

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY
HANSARD

Wednesday, June 27th 2018
The House met at 10:25AM
[The Speaker (Hon. David Kiplagat) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

INVITATION TO THE AWARD OF BURSARIES

Mr. Speaker (Hon. David Kiplagat): I have one communication from the Chair. All Honourable Members are invited to a ceremony tomorrow for the award of bursaries to the various schools and students; it will be done at the County Hall from 9:30AM.

Clerk!

NOTICE OF MOTION

BAN ON THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND PERMITS TO BETTING AND LOTTERY BUSINESSES

(Hon. Philip Melly – MCA, Moi's bridge Ward)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Philip Melly from Moi's Bridge!

Hon. Korir, E. K: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I stand and beg to give notice of the following Motion on behalf of Honourable Melly:

Aware that there has been a huge outcry over the operations of many betting and lottery houses both nationally and at County level; **Further Aware that** the operations of some of these lottery and betting premises has occasioned lot of social and economic problems especially to our youth and even adults who spend almost all their time and money trying their luck in such places; **Concerned that** betting and lottery is both harmful to the economic development of any society because it discourages individual economic development and even productive employment to many; **Noting that** betting and lottery has rendered many people hopeless in life as some have invested huge amounts only to lose it all and even many children have dropped out of school; **Cognizant that** betting and lottery has almost become a national nuisance and social disaster; This County Assembly urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Trade to strictly check and even ban the issuance of licenses and permits to all betting and lottery businesses in this County.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much Honourable Maraswo.

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order Honourable Misoi?

QUORUM

Hon. Misoi: Mr. Speaker, I can see we do not have quorum to conduct the business of today.

Mr. Speaker: Clerk! Kindly confirm whether we have a quorum!

Members Present – 14 (Fourteen)

Hon. Julius Sang - MCA Megun Ward, Hon. Julius Songok - MCA Tulwet/Chuiyat Ward, Hon. Alice Rono - Nominated MCA, Hon. Leah Kosgei – Nominated MCA, Hon. Mary Goretti Boroswa - Nominated MCA, Hon. Dr. Catherine Kiptanui - Nominated MCA, Hon. David Keitany – MCA Sergoit Ward, Hon. Zipporah Maiyo - Nominated MCA, Hon. Edwin Misoi - Nominated MCA, Hon. Isaac Kemboi – MCA Kapsoya Ward, Hon. David Singoei-MCA Ngenyilel Ward, Hon. Edwin Korir - Nominated MCA, Hon. Jenny Jebet Too - Nominated MCA and lastly Hon. Pius Kigen – MCA Tembelio Ward.

Mr. Speaker: It seems we do not have the quorum, Sergeant-At-Arms kindly ring the quorum bell for eight minutes and the Chief Whip; you can assist us to whip the Members to come in.

(Quorum bell is rung for eight minutes)

Mr. Speaker: The Clerk, you can now confirm whether we have a quorum!

Members Present – 19 (Nineteen)

Hon. Julius Sang - MCA Megun Ward, Hon. Julius Songok - MCA Tulwet/Chuiyat Ward, Hon. Alice Rono - Nominated MCA, Hon. Leah Kosgei – Nominated MCA, Hon. Mary Goretti Boroswa - Nominated MCA, Hon. Dr. Catherine Kiptanui - Nominated MCA, Hon. David Keitany – MCA Sergoit Ward, Hon. Zipporah Maiyo - Nominated MCA, Hon. Edwin Misoi - Nominated MCA, Hon. Isaac Kemboi – MCA Kapsoya Ward, Hon. David Singoei-MCA Ngenyilel Ward, Hon. Edwin Korir - Nominated MCA, Hon. Jenny Jebet Too - Nominated MCA and lastly Hon. Pius Kigen – MCA Tembelio Ward, Hon. Gilbert Bett - MCA Kuinet/Kapsuswa Ward, Hon. Peter Chomba - MCA Huruma Ward, Hon. Hellen Jeptoo - Nominated MCA, Hon. Hillary Rono - MCA Kipkenyo Ward, Hon. Patrick Bundotich - MCA Tarakwa Ward.

Mr. Speaker: Now we have the quorum. We can proceed with the business of the House. Honourable Maraswo you were on the Floor.

