peter Mwanza just one minute and Hon. Bernard. Hon. You may take the floor.

Hon. Daniel Muange: Mr. Speaker as I came in I met some members soliloquing, singing along the corridors...

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Hon. Kasele is asking the meaning of soliloquing. Have you said soliloquing, I am also lost.

Hon. Daniel Muange: soliloquing is singing alone, yeah I don't know how far it goes. The decorum and the dignity of this House. Is it only in the Chamber that we should uphold dignity or even around the precincts of the House? Because now when somebody sings loudly disturbing Members of the County Assembly, Members of staff and everybody around here, is it allowed? We are new in this House perhaps we don't know how far the laws go but I want to appeal to you Mr. Speaker and the entire House leadership we need some dignity. Members of this County Assembly should be Honourable in their activities in their conduct in their speeches. We are not here to listen to such things that are you know taking away our attention. So when I was actually coming in I was wondering whether the Assembly has changed the way of doing things but I am surprised majority are seated here very nicely but there is a team out there outside there I don't know what they are doing there they are singing and shouting.

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Are you safe Hon. Muange.

Hon. Daniel Muange: I should be safe because there are only three people who can make me unsafe one is God, and I prayed to him this morning he assured me I am safe the other person that I can you know want to respect and fear are the great people of Tseikuru. I came from there yesterday and they assured me they are with me. I did five functions over that weekend it is well, very well. The other person is the Speaker of the County Assembly, he is my boss he orders things around here I don't know how to measure loyalty but I think I am loyal.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. K. K Katisya): Because of seniority Hon. Peter let me give Hon. Minority Whip to say something then his Deputy. Everybody will be given one minute to say something. So, Hon. Sylvester please. Do you have the permission of Minority Leader to sit there.

(Hon. Sylvester spoke-off record.)

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker this is a House of rules and sanity must prevail in this Assembly. Your rulings Mr. Speaker are not optional they must be respect for us to have sanity. No matter how much a person is aggrieved ruling from the speaker is not debatable and secondly you cannot overrule it once made.

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Mr. Speaker, I am also happy because apart from being the Speaker you are also a voter in Tseikuru. Whoever represents in Tseikuru has confirmed that the area people are good because if they are good you are also good. Thanks a lot Mr. Speaker because it means you are an Honourable voter to Hon. Muange who has also confirmed he is loyal to you.

Mr. Speaker, as we continue with our business, we are all supporting the Government, we don't have what we are calling in the current system. We don't have any opposition we are fully behind our Governor in all he is doing and also we have to do our legislative part and to do oversight we also have to represent our people. So, there must be a separation between what the government does and offer positive criticism. No one is here to fight the government. Governor Malombe was elected by the same people who elected us.

Voting cards were not different for the governor and MCAs and that's why elective seats must be respected. Mr. Speaker we also need brains when people are staging coups is a advisable not to leave their brains at home. Some things need a bigger thought. Unity of purpose for us to serve our people. With this Mr. Speaker, I rest my case and say that whatever happened today didn't happen for the County Assembly of Kitui. For us to bring sanity here, let that committee be given some job to do. This matter should not be repeated. We cannot act like we are in Mandera or Wajir where people throw seats to one another...

(The Speaker interjected)

The Speaker: Hon. Silvester, in respect to our colleague County Assemblies, please withdraw.

Hon. Munyalo: I withdraw in respect to Mandera and Wajir. I meant that our actions should be seen inside and outside as Hon. Members. The committee of powers and privileges need to sit down. You are the chair and I understand there is a Vice Chair fully elected by the Members. Let the matter be forwarded to them so sanity is not lost in the Assembly. This quagmire of personal and Party issues should not be solved in the Assembly rather outside. people should hold their meetings do their documentation right and when you fail don't bring it to the Assembly. We respect our voters and they respect us and we cannot solve a problem by bringing outsiders and then sympathizing with the situation. With this, I thank you for your wisdom. I will not congratulate you now and then get out and back bite you. I will congratulate you because of your wisdom. This confirms that the Kitui people and the Members of this Assembly elected a Speaker who has something in between his ears. You have protected the dignity of the House so that members won't be seen as people without brains. With this I thank you and we can assure you, it is not about sycophancy or loyalty but about the truth. Being a member and whip for NARC, we are not involved in any way. It is only a few people and WIPER is not involved too as well as Jubilee. I will mention that UDA or even the small parties are not involved. It is not a WIPER affair. It is only a few people who are here to malign the name of this Assembly. It is totally uncouth, uncultured and uncivilized for Hon. Members to behave the way they have behaved. Let us not destroy our parties. All of them have roots in Kitui and we have a duty to protect them. With this Mr. Speaker, I take this matter and say we are sorry to the people of Kitui but we are also happy because you (The Speaker) have protected the dignity of this County. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Silvester, the Minority Whip. Deputy Minority Whip, Hon. Katumbi take the floor.

