

THARAKA NITHI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

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[The Speaker (Hon. D.J. Mbaya) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members let's get seated. Next Order

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, good morning. I wish you all the best as you discharge your constitutional duties. Thank you. Next Order.

PETITIONS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION
ON THE PETITION BY MR. LAWRENCE NICHOLAS MUTEMBEI

Hon. Speaker: Yes, honourable Anita Karimi.

Hon. Anita: Thank you honourable Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is the report of the committee on the Petition by Mr. Lawrence Nicholas Mutembei.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, kindly proceed. Is he present?

Hon. Anita: Mr. Speaker Mr. Mutembei is a member of the public and the petition was presented...

(Interjection)

Hon. Speaker: I understand. I just wanted to know if he is present. I am aware of the provisions of the Standing Order number 36 (3) that it is the duty of the Clerk to communicate thereafter. Kindly proceed honourable Anita.

Hon. Anita: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This petition was presented to the committee. Before I go through the report, I don't think I need to go through the membership of the committee but allow me to acknowledge the office the offices of the Speaker and the clerk of the County Assembly and the secretariat and the members of this committee for giving their time to go through this petition, to invite the petitioner and everyone that we needed to listen to.

Mr. Speaker, a petition is a formal request to an authority for redress of a grievance. Petition is a way of attempting to influence policy-making and legislation for a valued means of bringing public concerns to the attention of County Assembly.

In light of the above, Mr. Lawrence Nicholas Mutembei petitioned the County Assembly first on 14th September 2020, where upon the review of his petition by the Clerk, he was notified that his petition, as was submitted, did not meet the requirements as provided under Standing Order 232.

The clerk communicated to Mr. Mutembei and requested him to submit the petition as it is legally acceptable as per the Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on 24th September 2020, Mr. Lawrence Nicholas Mutembei re-submitted his reviewed petition that was then admissible for presentation in the House. It is worth noting that, the petition by one Mr. Lawrence Nicholas Mutembei of PNO 20170184611 concerning his redeployment by the County Government of Tharaka Nithi from the Department of Finance and Economic Planning to the Department of Education, Youth, Vocational training, Culture, Sports and Tourism was tabled on the floor of the house on 18th November 2020 and was committed to the County Assembly Committee on Public Service and Administration pursuant to provisions of Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Standing Order 236 (1).

Mr. Speaker I don't wish to take the members through all this part about the legality of the petition but I will beg that, instead of going through the petition, because we invited the executive, to read the submission by the county executive.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed.

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Hon. Anita: Mr. Speaker we received the following submissions from the witnesses. From the county executive, That:

1. The petitioner could not be reinstated to his previous position because the position was not vacant by then.
2. The petitioner was paid all his benefits together with the accrued salary up to the time he reported to the employer.
3. He was given a position which was available at the time after he was acquitted of all charges, which was the director of culture.
4. The petitioner has been chronically absent from his work station.
5. The petitioner has done Bachelor of Arts degree from Egerton University where he graduated in 1992.
6. The petitioner was given on job training (capacity building) in procurement where he attended courses in the Kenya School of Government
7. The petitioner did not request for renewal of his registration in the relevant professional body which is Kenya Institute of Supplies Management.
8. The petitioner had been posted to the new position with all his benefits, skills and remuneration.
9. By the time the petitioner's case was concluded, the only vacant position that was available was that of director of culture.
10. Several other officers had been redeployment. to other departments and not only the petitioner.
11. The petitioner was interdicted after he was detained by EACC officers over bribery allegations contrary to section 6(1) as read with Section 18 of the Bribery Act of Kenya (No. 47 of 2016).
12. Re-deployment is a prerogative of the department as provided under section 72 of the County Government Act 2012.
13. The petitioner has not reported to work after his annual leave that he had applied.
14. The petitioner should report to work and engage his supervisor on any matter he feels are of concern to him.
15. The petitioner consented to be redeployment. to the new position of Director of Culture.
16. The office of Director human resource, County Secretary and the County public service board could not establish receiving the correspondences the petitioner claims he has been sending.

