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THE REPORT OF THE HOUSE BROADCASTING COMMITTEE
ON THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SOUND INTERFERENCE
OF THE KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE PROCEEDINGS ON
THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2011

PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE BY

THE HOUSE BROADCASTING COMMITTEE ON
THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2011

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Speaker,

This report is a product of investigations by the House Broadcasting Committee as directed by the Speaker on the interference of the proceedings of the House which occurred on three separate occasions during the afternoon sitting of Thursday 28th April, 2011 between 4:26 pm and 5:14pm.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Mandate of the House Broadcasting Committee Pursuant To Provisions of Standing Orders 195;

The Committee executes its mandate in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders 195, from which it draws its mandate to –

- i. consider and report on all matters relating to broadcasting of Parliamentary proceedings;*
- ii. Assess and analyse Parliamentary information released to the public by media;*
- iii. Make reports and recommendations to the House on regular basis, including proposed legislation on all matters relating to broadcasting of Parliamentary proceedings and matters related thereto;*

Mr. Speaker,

The House Broadcasting Committee comprises of the following Members: -

The Hon. (Eng.) Nicolas Gumbo, MP	-	Chairman
The Hon. (Capt.) Clement Wambugu, MP	-	Vice Chairman
The Hon. James Rege, MP		
The Hon. Charles Keter, MP		
The Hon. Peter Kiilu, MP		
The Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, MP		
The Hon. William Kabogo, MP		
The Hon. Maina Kamau, MP		
The Hon. David Koech, MP		
The Hon. David Were, MP		
The Hon. Mbuvi Kioko, MP		

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation to you for the opportunity to undertake this Investigation. Further, the Committee thanks the Clerk of the National Assembly for the continuous facilitation and the Contribution of the Committee's operations and ensuring the success of this investigation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Signed


The Hon. (Eng.) Nicolas Gumbo, MP
Chairman, House Broadcasting Committee.

Date.....

12.5.2011

Mr. Speaker Sir,

During the sitting of Thursday 28th April, 2011, strange sounds intermittently interfered with the House proceedings. The external sound which was carried through the chamber public address (PA) system made Members contributions inaudible. The sounds were distinct from the ongoing chamber business and were audible and intelligible.

The sounds would momentarily override Members contributions on the floor of the House for a period of about 15 seconds. The interference occurred on three separate occasions as indicated below:

- At 4.26p.m, the message which went through the chamber public address system which was not a parliamentary debate was: "What the Equity customers will be for... (*inaudible*).... it is easy to persuade them to come. The power of persuading.... (*inaudible*)...." (ends).

- At 5.05p.m., another message was heard which stated “..... (*inaudible*)..... Look at this but from treatment and behavior; the agency will look like that... Don't worry about people; don't care about the look of premises. It is the way you treat them. Be humble, friendly. So that at the centre of it... (*inaudible*).....” (ends).
- At 5.14 p.m., another message was also heard “.....(*inaudible*) And you can see the reason why. So then if you succeed here, you can also succeed in Rwanda. So please, help us because we don't want to do this training. Instead of people going to train in Tanzania we want Tanzania.....” (ends).

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee sought to establish the following:

- (i) the source of the strange sounds;
- (ii) how the interfering sounds found their way into the chamber public address system;
- (iii) actions to be taken to avoid a repeat of similar situations in future.

i. Source of the interfering sounds

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee was supported by a technical committee formed by the Clerk of the National Assembly which;

- a) reviewed the Parliamentary Broadcasting Unit (PBU) and Hansard recordings for the day and confirmed that the interferences as noted above were recorded in both systems.
- b) reviewed news updates for the day and established that there had been an event organized by Equity Bank Ltd at the Kenyatta International

Conference Centre (KICC) and which had been broadcast by various media houses.

- c) sourced for tape recordings from the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) of the day's proceedings of the event at KICC and confirmed the event was indeed organized by Equity Bank Ltd, and ;
- d) reviewed the news content from various media houses and the tape recordings from KBC on the Equity Bank Ltd event and established that the sound bites recorded above may have been the cause of the interference in the chamber proceedings. The committee therefore concluded that the interference originated from the banks event at KICC.

ii. How the interfering sounds found their way into the chamber

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee toured the Chamber and reviewed the findings of the technical team and established the following;