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Hon.Katumbi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know that this is a House of rules, it is good to know that whatever is inside this Hon. House should be respected and taken care of. I have seen a case where you have ordered Hon. member for Kyuso Ward to be taken out and other Hon. Members interfered with your ruling. As a member of the Committee of Powers and Privileges, I'm happy because the Majority Leader and Minority Whip have confirmed that the Committee needs to sit down and write a report concerning that issue. We are ready and waiting for that. To make the matter worse, one of the Communication desks which I'm facing, is not in good condition and somebody needs to do something about it. I know it costed a lot of money that belongs to tax payers and should be handled very carefully. Someone was trying to break it all through. I was seeing but bi could not go there because I was waiting to do my job.

The Speaker: Hon.Katumbi, which job?

Hon.Katumbi: the job of investigation. I know My Vice. Hon.Munira is also ready and was looking for that job. We have taken long without a job and now is the time to be h=given that opportunity because we have Hon. Members who should be cautioned about their behavior.it is not right for voters to see an Hon. Member who is fully elected and sworn in to represent a whole Ward going out of the Chamber without your permission. I know he has the right but the people who elected him are waiting to see something from him but he has gone out. He doesn't know whether you have committed the Supplementary or the board members for the Mwingi Municipality and he has gone out. So, we will also send a message to those who elected those people to know that they are not well represented.With those few remarks .we are looking forward to hear from you whether we can start our sitting today so that we can start summoning them and write a good report Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon.Katumbi I'm sure a procedure will be followed and you being a member of that Committee will be guided accordingly. Hon. Benard, then Peter going that way...

Hon. Munyasya: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to take this opportunity to appreciate you and the Majority Leader for convening this special sitting. It is very important for this County because you have laid 2 papers, one for the Supplementary budget. We are obliged as elected members to assist our government in delivering and one of the ways of helping is by passing this supplementary budget. The other one is the paper you have laid for the Mwingi Muninipal Council. We have yearned for long for Mwingi to be a fully Municipal council and a Municipal Council cannot operate without board members. That is why I couldn't miss this sitting because I'm elected in Mwingi central, the centre of the Municipality. I wanted to say thank you. I echo other members that it is the prerogative of yourself as a leader of this house and administration to make sure that in future we don't see such things as we have seen today. So let me be restricted from sitting in the Deputy Speakers seat as we have seen because we are not coming here for drama but for business.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mwanza, then Mwandia going that way.

Hon. Mwanza: Thank you for this opportunity to speak my mind. What I have seen today I have never seen it in life where serious people are seated elected. This is the first time I've seen it in this Third Assembly of Kitui County and I could not go there as Hon.Katumbi has said. I was also watching so that we can give the Committee the job as one of the members has said. Mr. Speaker what has surprised me is beyond explanation to my people of Mulango Ward to see one of the nominated members holding a thermos with hot water ready to throw to the Minority Leader. That has surprised me. On this, Mr. Speaker you have to stamp authority once and for all.

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The Speaker: Hon. Peter just for the record, which member was holding a thermos of hot water?

Hon. Mwanza: It is one of the nominated members from my Ward, Hon. Mary Ndumbu. She is an old woman whom I respect as a mother and I did not expect such behaviour from her. I owe the people of Mulango and I don't know how to explain to them because it has been seen everywhere. Secondly, leadership and authority comes from God. We have protagonists of this House, the majority Leader, Whip and the other side, Minority and minority whip. We have to respect those people. As you stamp authority to this House, you have to do it once and for all because what we have seen here will portray bad image to the people. Your seat has to be respected, as well as that of the Majority, Minority and the whips. Let us not pretend in this house. have a lot of members trying to pretend. During the day, you eat and drink with them but at night they pull a knife to kill you. Mr. Speaker you have to sort this problem once and for all. I have been sitting on the other side. When I came to this Assembly members on that side looked at me in a way that I was not comfortable. So Mr. Speaker, I want you to confirm that the place I'm seated is safe because I might be surrounded by goons. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. Peter I confirm that you are safe and nobody will touch you. it is my duty to protect all the members and ensure their safety is not compromised. Law and order must be observed. Hon. Hussein Mwandia

Hon. Mwandia: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the leave. This is a house of rules. I remember the other day I talked about the *doo doos* of Mauritius. For that matter...