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17. The petitioner moved to the county procurement department on request of transfer from the of services from the department of water by the county human resource officer.
18. The department redeployed the petitioner to the Directorate of culture and that, he would be trained from that position to suit it.
19. The department has never issued any warning or show cause letter to the petitioner.
20. The Chief Officer Finance has been making verbal warning to the petitioner.
21. The department did not make formal advertisements to fill the position of the director of culture.
22. The petitioner had an assistant, who could not be allowed to serve as acting but was given the substantive position in his previous position.
23. The only letter the Chief Officer of Finance has from Mutembei is the one for annual leave.

Mr. Speaker sir after we listened to the submissions by the county executive we also listened to the petitioner. These were his submissions, That;

1. He was transferred in 2018 from National water conservation and Pipeline Corporation to work for Tharaka Nithi County Government as the director Procurement.
2. The human resource manager of Tharaka Nithi County Government requested for transfer of service of the petitioner.
3. The petitioner reported to work in the new position of director of procurement from 18th December 2018.
4. The petitioner was arrested by EACC officers on 13th June 2018.
5. After he was arrested, he was interdicted and was put on half pay.
6. Director of public prosecutions withdrew the charges against the Petitioner under Section 87(a) of the Criminal Procedure Code Cap 78, Laws of Kenya.
7. The court acquitted him of all charges under section 6(1) as read with section 18 of the bribery act No. 47 of 2016.
8. The petitioner was redeployment. to a position of director of Culture immediately after reporting.
9. The petitioner has served in line of Procurement before and has experience in Procurement and supplies.
10. The petitioner alleges he has communicated several times to the employer but has not gotten any feedback.

11. The petitioner alleges he was not given a physical working office (sitting and working space) but instead he was kept him waiting.
12. The petitioner alleges he did not consent to being redeployment to the new position of director of culture.
13. He has petitioned the Senate, Public Service Commission, Ombudsman and County Assembly.
14. The petitioner alleges that all the directions issued by the other petitioned institution to the county officials have not been followed. We never got to see any of these communications because there was no feedback from the said offices.
15. The petitioner alleges that the senate wrote to the county Government, but the county Government didn't respond to the senate.
16. That the petitioner had accrued arrears of 60 leave days. But since February he has never reported to duty.
17. He sought his annual leave for forty days.
18. The petitioner alleges that when his leave was over, he reported to workplace and he was kept off.
19. He alleges that his supervisor did not renew his membership registration to his professional body.
20. The transfer of service, once approved could not be reversed.

Mr. Speaker Sir, these were the committee findings upon consideration of the submissions by the petitioner and the executive.

The committee noted the following after reviewing the petition and submissions of witnesses, that:

1. Mr. Lawrence Nicholas Mutembei is an Employee of Tharaka Nithi County Government of personal number 20170184611;
2. He was arrested by EACC Isiolo branch and charged with anti-corruption crimes with three counts of receiving bribes contrary to section 6 (1) as read with section 18 of the bribery act No 47 of 2016;
3. The petitioner was acquitted of the charges against him with reference to the anticorruption Case No. 1 of 2018 and the criminal revision No. 10 of 2019 delivered in the High court of Kenya at Chuka.

4. After the acquittal, the petitioner reported to work, only to find he had been redeployment from the position of Director of Procurement to the position of Director Culture.
5. The committee could not establish the authenticity of the petitioner's copies of evidence documents as the documents were not certified as true copies of the original.
6. The committee established that the petitioner has indeed consented to his redeployment by signing the letter of redeployment on the 24th of February 2020.
7. The committee could not establish the allegation that the petitioner was barred from entering his new office.
8. The committee established that the petitioner graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Egerton University in 1992.
9. The committee could not establish that the letter the petitioner sent to the County Government were received.
10. The committee found out that the petition was un-procedurally done and that he should have started to petition the County Assembly, then proceed to Appeal to the Senate if not satisfied with the Committees recommendations. This is because the County Assembly cannot overturn a decision by the senate which ranks higher.
11. There were many other directors reshuffled during the same period including the petitioner and none has complained or petitioned the Assembly except the petitioner.

