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Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 2:30 p. m

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(The Assembly met at 2:30 p. m in the

County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, from the observation, I can notice that there is no quorum.

I, therefore, order the Serjeant-At-Arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(The quorum bell is rung for 10 minutes)

VISITING DELEGATION

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, at the public gallery are three members of the public. They are;

1. Leonard Ngetich - Administrator, Konoin Sub-County
2. John Ngetich - Resident Konoin Sub –County
3. Joseph Tonui - Resident Konoin Sub –County

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, we have the quorum.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SURRENDER REPORTS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, we are expecting a Statement from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock. I shall be meeting with the Chairs of other Committees after the session.

Similarly, any Committee that traveled abroad is expected to Table their surrender report. All the Members are responsible for ensuring that the reports are tabled by tomorrow afternoon.

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, on a point of order. The Committee on Education and Vocational Training Tabled their report.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, they did.

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I blame the County Assembly Business and Rules Committee (CAB&RC) Committee but the Chair of the session is the Chairperson. If the said Committee Tabled their report but the CAB&RC has not scheduled for the Assembly to deliberate.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, you are out of order! The Chair cannot be blamed.

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerer Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, some Members need time to write their reports. Therefore, I request for more time.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, I will only allow until Thursday.

As Hon. W. Kiprotich mentioned, after this session, I will meet the CAB&RC to discuss the calendar of this current session.

I can also hear the rain is with us and we thank God for that.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I rise to respond to the Statement sought by the Hon. Dennis Busienei Kiprotich on the 17th of November 2022 where he wanted a report from the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture concerning the outbreak of rabies within Chemagel Ward in Sotik Sub-county. Hon. Speaker, this was necessitated by the two scenarios...

(Hon. P. Korir rose on a point of order)

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerer Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, since the seeker of the Statement is not around, is it in order for the response to be read in his absence?

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, it is in order. The response is meant for the Assembly. Proceed, Hon. Member.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The Statement was necessitated by two scenarios where a child by the name Brian Kipkoech who lives in Kibachit sub-location was beaten by an infected dog and Simeon Langat of Kibori in the same sub-location lost a cow due to rabies.

Mr. Speaker, the statement read as follows:

The Hon. Busienei asked whether the relevant County Executive Department was aware that there were cases of rabies in the said ward and whether the department was aware that the child and livestock in the said ward have been affected. Hon. Speaker, he wanted to know whether the county government will meet the costs incurred in the treatment of the affected child. He also wanted to know whether there is a budgetary allocation for vaccination and prevention of rabies within the county in the current financial year. The last question was about the steps that have been taken by the county government to address the outbreak.

Hon. Speaker, in the same regard, the Committee requested the department to avail a comprehensive report on the above issues on or before 23rd November 2022. Mr. Speaker, the report was received on 6th December 2022 and the Committee found that the report was not satisfactory. It, therefore, invited the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) on the 6th of December to shed more light on the answers given. Here are the responses.

Hon. Speaker, the CECM gave an apology for not responding to the questions on time because she received a letter on 1st December 2022. She then responded to the questions raised in the letter.

Hon. Speaker, the CECM informed the Committee that the department was aware of the outbreak of rabies in Sotik sub-county.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Member, I am struggling to follow you and I don't know whether you've shared your report with the Members. Members, do you have that report?

(Hon. Members denied)

Hon. Member, allow the Clerks-at-the-Table to share the report with the Members then you can give your response to the Assembly tomorrow. Is that okay?

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Obligated, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, the report will be shared immediately after this session then tomorrow morning it will be tabled again afresh for the Assembly to ponder upon that very serious issue and also ensure the person who sought that Statement, Hon. Busienei, be with us tomorrow morning.

(Hon. W. Kiprotich rose on a point of order)

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, it is common knowledge when a Hon. Member seeks a Statement or a Question, he/she can only make a request under the Standing Orders that the answer should never be given until he/she is present. Failure to do that, the speaker has a responsibility to order that the Question be answered anytime, whether the Statement seeker is present or not.

Usually, when a Question is asked, it is not for the benefit of that Honourable Member alone. It is for the benefit of the people including those who are not coming from his/her own ward.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you, Hon. Member. That indeed is the position. However, for our information, if you have asked a question and like today, the Chair is giving the response, the person who asked the question needs to give notice that he/she will not be in. I hope we are on the same page. Thank you, Hon. Kiprotich for that insight.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): There being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned to tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 2:55 p.m