NOTICE OF MOTION

BAN ON THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND PERMITS TO BETTING AND LOTTERY BUSINESSES

(Hon. Philip Melly – MCA, Moi'sbridge Ward)

Hon. Korir, E. K: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

Aware that there has been a huge outcry over the operations of many betting and lottery houses both nationally and at County level; **Further Aware that** the operations of some of these lottery and betting premises has occasioned lot of social and economic problems especially to our youth and even adults who spend almost all their time and money trying their luck in such places; **Concerned that** betting and lottery is both harmful to the economic development of any society because it discourages individual economic development and even productive employment to many; **Noting that** betting and lottery has rendered many people hopeless in life as some have

invested huge amounts only to lose it all and even many children have dropped out of school; **Cognizant that** betting and lottery has almost become a national nuisance and social disaster; This County Assembly urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Trade to strictly check and even ban the issuance of licenses and permits to all betting and lottery businesses in this County.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much Honourable Maraswo.

Clerk!

MOTION

BAN ON THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND PERMITS TO BETTING AND LOTTERY BUSINESSES

(Hon. Philip Melly – MCA, Moi'sbridge Ward)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Maraswo!

Hon. Korir, E.K: Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the following Motion:

Aware that there has been a huge outcry over the operations of many betting and lottery houses both nationally and at County level; **Further Aware that** the operations of some of these lottery and betting premises has occasioned lot of social and economic problems especially to our youth and even adults who spend almost all their time and money trying their luck in such places; **Concerned that** betting and lottery is both harmful to the economic development of any society because it discourages individual economic development and even productive employment to many; **Noting that** betting and lottery has rendered many people hopeless in life as some have invested huge amounts only to lose it all and even many children have dropped out of school; **Cognizant that** betting and lottery has almost become a national nuisance and social disaster; This County Assembly urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Trade to strictly check and even ban the issuance of licenses and permits to all betting and lottery businesses in this County.

Mr. Speaker, it has become a national disaster that we have these premises that actually do this kind of business. Mr. Speaker, if you move around within our towns, our villages, our shopping centres at village level, you will find that there are these premises that have these lottery machines. One of them is one that is termed as Lotto machine.

Mr. Speaker, we have another machine called the Pool table. We have several machines that are in several business premises that people attend. Most of them spend all their time trying their luck, and if you want to try your luck, you have to go with money to try your luck; it is either you win or you lose. In many cases, many of them lose and we have an outcry. A few weeks ago, we saw the Cabinet Secretary from national Government; Dr. Fred Matiangi banning these Lotto machines. In Uasin Gishu County, we still have the same; we still have these Lotto machines that are there in these business premises and many of our people have wasted their resources there, they have wasted their time there and we know time wasted can never be regained. If someone wakes up at his home place, goes to these betting places, if he stays there for the whole day, at the end of the day he has done nothing in building this nation.

Mr. Speaker, we want to urge the Executive team through this department of Trade that they should not issue licenses to these kinds of businesses. We want to save our youth so that they can

do valuable things in their lives; so that they can be productive and engage in income generating activities instead of spending time in betting.

In the betting places, age is not considered, everyone is welcomed. They do not ask you of your age. If you are a student, you will enter that place as long as you have money to use in betting; or to give so that you play these games that solicit money from people; age is not considered. If you go there Mr. Speaker, everybody is welcomed as long as you have money and at the end of the day, you will lose everything in that premise before you go home.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge this Honourable House that, let us all support this noble Motion that has come at the right time; it has come at the right time since when you move around, you will find that we are doing very well in our farms. Soon, we are going to the harvesting season and we want to protect our people from spending all the money there and gaining nothing. So, it has come at the right time and I want to urge this Honourable Members that let us all support this Motion.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon Honourable Julius Sang to second this Motion, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much Honourable Maraswo.

Honourable Julius!

Hon. Sang, J: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I first of all want to thank Honourable Edwin Korir for moving this important Motion. Mr. Speaker, we are aware that currently we do not know where this is coming from; perhaps, this is as a result of the frustration that most people in the villages, rural areas and especially in town have. This is because, you find that most people especially the young now engaging themselves in this gaming business.