Mr. Speaker, this was the petitioner's prayer:

The petitioner requests the indulgence of the County Assembly to be reinstated to his previous position of the director of procurement or be redeployment to the position of director of procurement culture, but not the director of culture as he has no skills or technical know-how of the new post.

Mr. Speaker, after we looked into the issues, this is the committee opinion;

The committee notes with a lot of concern that this issue could have been resolved amicably by both parties if there was good will.

According to the submissions by the County officials, it was evident that the office is willing to work with the petitioner and is ready to offer any necessary support including capacity building to ensure he is equipped in his line of duty.

Further, the committee feels that the employer portrayed goodwill by paying the petitioner all his accrued dues up to the time the interdiction was lifted.

The committee also feels that redeployment was also done in good faith as neither his Job group nor his benefits were scaled down.

It is worth noting that good faith and respect are requisite for any working environment. The committee's humble request is to urge the petitioner to report to work and create a good working rapport and co-existence to realize good results.

Additionally, according to the provisions of County Government Act, 2012 section 72 (2) the committee shall not interfere with administrative issues of the department. It's the prerogative of accounting officer of the department to deal with its administrative issues.

Mr. Speaker, these are the committee recommendation;

1. The petitioner should report back to work and the department should organize capacity building to suit to his new post.
2. The petitioner should not suffer any detriment or Disciplinary Action in respect to his submission of the petition on Re-deployment.
3. The petitioner and the employer should establish a calm working environment requisite for productivity.
4. Any further disputes between the Employing authority and the petitioner should go through mediation and arbitration before engaging the County Assembly or any other institution.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Anita. Honourable members, allow me to bring to your attention the provisions of Standing Order 236 (2):

Whenever a Petition is committed to a Sectoral Committee, the Committee shall, in not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer, respond to the petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the Table of the Assembly and no debate on or in relation to the report shall be allowed, but the Speaker may, in exceptional circumstances, allow comments or observations in relation to the Petitions for not more than twenty Minutes.

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Honourable members, in regards to the Standing Order 236 (2), and although there are no exceptional circumstances before us I will exercise discretion to allow member to briefly give their observations or comments. The floor is open. Yes, honourable Muchiri, member for Karingani.

Hon. Muchiri: Thank you honourable Speaker. First let me thank the committee. They have done a good job according to the report before the House. They have made very good recommendations and on the same allow me to have some pieces that I felt there is need for clarification

When the executive says that the petitioner has been chronically absent from workstation I felt that after redeployment he did not report but I don't know what chronically absent from workstation means. I don't know if there was a physical office for the petitioner after the petitioner was redeployed. The petitioner says there was no office to report to. I don't know if the committee confirmed whether there was a physical office that the petitioner could report to.

I was also concerned when it came to the renewal of registration to the professional body. Is it the employer or is it the employee who does that? Because the employer says that it is the employee who is supposed to renew and the employee says the vice versa.

The report says that the petitioner reported to work on 18th December 2018 and he was arrested on 18th December 2018. I don't know what came before the other. Was it the arrest or the reporting?

Those are my concerns and once again I want to commend the recommendations of the committee. It is good when people have arbitrators when it comes to the issues of employees and employers so that we don't waste a lot of time with petitions. When the committee recommends that the petitioner goes back to his job that is because the issue of deployment to other departments is not a big issue because after he was employed it was not indicated that he is permanent in that department.

The committee did their job but those are the issues I felt needed clarification. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, honourable member for Karingani. Is there any other member that wishes to make a comment or observation? Yes, honourable Justine Kithinji, member for Magumoni.

Hon. Kithinji: Thank you Mr. Speaker for granting us an opportunity to comment. First I congratulate the committee. They have done a good job. The content is flowing and it is a good report.