The Speaker: Hon. Mwandia I remember Hon. Peter correcting you. You said they are of madagascar or..

Hon. Mwandia: It is Madagascar and Mauritius, both Islands. Those are extinct species and there are some people who believe in incarnation and I think they have incarnated and become the *vodoos of Haiti*...

The Speaker: Hon. Mwandia What is incarnation?

Hon. Mwandia: Incarnation is where some people believe that when you die as a man, your life will resurface again as a dog or another animal.

The Speaker: Hon. Masaku, have you understood?

Hon. Masaku: Thank you Mr. Speaker I think the Hon Member is not using that microphone well. We can't hear him very well. He can keep some distance so that we can hear him.

Hon. Masaku: I can't understand because I can't hear what he is saying.

The Speaker: But Hon. That is a very word, please explain to us

Hon. Mwandia: Mr. Speaker you know me and the Hon. member for Mutomo ward belong to different schools of thought.. I am an academician and Hon. Masaku is an academic dwarf. There is appoint of order. Hon. Maluki and then Kimuli

Hon. Maluki: Mr. Speaker is it in order for for Hon. Hussein Mwandia to call Hon. Masaku an honourable member for Mutomo actually near his ward, an academic dwarf? Do we have a measure of dwarfism in terms of education. I strongly believe that Hon. Hussein Mwandia should withdraw. We are all here as elected members either democratically or specially. So I think it is derogatory to call a member a dwarf.

The Speaker: Thank you Mr. Speaker for protecting Hon. Masaku. Masaku you are here perhaps you can confirm whether those words are...

Hon. Masaku: Thank you Mr. Speaker I think you are well seated in that seat and you should have ordered Hon. Hussein to move out immediately he said that.

The Speaker: Hon.Mwandia you have two options; to withdraw and apologise or move out. Choose one

Hon.Mwandia: Mr.Speaker it is unfortunate for one Hon.Masaku to order you to order me out.But then I withdraw and apologise.

The Speaker: Okay continue.

Hon.Mwandia: Mr. Speaker I was talking about the voodooism of Haiti people. You know happened here some minutes back was practiced by the voodoos of Haiti.Im wondering whether we have voodoos in this Assembly because the behaviour shows it.

The Speaker: Hon.Mwandia, who are the *voodoos*?

Hon.Mwandia: Those who didn't observe the rules of this House. Somebody sitting in the Majority seat. It is unbecoming. Every member is an Honourable member and should observe the rules of the House. So, I don't expect to see that kind of behaviour in this August house. Time will judge us and if something has to be communicated you know we have the Standing orders. Standing order No.1 gives the Speaker the discretion when not provided for in the Standing Orders to make any decision. I applaud you Mr. Speaker, you made the right decision. Never have I at any given time occupied the seat of the Deputy Speaker, the Majority Leader, I have my boss who is the Minority Leader and I respect his chair. So everybody should have observed the rules. This is not a *nomee* society where everybody does what he wants. We have very tight schedule. As I was coming from home, I knew that there was some business that was gazette and for any business to be gazette, the speaker sits with the leader of the government business who is the Leader of Majority and in this County Assembly we have only one Leader of Government business, one Hon. Harrison Maluki of Migwani Ward and nobody else. Anybody assuming the duties of the majority leader, we will not support him. We know the leader of Majority, the leader of minority, Harrison and Nganga; the whips we know are The Hon. Member for Kanyangi Ward and Hon. Silvester on the Minority side. Any body else assuming their duties we will be on their neck. Thank you I support the business ahead of us as we move to Mwingi or wherever you direct.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon.Judith then Munira,Hon.Mulandi and Hon. Mwamisi in that order.Let's start with Hon.Judith

