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*The East African Legislative Assembly met at 2:30 p.m. in the Chamber of the Assembly,
EAC Headquarters, Arusha, Tanzania.*

PRAYER

(The Speaker, Mr Daniel Fred Kidega, in the Chair.)

(The Assembly was called to order.)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker: Good afternoon, honourable members. We have a very long Order Paper yet time is not on our side. We will try to be very innovative in dealing with our business to ensure we do not lose focus on what we must accomplish. In the circumstances, I will make sure there are few people contributing on a given motion or topic; I will also limit the number of minutes per person contributing on the Floor in good faith.

VISITING DELEGATION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT/NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA

I would also like, in very special way, to recognise our special guests from the Republic of Kenya. We have amongst us, Members of the National Assembly of Kenya specifically from the Committee responsible for EAC Affairs. They are led by hon. Robert Mbui, the leader of the delegation, hon. Joseph Kang'ara, hon. Rose Nyamunga, hon. Wanjiku Muhia, hon. Andrew Wadime, hon. Anne Nyokabi and their Clerk, Mr Nicodemus Maluki. Honourable members, you are most welcome to our plenary

meeting. You have come at the right time. Take our greetings to Kenya with our full expectations.

PAPER LAID

Report of the Committee on the Consideration of the Proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure of the East African Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: The Chairperson, Legal, Rules and Privileges will be represented by hon. Kalinda. Please, lay the paper.

Mr Francois Kalinda (Rwanda): Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir. I beg to lay the Report of the Committee on the Consideration of the Proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure of the East African Legislative Assembly.

(Mr Kalinda laid the document on the Table.)

The Speaker: Chairperson of the Committee on Communication Trade and Investment, hon. Mukasa Mbidde.

Mr Mukasa Mbidde (Uganda): Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the Report of the Committee on Communication, Trade and Investment on Single Customs Territory on the East African Community Region.

(Mr Mbidde laid the document on the Table.)

Mr Jeremy Ngendakumana (Burundi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Oversight Activity of the two new EAC institutions, the East African Science and Technology Commission and the Kiswahili Commission.

(Mr Ngendakumana laid the document on the Table.)

BILLS

First Readings

THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2017

The Second Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister for EAC Affairs (Uganda) (Dr Kirunda Kivejinja): Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:

THAT, the East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2017, be read for the first time.

(The Bill was read – read for the first time – and referred to the Committee on General Purpose.)

THE EAST AFRICAN APPROPRIATION BILL, 2017

The Second Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister for EAC Affairs (Uganda) (Dr Kirunda Kivejinja): Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the East African Community Appropriations Bill, 2017, be read for the First Time.

(The Bill was read – read for the first time – and referred to the Committee on General Purpose)

THE EAC YOUTH COUNCIL BILL, 2017

Ms Susan Nakawuki (Uganda): Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the East African Community Youth Council Bill, 2017 be read for the First Time.

*(The Bill was read – read for the First Time
– and referred to the
Committee on General Purpose)*

THE EAC CROSS BORDER TRADE IN
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BILL, 2017

Mr Mbidde: Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the East African Cross-Border Trade in Professional Services Bill, 2017 be read for the First Time.

*(The Bill was read – read for the First Time
– and referred to the
Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges.)*

THE EAC MINING BILL, 2017

Mr Chris Opoka-Okumu: Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the East African Community Mining Bill, 2017 be read for the First Time.

*(The Bill was read – read for the First Time
– and referred to the
Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and
Natural Resources.)*

MOTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
LEGAL, RULES AND PRIVILEGES ON
THE CONSIDERATION OF THE
PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF EALA

Mr François Xavier Kalinda (Rwanda): Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Report of the Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges on the Consideration of the proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure of the East African Legislative Assembly be adopted.

The Speaker: Seconders? Hon. Frederick, hon. Mbidde, hon. Dora and all the members standing. Hon. Kalinda, proceed to present your report.

Ms Mumbi Ng'aru (Kenya): I stand on a point of procedure, Mr Speaker, Sir. Thank you for seeing me. I know that the Speaker's eyes are limited to some issues unless alerted by members – *(Interruption)*

The Speaker: Yes, when the Member rises.

Ms Ng'aru: Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to bring to your attention the fact that a Partner State called Kenya is not represented in the House. I urge you to look around and to cross check whether that country is represented.

The Speaker: Thank you hon. Mumbi. Honourable Members, you know our Rules of Procedure are very compelling to the Speaker. When a matter of this nature is raised, I invite the Serjeant-at-Arms to ascertain that the House is properly constituted. So, Serjeant-at-Arms, please cross check.

*(The Serjeant-at-Arms took a roll call of
Members)*

The Speaker: Honourable members, Rule 12 of our Rules of Procedure is very explicit that once the issue of quorum is raised, the Speaker invites the Serjeant-at-Arms to ascertain. The quorum of our House shall be half of the elected members and at least a third from each Partner State. Therefore, the Republic of Kenya has denied quorum to this House.

The Rules further compel me to suspend the House for 15 minutes to look for these members to join the House. After 15 minutes, I will ring the Bell and the Serjeant-At-Arms will come back to ascertain quorum.

(The House was suspended at 2.50 p. m.)

*(On resumption at 3.15 p. m, the Speaker,
Mr Dan Fred Kidega presiding.)*

The Speaker: Honourable members, I welcome you back from the short break. Rule 12 requires that when we resume I invite the Serjeant-at-Arms to ascertain whether there is quorum. Sergeant-At-Arms, please, cross check quorum.

*(The Serjeant-At-Arms took roll call of the
Members present.)*

The Speaker: Honourable members, I have 30 Members seated in the Chamber. That is above half. However, I have one member from the Republic of Kenya. Therefore, we do not have quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: Rule 12 compels me to adjourn the House. I, therefore, adjourn the House to tomorrow, Wednesday at 11 a.m. The House is adjourned.

*(The House rose at 3.25 p.m. to reconvene on
Wednesday, 31st May, 2017 at 11.00 a.m.)*