From what I have read from the report we know that the procurement department is a very sensitive docket. And truth be told, when that gentleman was holding that position there were complains even from honourable members because of the way he was conducting business. One time he used to behave like he was mean whenever we went to enquire about the status of projects. And of course you know projects emanate from procurement because if there is a project in my ward and procurement has not been done it becomes difficult. Much as I pronounce myself as the de facto leader of the opposition I do not find anything wrong with the redeployment. Anybody who has gone to school can do anything that comes their way. We have Mutahi Kagwe who is the CS for health and he didn't go to medicine school and he is doing relatively well. If the petitioner took up the challenge of working in his new station maybe with time, there could be other kind of shifting and he will eventually find himself in procurement again.

When someone insists that they must stick to a particular job and we have been told that he lost no benefit, then you start to think outside the box and your guess is as good as everybody else as to why someone wants to stick to a certain position. I want to support the response to the petition.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CORRECTION OF MATERIAL FACTS

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Justine Kithinji. Honourable members allow me to, for the purpose of record and before this report is forwarded to the petitioner, make some correction on page 8 paragraph 6 where it states that the director of public prosecution

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withdrew the charges against the petitioner under section 87 (a) of the criminal procedure code cap 78 laws of Kenya. This cannot be cap 78. It is cap 25 but you can confirm.

Then number 7, the court acquitted him. When you are discharged under 87 (a) then you are discharged but not acquitted. But you will confirm that with the legal department.

Yes, honourable Mwenda Gataya.

Hon. Gataya: Honourable Speaker, before I joined politics, I was a civil servant and I am very sure that issues to do with deployment, transfers to various departments and units are relatively administrative. They have nothing to do with the County Assembly. It is the employer who has the prerogative of deciding where one is supposed to work. Let us not get to this habit of using this honourable House to undertake some very minute issues from junior officers. Let us give the Executive the role to run the institutions on where a particular civil servant is supposed to work. Whether one is transferred to clean the toilets, or to do any other work. As an assembly we should not be concerned with where one is supposed to work. It is far below our standards as an Assembly. So this man by the name Mutembei, does not even appear to gauge his integrity on our level. We are at too senior members to deal with such issues.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Mwenda Gataya. Any other member who wishes to make an observation or a comment. Yes, honourable Njeri.

Hon. Bonifacia: Thank you Mr Speaker. I want to thank the committee for the good work they have done. When it comes to employees, the immediate supervisor who deals directly with the employee, has an upper hand to give a report in terms of assessment and performance when it comes to the employee's work. I am sure the Executive have reasons for the transfer. I also think there was kind of fairness because after the case, they transferred the officer. This was quite fair.

It's only good to advise the employee to take up the job and if he needs more training, he can make a request through his department. It's not understandable why the officer should keep on insisting on the job he had before the case went to court. During the period he was away, his office had to be occupied by someone else because the office cannot cease to operate.

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Despite the replacement, when he came back, he was not fired. He was given all his dues and just a transfer. The county Government incurred an additional cost to ensure that the work goes on while he was away. I therefore support the committee's recommendations and thank them for the good job. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, honourable member for Igambang'ombe. Yes, honourable member for Chogoria.

Hon. Margret: Thank you Mr Speaker. First of all, as I support the committee's recommendations, I want to thank the committee that sat down and came up with this report. It is so well elaborated and having worked in the Government service for quite some time, when a civil servant has been accused of something, the best thing is to step aside and this is exactly what happened to this petitioner. When the case was over, he was reinstated. I want to believe that the County human resource is competent enough on how to handle these cases. As an employee, you do not dictate to the employer on what to do. The moment an employee signed the letter accepting to be an employee of this county, especially in this case, he was in the hands of the Executive.