- a) that the Chamber public address system includes the mixer and the microphones (hard wired and cordless). The Committee established that the only possible input into the public address system is the microphones in the chamber (both the hard wired and the cordless microphones).
- b) that two cordless microphones (one for the Speaker and another for the clerks-at-the-table) were on at the time when the strange sounds were recorded.
- c) that experiments on possible ways of sound interference were carried out by the committee including walking with the cordless microphones to various locations within Parliament buildings and also working with

playback sounds from a mobile phone to both hard wired and cordless microphones. The committee found out that:

- i) Both the hard wired and cordless microphones can pick sound from any playback equipment when the equipment is switched on and near the microphone.
 - ii) The reception range of the cordless microphones can be as far as the farthest corner of the Parliament grounds.
- d) that enquires into the public address system used at KICC on the 28th April 2011 during the Equity Bank Ltd function were cordless microphone system supplied by the Pillar Ltd. The same company which supplied the cordless system in use in the National Assembly Chamber.

e) Technical assessment

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee sought technical assessment on the issue and was informed that the cordless system in use in the chamber is an ultra-high frequency (UHF) equipment. This kind of equipment when placed on a high elevation can send and receive communication signals within a radius of 500 metres or more. Thus, the cordless microphone does not guarantee privacy or security of the public address system network.

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee made the following **observations and conclusion** guided by the above findings as indicated below:

- i. Having established the sound bites correlation with the events at KICC, the source of the interference in the chamber public address system was from the Equity Bank Ltd event at the KICC.
- ii. Having established that the cordless microphones can pick sound from as far as 500 metres, and that the frequencies used in the cordless systems are not protected from interference, the committee concludes that the source of the interference in the chamber public address system was from the cordless microphones used at KICC that were picked by the cordless receiver in the chamber.

Mr. Speaker,

From the conclusions above, the committee recommends the following:

- a) That cordless microphones should only be used as a back-up system, and that only wired microphones be used in the Chamber.
- b) Parliament should install a mobile phone demobiliser in the Chamber which could disable mobile phones and other communication devices that could interfere with the PA system.
- c) As Parliament is installing various communication systems, it is recommended that they be properly integrated and synchronized to avoid any interference that may arise.
- d) The wired public address system is aging and therefore prone to failure. It is recommended that the system be considered for replacement.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, 28th April, 2011

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Mr. Speaker: Question by the Member for Ndaragwa!

(Mr. Nyambati stood up in his place)

Order! What is it, Mr. Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Service Commission?

Mr. Nyambati: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sorry! I wanted to lay this Paper on the Table.

Mr. Speaker: Then what happened to you, Mr. Vice-Chairman?

Mr. Nyambati: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was disrupted a little bit. With your indulgence, could you allow me to lay the papers?

Mr. Speaker: Please, resume your seat, first! You know, you are the Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Service Commission and, by virtue of the office you occupy, you are a senior Member of this House. Then, significantly, you have been in this House for the past three years, now and going into the fourth year and you know that you must follow very keenly the pronouncements of the various Orders, Mr. Vice-Chairman! However, perhaps, for all those reasons, maybe, you are a very busy man. So, you will be excused.

You may proceed!

Mr. Nyambati: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the indulgence. I apologise. I do not think that it will happen again.

PAPER LAID

The following Paper was laid on the Table:-

Estimates of the Recurrent and Development Expenditure of the Parliamentary Service Commission for the year ending 30th June, 2012 and Projections thereof for the Years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014

(By Mr. Nyambati)

Mr. Speaker: We will now go back to Questions and, once again, I will call out the Question by the Member for Ndaragwa.

basis for implementing a future ESP. Overall the Committee recommends a gradual approach in phasing out the stimulus projects.

Looking at the other sectoral issues, the Committee presented a detailed sectoral report, which has been attached to this Budget Committee Report. The Budget Committee has noted that a number of the departmental committees are asking for more resources for their Ministries. However, given the strict Budget constraints, which require reduction of expenditures to sustainable levels, the Committee is of the view that only a few be considered, based on prioritization due to constraints on the resources envelop.

Highlights of some of the sector issues are as follows.

(i) On the physical infrastructure, Members are concerned that the continued non-existence of policies and enabling legal framework continue to retard positive growth. The fragmented pieces of legislation have proved incapable of steering the sector to a growth trajectory. Equally worrying is the slow pace of implementing of infrastructure flagship projects identified in Kenya's development blueprint called Vision 2030---

*(Proceedings were interrupted
by external signal)*

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Prof. Kaloki): Clerk-at-the-Table, what is happening?

Order, Mr. Sambu! Please, turn the microphone off and resume your seat!

*(Mr. Sambu turned off the microphone
and resumed his seat)*

Clerks-at-the-Table, could you determine what is happening with the sound system?