Mr. Speaker, we are aware that there are a number of these gaming businesses which are legally allowed in Kenya, especially those that have gone through the Betting Control and Licensing Board. However, a number of them are not licensed, I am aware that there are a quite a number of them that have found their way to find single business permits from the County Government of Uasin Gishu and other county governments.

Once we want to bring this business to a stop Mr. Speaker, they will challenge the authorities and the leaders that they have single business permits. So, we want through this Motion, to urge the department to be very vigilant when issuing licenses to such businesses because it is actually a menace in this County. Mr. Speaker, I know that where such businesses are conducted, there is a significant increase in crime; there is a significant increase in theft because young people steal money to go and do this game.

(Point of Order)

Hon. Bundotich: Point of order Mr. Speaker!

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order Honourable Bundotich?

Hon. Bundotich: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of order to actually get the meaning of this prayer from the seconder of this Motion because again Mr. Speaker, is he in order to contradict the prayer of this Motion? The prayer of this Motion if I can repeat says, 'This County Assembly urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Trade to strictly check and even ban the issuance of licenses and permits to all betting and lottery

businesses in the County.’ Mr. Speaker, I found it out of order from the seconder of the Motion because it is like he is trying to sugarcoat by saying that we ought to license some and not license some.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to contribute, because I am yet to contribute, but as far as I am concerned, the prayer of this Motion is to ban the issuance of licenses and permits to all betting. I do not think whether it is in order. I am yet to oppose this Motion when my time comes.

(Laughter)

But I think the seconder of this Motion should come clearly and actually tell us whether he is seconding or he is not seconding this Motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Sang, maybe with that clarification you might need to remain on the path of the prayer and concentrate on what you were praying for in the Motion.

Hon. Sang, J: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I empathize with my colleague Honourable Bundotich because he is trying to dissuade me from... I have already seen that he wants to oppose the Motion; he wants to dissuade me and follow him.

Mr. Speaker, it is true that there are gaming businesses which are licensed in this country. As a County Government, we cannot then go against the government by banning all gaming businesses. It is true; the prayer of this Motion is to...

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order Honourable Jenny Too?

Hon. Jebet: Mr. Speaker Sir, on the same point of order as my brother here has just mentioned, the Honourable Member is supporting a Motion that seeks and says, ‘to strictly check and even ban.’ So, when the Honourable Member says that he does not feel that there should be an overall ban, then I do not think that he is seconding.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Sang may be you can clarify that for the House.

Hon. Sang, J: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues for pointing that out. It is true that we want to move this Motion and say there is a problem; there is a problem in this County as far as gaming business is concerned. I am very concerned about my young people. I was in my school recently and three of my students dropped out of school to go for these gaming business. One of the students Mr. Speaker actually had Sh1,500. He was to be send home for school fees, he owed the school Sh1,000 and he was supposed to be send home for school fees but he had Sh1,500 in his pocket that he stole from elsewhere to go and do gaming business.

So Mr. Speaker...

(The Speaker interjects)

Mr. Speaker: May be to assist so that you do not get a lot of point of orders, there is something you need to really clarify on the issue; are you banning all of them or you may be want the ones which are legal to proceed? That is the thing you might need to clarify so that you can proceed.

Hon. Sang, J: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On that...

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order Honourable Chomba?

Hon. Chomba: Is the Member on the floor trying to tell us three of his children are in gambling and that he is unable to control them?

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Sang!

Hon. Sang, J: I think I am in trouble today with my Members. Nevertheless Mr. Speaker, I did not say my own children, I meant the children from my Ward; from one of my schools in the Ward. I just want to clarify in this way Mr. Speaker; I hope through the prayer of this Motion we can ban all the businesses that deal with gaming in this County.

So, as I continue, I am really disturbed this morning Mr. Speaker knowing that these three children who have actually dropped out of school have no future; they have no future, their lives are in a mess because they have now been rendered useless because of this kind of business. Mr. Speaker, when you look at these young people who engage in this gaming business, it is said that gaming is addictive, and I have actually proved that through these three young people. They are now roaming around the villages looking for money to go and bet, to go and drink and I am, told now that they are now into drugs.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very serious challenge that we must confront as a House, we must confront as a leadership so that we engage our young children in the right things to do in life. So, I wish to urge these Honourable Members to support this Motion so that we can bring some sanity in this County. Basic Education Act requires that all children must be in school. It is unfortunate that when we allow this to continue, it will dissuade children from going to school to look for quick money. Actually, money that comes through this type of business is so sweet because you earn money that you have not sweated for.

So Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask our Honourable Members to support so that we check all these. I am told reliably that also somebody has done a research where gaming business is done, it is also said many divorces have occurred. So we want to save our families.

(Point of Order)

Hon. Bundotich: Point of order Mr. Speaker!

Mr. Speaker: What is the Point of Order Honourable Bundotich?

Hon. Bundotich: Mr. Speaker, with due respect, when someone says a research has been done, it is good to come with facts and journals. So Mr. Speaker, can he substantiate and maybe give us the real journal where this research was done?

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sang, maybe you can substantiate on that and if you don't have any substance on it you can withdraw the statement.

Hon. Sang, J: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I don't have the facts now so I withdraw.

So, as I conclude Mr. Speaker, I urge this House to support this Motion. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Sang.

I now want to propose the question.

(Question Proposed)

Mr. Speaker: Ensuing debate?

Maybe we can start with the Chief Whip!

Hon. Singoei: Thank you Honourable Speaker for recognizing or catching my eye. Honourable Speaker, this is one Motion that you feel like supporting because the spirit of this Motion is really what we need to address as a County. Honourable Speaker, you know that Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act actually stipulate the regulations that have to be followed for any person to engage in this business. But Honourable Speaker, as I have said before, it is the prayer that is very important in any Motion and it is what the implementer of the Motion will read and try to implement. This prayer cannot be answered Honourable Speaker even if we wanted to support this Motion because it is calling for banning and not licensing all betting and lottery businesses in this County. This alone is actually going contrary to the Act; this House is not above the Constitution and is not above the law. Therefore, we cannot sit here because we wanted....

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order Hon. Rama?

Hon. Werambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is the Member on the floor supporting or opposing? Because, he is explaining saying it is good and again saying the prayer is not good. So, is he for the Motion or against the Motion? He should come out clear before now explaining, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: The Chief Whip you can maybe clarify that, whether you are opposing or proposing as you continue.

Hon. Singoei: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I don't know why the Honourable Member is impatient. I think even from the mood and from the way I am explaining, it is obvious I am not supporting this Motion.

(Laughter)

I am just building my case because I sympathize; there is a situation in this Country that needs to be addressed, but the mover of this Motion has failed in trying to address that issue in the Prayer. In the beginning of this Motion, he has actually identified that there is a problem which all of us agree that there is a problem that needs to be addressed. Even if this Motion does not pass, we will need to bring another Motion or even request the mover of this Motion to withdraw so that it can be redrafted to address the real problem that is there. We have a lot of lottery people who are even in our rural areas; I know in town they are very many. Even in our rural centres, like in Kipkaren, we have a lot of them who are not following the Act; they are not following the law. They are actually breaking the law because they are doing it in public, they are doing it in places and they are not licensed. They are actually doing what the seconder of the Motion said; a lot of our children are now in those places and the Act says, young people who are below 18 are not allowed but you find even 16 year olds being in those places.

So, this Motion in the prayer has not actually addressed the issue because if we pass this Motion the way it is Hon. Speaker, we will break the Constitution, we will go against what is in the Act and we are not prepared to do that. I am opposing this Motion and I am humbly requesting the mover of this Motion to withdraw so that this Motion gets another chance to be debated in this House, to address the real social and economic problem that is affecting our children. That will be noble thing to do so that we don't run away from what we need to address and just say; ban the issuance of license and permits to all, you know that is what is killing this Motion. If actually we had said; some of those that are not following the law, it will actually be agreed because we

all come from these places you mentioned and we have seen this problem but we cannot pass this Motion the way it is. Honourable Speaker, if it is not withdrawn, I am totally against this Motion, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much Chief Whip.

May I give Chair to Trade, Hon. Keitany!