Personally I think the employee by petitioning different institutions i.e. the Senate, the County Assembly and other departments including the ombudsman of which I do not know why he had to petition there, to me, he was doing what he thought was right. I commend the committee for coming up with these recommendations that the petitioner should be very patient and he should accept the position that was given to him as the director of culture so that if need be, for any capacity building, then it can be done internally. Otherwise Mr Speaker, I fully support the committee's recommendations. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Margaret Gitari. Honourable members, regard being taken to the mood in the house, and the fact that the 20 minutes allowed by standing order 236(2) have lapsed, allow me now to call upon one honourable Anita Karimi to make any observation in response to the comments that have been made.

Hon. Anita: Thank you Mr Speaker. It is good that you have invoked the Standing Orders and allowed the honourable members to make their comments. If they had not commented, we would not have realized some things. Thank you honourable Murithi Godfrey. According to our report, it is noted that when the petitioner was transferred in December 2018 but we apologize since it is supposed to be December 2017. That is when he was transferred from

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the National water conservation to Tharaka Nithi County Government. He was then arrested by EACC on 13th June 2018. We apologize for the typing error. As honourable Godfrey said that he does not know if the officer reported then was put off but the truth is that he signed an acceptance letter which is in our possession. We can avail a copy. He reported on 24th February 2020 where he received his deployment letter. He signed and he requested for a leave. Since that time, he has never reported to work. We even have the biometric records from the executive. We have the biometric record from February to January 2021 and Mr Mutembei has never reported back to work. It shows that he has been absent and you cannot have an office when you are absent from duty.

Mr Speaker, I thank the honourable members, and I believe as honourable Mwenda Gataya has said, there is something called CHRAC i.e. the County Human Resource Advisory Committee. Officers who feel aggrieved, they can seek help from CHRAC before petitioning since it is wastage of money and time when we are supposed to be giving services to our people. I thank the honourable members, the secretariat and the office for the support they have given to this committee. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Anita Karimi. Honourable members, I now direct the clerk pursuant to standing order 236(3), to notify the petitioner on the decision of the Assembly on the petition in writing, within the next 15 days. Thank you.

PAPERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF YOUTH, SPORTS, CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON NITHI THARAKA COUNTY DISASTER MANAGEMENT BILL 2020

Hon. Speaker: Yes, honourable Dennis Mutwiri.

Hon. Dennis: Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to lay on the table of the house, the report of the committee on youth, sports, culture and social services on Tharaka Nithi County disaster management Bill 2020.

(The papers was accordingly laid on the table)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Honourable Dennis Mutwiri. Honourable members, the report of the committee of youth, sports, culture and social services on Tharaka Nithi County disaster management Bill 2020, stand laid before this house.

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BILLS

SECOND READING

THE THARAKA NITHI COUNTY DISASTER MANAGEMENT BILL, 2020

Hon. Speaker: Yes, honourable Dennis Mutwiri.

Hon. Dennis: Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to lay on the table the committee's report on the Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill, 2020.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed.

Hon. Dennis: Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Members of Youth, Sports Culture and Social Services Committee and pursuant to the provisions of standing Order No. 224 (5) (g), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the Assembly the Committee's Report on Tharaka Nithi Disaster Management Bill, 2020.

The principal purpose of this Bill is to provide a comprehensive legislative framework on disaster management by the county government of Tharaka Nithi. Disasters can be natural or man-made. In both cases, they can lead to great loss of lives and properties. In extreme cases, there can be a combination of man-made and natural disasters. For instance, armed conflicts and scarcity of food. Therefore, disaster management is necessary to curb or stop immense loss and damage. In this case, the Bill acts as a helping agent on how to react on such incidences when they arise. Honourable Speaker, allow me to skip the committee membership and the committee's mandate.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed.

Hon. Dennis: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Acknowledgement Mr. Speaker Sir, The Committee would like to acknowledge your Office and the Office of the Clerk for facilitating the Committee towards conducting Public participation and report writing in Nairobi County.

Much gratitude also goes to the Members of the Public and the Tharaka Nithi County Government for their inputs and contributions on the Bill.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Last but not least, I would like to thank the Members of My Committee and the secretariat for their technical support offered and continuous commitment, dedication and

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enthusiasm demonstrated towards the Committee work in seeing that this Bill becomes a reality.