Bi.(Ms.)Wanza: *Asante nashukuru Bwana Spika.Nimesimama kusema kwamba nimeshangaa na kyenye kimetokea asubuhi ya leo sababu tangu nije bungeni mwezi wat isa mwaka uliopita najua kwamba mwelekezi wa bunge ni Spika na sikujua kuna wengine wanaweza kuja,kujipangia ana kutuleletea sisi.Ningetaka kusema kwamba kuna tabia tunataka zikomeshwe kabla hazijakita mizizi kwa sababu zikikita mizizi tutakuwa na shida hapa bungeni.Waheshimiwa wezangu,hii bunge si nyumba ya vyama bali ya wanabunge na ni sisi hata uwe wa chama gani.Ulichaguliwa kutoka kwa wodi yako ama kuna kile chama kilikupee mwelekezi.Ukifika hapa sisishn sote tuko kitu kimoja.Ndio unaona kama kuna shida imetokea kwa mmoja wetu huwa tunaungana sote bila kusema huyu ni wa chama Fulani.Bwana Spika ningetataka utueleze nani anafaa kupeana mwelekeo.Sababau tukisema kila mtu tutakuwa tunakaa wawili watatu tunaleta kwa bunge.Itakuwa ni aibu kwamba kuna Mheshimiwa ni heshima.Kwenda kuwapatia wanahabari Habari ambayo haifai.Sababu sote hapa bungeni tunajua ukweli uko wapi.Wanaosema wako nyuma ya Gavana sisi tunasema hatuko nyuma,tuko bamba kwa bamba,kuna tofauti ya kuwa nyuma na kuwa bamba.Akifanya hatua moja mwafanya nayeye.Ndio leo tukiwa likizoni tukaitwa na Spika tuje tupitishie ile budget wanaotaka kule ndio ahadi ya Kitui itimie.Heshima si*

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utumwa, Mwelekeo lazima uwe katika hii bunge .Enda utetee kyama kyako ukitoka pale njelakini tukiingia bungeni tuifathi heshima ya bunge.Asante

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Judith. Hon. Connellius I had already ruled that after Judith it will be Hon. Munira then others, you will be the last.

Hon. Munira: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. I stand to appreciate you and your leadership, the Majority and minority Leader on your quick response for the two very important documents from the Government; the supplementary budget and the nominees for the Mwingi Municipality board. The large turnout of the Hon. Members in this House clearly indicates that we are all in support of the Governor and the Government for the sake of the people who we represent in this house. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Munira. Hon. Mulandi and because our senior member Hon. Muthama Kieti is next to you, he will speak after you. Or can the senior member start? Just to respect the age? Hon. Muthama

Hon. Kieti: Thank you Mr. Speaker. *Asante kwa kunipea hii nafasi. Nimeona kitu ya ajabu sana. Mheshimiwa ni mtu ameheshimika sana kama vile jina linasema. Mheshimiwa ni heshima. Hauwezi Kwenda kukaa kwa kitiya Majority na haujatueleza umeingia hapo namna gani au ni kitu ganikimefanyika. Hata mabadiliko ikifanyika ya whip na Majority, ni lazima tuelezwe. Tukiangalia hata Standing Orders utaona kuwa saa hii tukipanga mpangilio kama hii, si vizuri. Tukiendelea nahii mwelekeo sisi wote tutapotea kwa sababu leo ni siku kubwa ya kupitisha budget. Alafu wale wote watu nyumbani wanaangalia vile vitendo vimefanyika hapa. Watadhandia sisi hatufanyi kazi. Tupitisha budget na turudi kwa wodi zetu tufanye kazi. mimi nilianza siasa zamani nahii tabia ndio inafanya watu waanguke na wengine wachaguliwe bunge. Chama ni gari umeingia ufike hapa. saa hii ni wakati wa kushikana na gavana, Spika na wale wamechaguliwa tufanye kazi. Asanteni*

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Muthama Kieti for those wise words. Hon. Benjamin Ndambu Mulandi.

Hon. B.N Mulandi: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute on the matter before us. I want to first thank you and the leadership of the House for seeing it wise that we come here today despite having adjourned to transact another business to come and commit the two documents to the respective committees. I also want to thank the members for coming in large numbers. On the issue of the supplementary budget, I know the people who elected us are waiting for us to commit this document to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations so that it can go and ventilate on it and bring a report to this House for approval or rejection.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't want to commend on what has happened because I have just walked into the chambers. I just want to ask us to conduct ourselves in a way that is honourable as elected members and nominated members from various parties. Decorum is a virtue of good governance and as a House, all the cameras and the public eyes are on us to see what we are conducting our business in this chamber.

On the issue of Mwingi municipality, it is long overdue. We are expecting that the Committee on appointments will go and work on the nominee and if they see them fit for the job, they will bring the report on the floor of the House so that we can debate on it and also pass the motion so that we can have the municipality running and the people of Mwingi and its environs receive services.