Hon. Keitany: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I have now realised that it is good to be Chair sometimes because you at least an opportunity. Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to oppose this Motion. The reason why I am opposing is that the mover of the Motion is requesting that we ban all the betting and lottery businesses in the County, which is not possible. As Chair of Trade, I find this thing being unfair to others because... In fact to me, those who are playing Sportpesa, Betways and this 1, 2, 3, I don't know how it's called, those are the things that we would have talked about because most of the times if you check our youth, they are always playing Sportpesa. I am even very sure those who are good in these football games, are now playing these things, they even use up to Ksh 500,000. We were one time told that someone used Ksh 640,000. Therefore to me, banning all these lottery business in our County is not got given that most of those who are doing these businesses in County are paying licenses and we are all aware that we are after money; we want to make sure that we get money. Although, we still have to make sure that we don't spoil our youth.

What we are supposed to do Mr. Speaker Sir, is to come up with regulations to make sure that those who are operating these businesses, if possible, should have things like Closed-circuit television (CCTV) in their premises so that we make sure that those who are playing these games only those who are over 18 years of age. This way, we get money and at the same time our youth can get employment because when we talk of this Sportpesa, there is no one who is even employed from Uasin Gishu County. There is no one but for your information, I am sure we have some of our youth who are already employed in these Lottery machines.

So Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say that if we can take time and come up with a proper Motion, with good regulations or intentions, I find that it is good and I even take this opportunity to even urge the County Government of Uasin Gishu if possible, we can even come up with our own lottery businesses like this Sportpesa where we can even do what we call campaigns so that our people of Uasin Gishu can be playing and at the end of it, we are going to be the beneficiaries. This is instead of our people playing this Sportpesa, Betway and this other 1, 2, 3. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to thank you and I want to say that let us all be fair to all business people in our County. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Keitany.

Hon. Chomba!

Hon. Chomba: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I also rise to oppose this Motion. Even though it is a very noble Motion, it might not see the light of the day in this House. I have also done my research and the papers are in my car; that a big number of members of this House would not pass this Motion unless it is separated because some of them are big gamblers and they make a lot of money out of it. So, apparently that is why it is being opposed from get go. The mover, you need to separate the lottery and the betting in the prayer. My ward is a factory for lottery whereby when Hon. Julius was talking about the huge number of divorces, I thought he had also done a research of my Ward. This is because when most women wake up in the morning to go to

the store to buy bread and milk, they end up spending the money on the lottery. So, the husbands wait at home for the wives to come and cook tea but there is no tea and the wives refuse to come back to the house because they have already spent the money.

This noble Motion needs to be realigned and taken back, though in your prayer you are saying through the Trade Committee which I am a member; if it's brought into the Committee and we also invite you in the same Committee which you are not a member, we can be able to realign this because it is a problem in this County....

(Point of Information)

Mr. Speaker: What is the Point of Information Hon Maraswo?

Hon. Chomba: You will be given a chance at the end to say you want; you are the mover. So for now, give me the chance to talk.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chomba, give Hon. Maraswo to state his---

Hon. Korir, E.K: Thank you Mr. Speaker for your protection. I want to inform the Honourable member that my prayer was going through the department of trade at the Executive side not through the Committee of trade of this County Assembly, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chomba! Thank you very much Honourable Maraswo.

Hon. Chomba: So, you don't believe in the Committee of trade in the same Assembly that you are in? Everything has to start here my friend, and also I know you are a big gambler and I am wondering why you brought this Motion to this House.

(Laughter)

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order Hon. Maraswo?

Hon. Korir, E.K: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member on the floor is referring to me as a big gambler and I want him to substantiate that or withdraw and apologise to me Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chomba, unless you have facts to substantiate you can withdraw and apologise.

Hon. Chomba: Yes Mr. Speaker, I have facts. He bought a new car no long ago with money from gambling. So, that is a fact.

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order?

Hon. Korir, E.K: Mr. Speaker, as we are all aware, when we came to this County Assembly we were give car loans and I bought my car through the car loan from this Assembly and not what Hon. Chomba is saying. Mr. Speaker, I beg the Honourable Member to withdraw and apologise.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chomba, it is not good to make allegations that you can't substantiate. I think for us to move forward you can withdraw and apologize or substantiate.

Hon. Chomba: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, next week I will bring the documents but for now I withdraw and apologise to the Member.