Introduction, Disaster management is a discipline through which human beings do their very best to limit the feel of the damage caused by disasters. A disaster can sometimes be said to mean a situation that is very catastrophic where the usual pattern in life and the ecosystem is disturbed and there is a need for an emergency intervention to preserve and save lives or the environment.

It is important to note that natural disasters can happen at any time and this means that adequate measures and tools must be put in place to help battle or ease the effects and impact of disasters when they happen. Disaster is something that interrupts the normal functioning of a community; it results in a great loss of life and property that cannot be stopped or sorted out immediately. Two main types of disasters are explained below: -

Natural Disasters – These disasters are caused by nature and they are far beyond human control. Earth quakes, floods, hurricanes, tsunami are few examples.

Man-Made Disasters – These disasters are caused by humans either unknowingly or purposefully. Few examples are Fire accidents, nuclear attacks, wars, conflicts etc.

The Importance of Disaster Management:

Disaster Management is a system or a well-designed plan by which the hazards of a disaster is reduced. It is the effort that the government takes to tackle any unexpected situation. The world has been a victim of many disasters, still it survives because of the efficient disaster management systems that every country possesses.

The Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill, 2020 was read for the first time on 11th August 2020 and pursuant to the provisions of the standing Order 152 committed to the committee on Youth, Sports, Culture and Social Services to facilitate public participation and take into account the views and recommendations from the public. Therefore, the committee undertook its due diligence in the process of making up the Tharaka Nithi county Disaster Management Bill, 2020. Public participation; Mr. Speaker Sir, one of the important innovations in the architecture of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, is the requirement to involve the public in the law making process. With regard to legislation in the County Assembly, Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that, ‘The County Assembly

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shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the Assembly and its Committees’.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in fulfilment of the constitutional requirement to involve the public in legislation, the Committee, through the office of the Clerk to the Assembly, sent out notices to members of the public in the beginning of September, 2020 inviting them to make their written comments and representations on this Bill to the Clerk, Tharaka Nithi County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, further the office of the Clerk paced the advert in the Daily Nation News Paper dated 1st September 2020 for the entire residents from all corners of the Country to participate in this noble task of legislation.

Public hearing within the county; Mr. Speaker Sir, it is unfortunate that after efforts to reach the public through all means possible, there was no submissions the committee received. However, the committee during its report writing retreat observed the following;

1. That the person to be delegated in Part II—Establishment of the County Disaster Management Authority 7(4) (b) should be preferably from sub-county level for efficiency purposes,
2. 8 (1) The County Authority shall meet as and when necessary and at such time and place as the Chairperson may determine. The members observed that meeting should be done within the County.
3. 10(2) the members of the Advisory Committee shall be paid their allowances as approved by the County Assembly and not the county Government

Proposed committee amendments;

Part ii—establishment of the county disaster management authority;

1. Amend Section 7(4)(b) by replacing a public officer with a sub-county Administrator.
2. Amend Section 8 (1) to read ‘the meetings shall be held within the county’.
3. Amend section 10(2) by replacing County Government with County Assembly.

Declaration by the Committee members;

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Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to confirm that the proposed amendments of this Bill as contained in the report were adopted by members of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is now my pleasure and duty to table the report and recommend the same for adoption by this honourable House.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Honourable Dennis Mutwiri.

Hon. Dennis: Mr Speaker, I now move that the Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill, 2020 be now read the second time. I request honourable Peterson to second.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Honourable Peterson Mwirigi.

(Hon. Katherinya stood on his place and bowed to second)

Honourable members, I now propose the question that the Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill, 2020 be now read the second time. Honourable members, the floor is now open for debate.

Honourable members, regard being taken to the mood in the house, allow me now to put the question that.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Orders for the second reading read for the second time)

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, the Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill 2020, having been read a second time shall stand committed to the committee of the whole House.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members, there being no other business in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned until our next sitting.

****The House rose at 10:40am****