



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT
(FIRST SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 2013

Hon. Members,

Because of what transpired in the Committee of the Whole House, the House was suspended at 6.25 pm today, under Standing Order 112. The said Standing Order provides for the manner in which the Speaker should proceed in the event of grave disorder in the Assembly. The suspension was at the point at which the Leader of the Majority was moving the Motion to extend the sitting time until conclusion of Order No. 16 in today's Order Paper. This is therefore a continuation of the suspended sitting.

Hon. Members,

Before we proceed, I want to guide the House as follows-

- (i) The Committee of the whole House had considered the Appropriation Bill, 2013 up to Clause 2. The Title and Clause 1 had not been considered. All other parts of the Bill had been considered. But for those of you who may have intended to move

amendments to the Schedule, I want to advise such Members to move re-committal of that particular item at the appropriate time;

(ii) The Amendments on the Schedule by the Honourables Tonui, Midiwo and Chris Wamalwa intended to delete the figure under Vote. R106 and appropriate the sum to other Votes. I know Members have argued that the amendments are not similar since they intend to move the amounts to different Votes. However, under the Standing Order No. 54(8), "no Amendment may be moved which relates to any words that the House has decided shall not be left out of a Motion" in this case, the amendment by the Honorable Midiwo proposed to delete the figure 77,399,662,593. The motion was negatived on a division. Then according to that Standing Order, the House decided that those words should **NOT BE DELETED**. In this case, no other amendment to the figure 77,399,662,593 shall be entertained;

(iii) When the Committee resumes, the Committee will proceed with the Bill from the Title, then Clause 1, and any other clause or Schedule that may have been recommitted.

Hon. Members,

Today is Thursday, June 27, 2013 and the last sitting day for the week. In accordance with Article 222 of the Constitution, before July 1, 2013 (Monday, next week), the House must either have passed this Bill, or, by resolution, passed a motion to allow the Executive, the Judiciary, **and**

indeed Parliament to use not more than half of the sums sought in the Bill. This is popularly known as the "Vote on Account."

Therefore Members, should the House not have passed this Bill by 10.30 pm tonight, I will ask the Leader of the Majority Party to move a motion under Standing Order No. 30(3)(c) asking the House to resolve to sit again tomorrow, Friday, June 28, 2013 in order to conclude the requisite business.

I want to urge the House to be very calm and temperate at this moment. The consequences of not passing an Appropriation Bill are very obvious. I have already given you the options available.

Thank you!

THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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