I would also request us as members to support the agenda of the governor otherwise if he doesn't perform for lacking our support, we will also be deemed to have not performed. Therefore, irrespective of our political parties, we have to support the governor of the day so that he can deliver which will translate to us also delivering to the people who elected us in our various wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Benjamin. Hon. Mwamisi.

Hon. Mwamisi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir and I will be very brief. First, I want to say that I think from what I have witnessed this morning, there could be a group of Hon. Members or people from outside who would like to taint the image of this honourable House and ridicule it to the outside world.

Mr. Speaker Sir, and Hon. Members, we are a family and as my fellow Hon. Members have said, we came here through different parties and that one we appreciate. However, I would say it is laughable for lack of a better word, I know for this special sitting to happen, there is a procedure that was followed and it involved consultations of the leadership of this House, majority leader inclusive. It is very laughable for someone to come into this House and purport to be the majority leader when the special sitting was called upon through letters signed by the majority leader who is known in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we must protect the integrity of this House and thank so much you for your guidance and ensuring that we don't expose ourselves to ridicule from the outside world. We have our electorates are they are really following on what is happening. The few people who perhaps don't have a mandate to their own people, we are here and we are busy representing our people and ensuring the agenda of the governor goes on.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the two agenda that we have today are very critical; one being the supplementary budget and the other one being the Mwingi Municipality. It is again laughable from what I saw in some media outside when some members purport that there are some documents which have not been worked on and processed. How can someone know that the documents are not worked on when they are not in this Assembly? The two agendas are very critical and those Hon. Members should have waited for us to do the business of the today, anything else should have come later. But it seems they were not ready for that, they had their own agenda and we will not allow that to happen. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Member Mwamisi. Hon. Stephen Katana, I can see your microphone is on, and then Hon. Cornelius.

Hon. Katana: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for this opportunity, I will be very brief. In this Assembly I am a ranking member. Today I woke up very early in the morning to run my errands and I was purposeful to attend the County Assembly business which was well gazetted under a special sitting. I expected that we only conduct that business. As it has been articulated by Hon. Members, this is a House of rules and procedure that must be followed. It has caught me in a bewildering moment; I was here in the last Assembly, Hon. Peter Mwanza has said he has never seen such a thing but it has been happening in other places as we have witnessed on our televisions. When you look at our we are doing things, we need to rethink of ourselves. I kindly request that party issues be done and finalised and communicated in the right order and channel, this is my kind request. It is now one year spent and we have only three years to be here comfortably. The last year you won't be here comfortably. Lastly, count your cost in whatever you are doing. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Katana for those wise words. Being a ranking member, we don't take your words lightly, those are words of wisdom and as I said earlier, one year is over. You have to be very serious with your work. Hon. Cornelius.

Hon. Muthami: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to join my colleagues. First of all, I would like to say that I was terrified to see members whom have otherwise to me have been very peaceful, respectful but what came out to me is that there are very few of us who probably have the intentions to undermine the authority of your office because how otherwise would you Mr. Speaker understand you giving an order which is blatantly and open defied when someone is obviously wrong? There has not been any communication to this House because you know that I attend the sessions of this House every other day because God has blessed me with good health that I attend every session of this House. There has never been any communication to changes of certain offices and in the absence of that communication, how else would you explain someone occupying the seat of the minority leader, the deputy Speaker, or the majority leader? It means that there are orchestrated plans to undermine the authority and structures of this House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would request just like the earlier Hon. Members suggested, the relevant committees that handle those matters be convened to look into those matters because we are losing the expectations and hopes of those people who brought us to this House. They didn't vote us in to come and bring or have the kind of drama that was witnessed this morning. It is actually also painting us and the rest of this House in bad light to the great people of this County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the same colleagues of mine who have brought that action into this House are very funny because it is the same group that would stand out there and purport to support the governor. The governor had given us business which had to come for a special sitting and when we come for this special sitting, the same purportedly ardent supporters of the Governor cause chaos. If it were not for your wisdom Mr. Speaker Sir, then it means we would not have committed those papers. So, what are we saying? Mr. Speaker Sir, I think that mischief has to end and, in your wisdom, see how we can restore the dignity of this Assembly. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Kiteme. Hon. Masaku.

Hon. Masaku: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Today being a Monday, it is the day that I spent in my Ward office in Mutomo to interact with my voters. But due to the gazette notice no. 12544, I am here. However, when I entered the chamber, I was surprised to witness drama happening.