(Laughter)

So, as I end Mr. Speaker Sir, this is a good Motion but needs to be refined. It is my humble request for it to be taken back to the Committee so that it can be refined.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Honourable Chomba.

Hon. Pius!

Hon. Kigen: Thank you Honourable Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Hon. Speaker, the intention, the spirit, the objective and the dream of this Motion is noble. The Constitution of Kenya, 2010; in separation of powers, if you read Schedule four, and maybe members can refer; 4 (a) stipulates clearly the separation of powers between the national government and the County government. Hon. Speaker, it spells the functions of the County Government and in that Constitution it is clearly written that betting, lottery and gambling is a function of the County. That is in law and you cannot either debate what is in law or the Assembly cannot change the Constitution. That is why Honourable Speaker, the intention is good. However, we have seen and all of us know here in our hearts that really the intention of this Motion was to address a missing gap and that gap is what somebody has said, our young men and women are really suffering because of this gambling issue.

Article 186, (1, 2 and 3) spells clearly about the lottery, gambling and betting processes in a County. Honourable Speaker, perhaps this Motion can be salvaged in one way. I know from the argument of the mover of this Motion, he talked about the minister of internal security ban of some things. But they did not ban lottery, they banned the lotto machines. So, if the intention is the lotto machines... But for gambling Honourable Speaker, no County Assembly will remove today or ban lottery, betting and gambling; it is in the Constitution. People are licensed to operate and if you have a license, you can operate freely. The Constitution has also said that if you are licensed to operate a brothel, it is in the law.

So Honourable Speaker, perhaps the Committee should have... I would like to save this Motion by moving an amendment and I would suggest that we move an amendment; that in all places where it is written 'betting and lottery' we indicate 'lotto'. We know lotto---

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order Hon. Bundotich?

Hon. Bundotich: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to look as if I am putting a lot of point of orders but I want to ask my senior member of this House; when he talks about amendment, I don't know whether he had done a written a memo to the Speaker prior before he moves the amendment. He knows that before you move an amendment, you ought to have written to the Speaker. So I don't know whether he had written to the Speaker. Can you confirm?

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Pius maybe just to assist you is that; from the Chair, we had ruled under Standing Order No. 52. You look at it clearly that any proposed amendment should be in writing to the office of Speaker two hours prior to the Motion. So, you are kindly advised as you look at proposing that amendment.

Hon. Kigen: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I really stand guided but I was thinking in your wisdom Honourable Speaker, you could exercise Standing Order No. 1. But now that you have made an order, the Speaker's seat cannot be challenged. Thank you so much, I stand guided.

So Hon. Speaker, I would like to urge the mover of this Motion to withdraw so that they can go and reframe and give us an opportunity to give our input so that we came up with this Motion. This is because the intention of the Motion is noble and we know it is going to address a gap in this County which is real menace. Betting is in the law and that one cannot be amended and I would wish the mover, the Committee or the sponsor of this Motion could recall it and they will get time to bring it back in a proper manner, thank you so much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you So much Hon. Pius. I am judging the mood of the House is I might need to give it to the mover of Motion to maybe reply. Hon. Maraswo!

Hon. Korir, E.K: Mr. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have seen there are mixed reactions and most of the Honourable members have refused to use the third eye to see the information in this Motion. The information in this Motion was about lottery and betting premises. Mr. Speaker, you know there are those premises; the house, it was not talking about the betting using mobile phones, which does not require a license as one of the Honourable members said that we do betting using our mobile phones. Doing using the mobile phones does not require a license from the County Government of Uasin Gishu.

However Mr. Speaker, using Standing Order No. 48, sub-section 1, I would wish to withdraw this Motion such that I will get time to re-frame a few lines and the prayer of this Motion. Mr. Speaker, I know that in a later day I will be given a session to move the following Motion. Mr. Speaker, I beg to withdraw, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Maraswo for the withdrawal of the Motion. Although the Motion was properly in the House by virtue that the notice had been given and had been seconded, but all the same from the Chair I allow the withdrawal and the Motion is hereby allowed for withdrawal.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Having no other business on our Order Paper, the House is hereby adjourned until today at 2.30PM.

The House rose at 11.20PM