Mr. Sambu, please, proceed!

Mr. Sambu: Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, equally worrying is the slow pace of implementing the infrastructure flagship projects identified in Kenya's development blue print, Vision 2030. The pace is slow in developing the following projects: Lamu Port, light railway line around Nairobi, standard gauge railway line, among others. Policies and actions towards development and distribution of alternative energy sources are not clear, yet this country has unpredictable water source to continue relying on hydro-power. However, hydro-power is expensive in addition to being in short supply, thereby attributing to under-performance of useful programmes such as the Rural Electrification Programme (REP).

The Committee is also concerned over the ever increasing fuel prices, which negatively impact on the wellbeing of Kenyans. The petroleum products price controls introduced by the Minister of Energy in December 2010 have largely failed to meet their intended objectives. As we debate this Report today, Members are aware that Kenyans are paying a high transportation cost. Kenyans would have been saved this expense if we had a well developed railway system.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the human resource development sector, Members are concerned that despite the huge resources directed to the education sector, the ratio of pupils to teachers in public schools in the rural areas remains a challenge,

leading to much skewed outcomes and compromising quality. There is no strategic policy direction in the BPS to correct this gaping imbalance.

Given that the education sector was a major beneficiary of the ESP, most projects are on-going and the Government plan to wind up the ESP funding may be counter-productive, and may contribute to wastage of resources owing to incomplete projects. In addition, there is no harmony in the distribution of ICT infrastructure in schools, thereby jeopardizing the desire to roll out ICT in all schools. The Committee is also concerned about the lack of labour sector national policies, including employment policy, the industrial training policy and the attachment policy, among others. This should be prioritized to help this country achieve enhanced employment of the youth and stability in growth.

In this regard, the Committee proposes an urgent skills inventory, so that policies on labour, employment and education can be adequately linked and prioritized.

The committee is further concerned that the referral hospital systems in the country are near collapse. Serious challenges are negatively impacting the performance of the country's two referral hospitals, such as obsolete equipment, dilapidated infrastructure and de-motivated staff due to low compensation, among other reasons. There are also concerns regarding hiring of ambulances by the Ministry of Finance, which has proved inefficient, together with continuation of Economic Stimulus Package Programmes in the health sub-sector.

On public administration and governance issues, there is need to come up with a strategy to respond to increasing offences against morality and economic crimes. Consideration of regional trends in the distribution of security sources is paramount.

On environment, water and irrigation, there is need to fast track policy on increasing forest cover to 10 per cent. There should also be policy on water harvesting and storage. Moreover, sector policies in line with the new Constitution must be finalized, for example, the mineral policy, the irrigation and drainage policy and land reclamation policy. On special programs, there is dire need for disaster management policy framework and an evaluation mechanism on what qualifies for emergency intervention, since this is an area with huge financial implications.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, on agriculture and rural development, the Committee feels there is need to address infrastructural challenges by working with other stakeholders to invest in priority rural infrastructure projects, institutionalize input cost reduction through farmer-led and owned input, largely supply and distribution facility. A policy intervention on pre and post harvest is also urgent.

On election process, the Committee observed that 2011/2012 will be the year to put in the necessary logistics for carrying out the next general election. After careful review of the ceilings given to the Interim Independent Electoral Commission (IIEC), it was established that financial requirements for carrying out the national election in line with the new Constitution were totally inadequate. The Commission requested for Kshs22.5 billion but it was allocated Kshs5 billion. The Committee, therefore, proposes the allocation to be increased considerably in order to correspond to the increasing mandate of the Commission.

With regard to the Parliamentary Service Commission and the Judicial Service Commission, the new Constitution provides for a direct submission to Parliament of the budgets of the Parliamentary Service Commission and the Judiciary. Therefore, it is

expected that the BPS would provide firm ceilings for the two independent institutions. The Committee, while holding separate meetings with the two Commissions, reviewed ceilings for the institutions to reflect ongoing reforms and anticipate the changes as provided for in the Constitution. The Committee established that the Judiciary requires more resources but reprioritized to accommodate the ceilings as provided by the Treasury Circular. However, for the Parliamentary Service Commission, the development ceiling with a resource requirement of Kshs800 million for the construction of an office block was not considered. The Committee is concerned and proposes that the Parliamentary Service Commission implements the project in phases, given previous challenges---

POINT OF ORDER

INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE OF EXTERNAL SOUND INTERFERENCE

(External sound intrusion)

(Several hon. Members stood up in their places)

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Prof. Kaloki): Just a minute Mr. Sambu! Mr. Sambu, just resume your seat!