Hon. Members have said it very clearly that party issues should be handled outside this House because in here, we don't talk of parties. This issue of Majority party, the members of wiper should think deeply because you are just the majority party by name but when we come to the House, you are not the majority. I hope you understand me. When it comes to transacting business, you are only 25 and we have population of 60 members here. So when we are dealing with sensitive issues, you need to engage other members and befriend them. But when we witness dramas in your party, we will not join you in that party.

I wanted to secure a wiper ticket in 2024 but I can't, it is scaring. The drama you are showing us here is worrying. What we have witnessed today despite the very sensitive and equally important business that we have to handle; the supplementary budget. People outside there are asking when the House is passing the supplementary budget and today, I told them that we will be committing it today. But what I have seen, were it not for your wisdom, we would be fighting here even now and the supplementary would not have been committed. With those remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I urge members of the wiper party not to repeat that again.

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The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masaku. Hon. Paul, just one minute please and we adjourn.

Hon. P. Maluki: Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir because actually I thought we should go to Mwingi. Mr. Speaker Sir, I was interacting with a friend who is a contractor and there must be clear communication. There are some people out there who are misleading the public that it is the Assembly which is holding the executive into a ransom by delaying to pass the supplementary budget. But before we adjourned, the supplementary budget had not been submitted to your office Mr. Speaker Sir. It is the high time the CECM finance comes out clearly and tells the entire County that he is the one failing the governor and not the Assembly. Otherwise as members of the County Assembly, we would not have come here today. Our sittings are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and we had actually adjourned to a very serious agenda; public participation on the ADP. If we were fighting the executive, we wouldn't have done it. So, it is the high time the CECM considers the timeliness of his communication so that he doesn't inconvenience the contractors. I sympathise with them because they borrowed money to do projects but they have not been paid because of delays from the finance docket. Let it be very clear, let the CECM come out because he has been a member of this House. You can't now pretend because you are in the executive, you want to portray the image of the Assembly in bad light Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Paul. Before Hon. Muange who is a senior member, Hon. Kimuli had switched on his microphone, we can give him one minute then Hon. Muange. Hon. Kimuli.

Hon. Kimuli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I think I had switched on my microphone a little bit earlier, but since most of what I was to say has been said, I can't lack a word of advice to Honourable members. What I have witnessed here today, it proves that in the last two terms of the Assembly under devolution, most of the Kitui MCAs don't come back. And I've heard from my senior MCA from Nguutani here, saying, this one has been happening. And if this one has been happening, my dear colleagues, the results will be the same. So, it's a high time we change the mode of doing things, the high time we change how we think, so that we can also have an history of maybe coming back in high numbers. Party issues should not be brought here. I was elected with a Jubilee party ticket, and in Jubilee, we have issues, we have problems, but we don't bring them here. So, I urge Honourable members from the different parties, let us respect the House and ensure we do only we are expected to do here. Our electorate are just listening and watching at us to see how we are performing. They don't want these kinds of dramas but they want development. So let us be very keen on whatever we are doing in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kimuli for those wise words. Hon. Muange. One minute please so that we adjourn.

Hon. Muange: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I don't like dominating debates or be the only one to speak. I like giving others chance to ventilate. However, I only wanted to assure and reassure my friend honourable Masaku, that wiper is a good party. The leader of this particular House Honourable Kevin Kinengo Katisya initially sponsored by Wiper is our speaker, and I believe so far he is doing a good job. Our DS is right here sitting in front of me, he too was sponsored by and wiper is doing good. On my left is the majority leader and the deputy majority whip. We are doing fine. This is a question of some mourners crying louder than the bereaved. Party owners are here, I am a founder member, I have no problem. Kiomo Kyethani representative, Anthony Musyoka is right here, we are doing okay, we have no problem. So please come to the part in 2027, we will do a good job. Forget about the gerrymandering and the caricature. Forget about those things. The

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right business and the right people are seated with you and debating with you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir.

The Speaker: Thank you very much. Honourable Katumbi. We want to adjourn please. Thank you Hon. Muange, I think you are defending your party which is allowed. You are responding to Honourable Masaku. Hon. Katumbi.

Hon. Katumbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not waste time Mr. Speaker. First, I will thank you for giving me this opportunity to say something which I had forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, as I had said that these House rules should be respected, I remember very well that you ordered hon. Sammy Muniyithya, member for Kivou Ward, out of this Assembly and we gave him suspension Mr. Speaker. It is good for the Honourable members to know that whenever you have been given suspension from the House, you should not even attend the County Assembly programs.

For instance, we are embarking on these programs you have committed to us, I think you should not attend unless otherwise communicated. For your information Mr. Speaker Sir, when we were at Mwingi, Hon. Sammy Muniyithya attended a function that was being held at Mwingi Resource centre and shouted to Honourable members. I don't know what action should be taken but I know we will be guided by powers and privileges Act. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Honourable Katumbi. I think you have answered yourself that the Act will guide us on what to do, because the decisions of this Assembly must be respected by all of us, since without law and order we cannot coexist.

Hon. Members, before we adjourn the House, allow me to once again read this article in the Constitution, which I like repeating. It is on County governments. Article 176 (1), "*there shall be County government for each County, consisting of a County Assembly and County Executive. (2) every County government shall decentralize its functions and the provision of its services to the extent that it is efficient and practicable to do so*".

Article 175 provides for the establishment and the roles of the County Assembly and the rest follows.

Honourable colleagues, being your leader, I have a duty to advise you. That's why the drafters of the Constitution thought it wise to have a speaker from outside but with a similar qualification as you. I have similar qualifications as you. That is what the law says. A Speaker must have similar qualifications just like you, article 178 of the Constitution. Exactly similar qualifications. The same, same, clearance documents you took to IEBC are the same ones I took to IEBC. IEBC had to clear me first before I could contest and that means I am one of you, and I should advise you.

Honourable members, as we are pushing to protect the dignity of this House, let us know our roles. I know we are here politically. We were elected. You campaigned, you were voted. Some of you used political parties while others used independent names to campaign to become an MCA. I came and campaigned to you and you voted for me as your speaker. We must respect each other. We are all holding constitutional offices. All of you, including myself. We are holding constitutional offices.

Hon. Members, I don't doubt whether you read the code of ethics which you signed in a hurry here. Some of these things you are doing can cost you your seat as Hon. Katana has said. Some of these things we are doing here, if anybody invokes that code of conduct, you're out. You're degazetted. You think you're doing politics here, how powerful you are, how you think you are a

member of this Assembly and so you must be heard and do whatever you want to do. You must be very careful. I'm advising you as a friend and as your leader.

The constitution is very clear. We don't work for the governor. We work with the governor. The Assembly does not work for the executive. The Assembly works with the executive and Hon. Judy has said it. But some of us because they want to go and seek personal favours from the executive, they are damaging the reputation of this House. But as long as I am your Speaker, I will not allow that to happen. The executive led by the governor must respect us because we respect them. Let them not disrespect us. Let them not think that we are lesser than them. In fact, we are more powerful than them. That's why everything the executive does, it has to be approved by this Assembly. But we are allowing ourselves to be divided. You may think you are targeting the Speaker; I can leave this job and go do other things. Or you may think you're affecting the majority leader but I must remind you that before he became an MCA, there was something else he was doing. You may think you're affecting your colleague, but you're affecting yourself instead. If you disrespect this House, you're also disrespecting yourself. Don't think, oh, I want to finish so and so. You are also finishing yourself honourable colleagues. Please, let us partner with the executive, let us not work for the executive. Let them not work for us. They have their job to do and we have our job to do. But when some of us say that we are fought politically, oh, the Speaker, the majority have ganged up with the Minority leader to sabotage the governor's work, we have to do our job Honourable members.

This Assembly, myself being the leader, must be guided by article 176. We must partner with the executive; we must be respected. But for the executive to respect us, we must respect ourselves and respect each other. If we are paying bloggers and we have evidence, and soon we are going to have the Speaker's rules which the Committee on Procedure is quickly working on, and one of them is the issue of this social media. You can't be an Honourable member, then you go to a social media, you attack your colleague in social media, and you attack this House on social media, we shall not accept it. We must respect each other. I'm a very humble person, but people should learn how to have boundaries. Even if you disrespect me as a person, respect the office and my colleagues I want to assure you, nobody will intimidate me as I do my job. I was given this job by God through you. You were given that job by God through the people who voted for you. So please, let us respect each other. Respect is paramount. Even respect yourself. How can you be an Honourable and you are shouting inside the chamber? or even respect being in this chamber. How can you say you want to support the governor and you're disrupting the House when we want to commit supplementary budget and Mwingi Municipal Board nominees? That is being hypocritical. Now you want to bring chaos. If I decided to adjourn the House, would we have committed the two documents? Those are hypocrites, and I will say that on Hansard. That's being hypocritical. You can't say you're partnering with the governor, you are supporting him, and you are here bringing chaos. This House must be respected. Even if you disrespect me as a person or your colleague, you must respect this House. Let us not allow external forces to influence this House. If we dare be divided, we shall be finished. Let me tell you, even the people you think are your friends in the executive, some of them are preparing to come and take your seats, and they are using you. They take 20 of you or 15, they use you to divide the whole House. So, you may think you are affecting me, but you are affecting yourself. You may think you are affecting your colleague, but you're affecting yourself.

Honourable colleagues with a lot of respect and humility, please let us do our work. Let us be faithful to ourselves and to God. God gave us this noble duty to come here and represent His

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people. But we are coming here to fight for ourselves. Law, Order and procedure must be followed. Of course, I am privy to what is happening in wiper party. But procedure must be followed. I will not be bullied politically or intimidated politically. I'm also a politician in my own rights. But I want to assure you members of the majority party, that I will act professionally on your matter and I will not take any side. I want to add professionalism on your matter because we must be professional. Even all the other members, all of us must be professional and we must respect every authority and every procedure.

Hon. Members moving forward, we are going to be very firm. Even if the committee on powers does its job and you may want to take us to court like Hon. Sammy has taken the Assembly and the Speaker to court, that is his right. Deputy Speaker you are a lawyer, there is the doctrine of separation of powers. It is a very serious doctrine. There is no way that judiciary will interfere with the work of the of the legislature, or the legislature interfere with the work of the judiciary, or the executive so long as procedure, law has been followed. And because we are a House of law and order and procedure, we must do that.

Hon. Members, whoever feels aggrieved, instead of bringing drama here, let them go to court. We have political party tribunals, let them go there. We are law makers, we must follow the law. You can't bring drama here and then when we take action, oh, you're being unfair. No, it is them being unfair to us, to this House. So please Honourable members, let us learn to respect each other and work together.

I know we are different and we could be having personal differences, but when we come here, regardless of personal differences, political party differences, we are all Honourable members. And I will treat all of you equally, whether you are my friend or not. When we are here, you are an MCA, I am the Speaker, you must work. I hope members that is clear, I'm just advising as your leader and I'm going to maintain and ensure this House is respected. This House must be respected.

Secondly, we have committed some documents here. And of course, my Office and the Office of the Clerk will consult with the with the Chair of the committees so that we arrange on how the programs will be done. Sometimes colleagues when we make programs which are not favourable to you understand, because we have to balance everything. Like now we have a crash program, and we are doing this for the benefit of the people of Kitui County.

For instance, the supplementary just came last week, and when a document is submitted here, we have to look at it before we commit it. We don't commit it for formality. There are people who think the Assembly conveyor belt. No, we have to look at it first. When a document is submitted to the Assembly, like the sand Bill, we must look at it and we plan for it. We also have our own program; we don't follow the executive's program. We have our own calendar and some members here also need to understand the difference between an adjournment and a recess. We have some members here who are busy confusing the public, Oh, the Assembly is not serious.... You are saying that as if you not an MCA in this Assembly. There is a very big difference between an adjournment and a recess. Like now we are going to adjourn. We adjourn another day. Recess is in the standing orders where we now go to rest without having an official Assembly sitting.

For instance, the other day we came here and we had to adjourn for the ADP because we can't come here for no business. We adjourn to go and do other Assembly work, the ADP. So, you are the ambassadors of this House, please clarify to the public because you are the ones who talk to the public, we serve the public, they are our bosses, let us give them the right information. Because when we adjourn, we adjourn for a business which we shall do. We are now going to

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adjourn to go and do sectoral consideration of the ADP then immediately the Finance Committee will do a report on the ADP. The budget committee should also sit down and do a report on the supplementary budget so that next week when we come here, we have business and I think that's how we should operate.

Hon. Members I'm sorry for talking too much but I thought it was good for me to make that clear so that we also do our work without any interference. If we proceed like that and if we can gauge our performance in the last one year, we have done a lot of good things. Let us not look at the negative things to distract us. Because our enemies out there would like to distract us so that we lose the focus. Please let us not succumb to that. Let us not fall into that trap. There is a big trap being placed out there for us.

Hon. Members having said that, I will now request that you be upstanding so that we can adjourn the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 9 a.m.

The County Assembly rose at 11.27 a.m.