The Minister for Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs (Mr. M. Kilonzo): On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. This is a very serious breach of the functions and mandate of this House and I would request that it be investigated. It is not enough to merely ask the hon. Chairman to sit. This is a very serious breach because it also means that, in addition to us hearing what they are saying, it means that somebody is monitoring us other than using the normal processes. The Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act and the Constitution itself are being violated and we would want serious directive on that.

Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir.

The Assistant Minister for Livestock Development (Mr. Duale): On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I want to concur with my colleague that there is a serious security breach on Parliament. This started when the hon. Speaker was in the Chair at around 4 O'clock. This can tell us a lot in terms of whether other agents within this country or outside this country are monitoring the activities of the National Assembly. So, we will call for a thorough investigation to be carried out.

Mr. Ogindo: On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. A Parliamentary session is a solemn ceremony. We are doing very critical service to this nation and the manner in which we have been encroached is very serious.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would suggest that you adjourn briefly to find out what is happening.

The Minister for Nairobi Metropolitan Development (Mr. Githae): On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. Parliament is a public place and we even have a public gallery here. Everything we say is taped here. It is like saying that you are being taped if you are in Uhuru Park. This is a public place. The only "thing" is the interference.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, that is a technical malfunction and it can happen anytime and even to the most sophisticated equipment. It has even happened in the White House. I think the problem is over and we better proceed.

Dr. Nuh: On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I would even have no problem with the interruption because I think the interruptions are coming at a good time. We have even tried to draw your attention to the reluctance by the Government side to even take note and heed what we are saying.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, you can see that even the technocrats from the Treasury are missing in action. This is the case and yet they know that hon. Members have many problems even in their constituencies. They have been consulting may be because they have been sidelined in the recruitment of the police and Administration Police. We expect them to be taking notes of our critique of the budget policy statement. I think you should call the Government Side to action and, at least, to take this Paper seriously.

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Prof. Kaloki): Order! Thank you. Hon. Members, those are valid concerns brought to this House. Definitely, we had sound interference, but this does not mean that we cannot continue doing our Business in this House. We will proceed to do that but meanwhile the House Broadcasting team, which is a Committee of this House, should be able to investigate and come up with a report to this House in the next two weeks to determine the cause of the sound interference. However, hon. Members, also note that our debate in this House is covered live and definitely, we are likely to have, once in a while, some issues with the system. However, we will be able to get that report.

Otherwise, let us proceed with the deliberation from Mr. Sambu.
Proceed!

(Resumption of Debate on Motion)

Mr. Sambu: Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, as such, the Committee recommends that the Treasury grants Parliament an additional Kshs400 million to commence the project in the coming financial year. Having gone through the main concerns and observations of the Committee, I now turn to specific recommendations of the Committee.

(a) Kenya, currently, faces a myriad of challenges; the compelling ones being the drought ravaging parts of the country, rising food and oil prices, unemployment, poverty and a growing domestic and national debt burden. The four mentioned issues are, indeed, extraordinary in nature and, therefore, call for extraordinary targeted policy interventions to tackle current and envisioned challenges. This is an opportunity for the Government to pronounce tough fiscal measures with limited political implications and resist the temptation to present populist measures. Further, the Government should desist from granting transfers and subsidies to lower income groups likely to be unsustainable and to distort the market. To this end, the Committee recommends and urges the House to resolve that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance makes adequate provisions in the 2011/2012 Budget for bridging the required strategic food reserves which should factor food diversity in the country. In addition, the Committee proposes that, in the coming budget, a Livestock Development Fund be set up with an initial

MINUTES OF THE 56TH SITTING OF THE HOUSE BROADCASTING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE MEDIA CENTRE, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON THURSDAY, 5TH MAY, 2011 AT 11.00P.M.

Present:

Hon. (Eng.) Nicholas Gumbo, M.P. - Chairman
Hon. Clement Wambugu, M.P.
Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P.
Hon. David Were, M.P.
Hon. Charles Keter, M.P.
Hon. David Koech, M.P.
Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P.

Absent With Apology:

Hon. William Kabogo, M.P.
Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P.
Hon. Gedion Mbuvi, M.P.
Hon. Maina Kamau, M.P.

In Attendance

Kenya National Assembly

Mr. David Mugonyi

Ms. Harry Owino

Eng. Gichina Kanyi

Ms. Emmy Chepkwony

Mr. James Ginono

- Media Relations Officer
- Head of ICT
- PBU (Broadcast Engineer)
- Clerk Assistant
- Clerk Assistant

Min.266/2011

Preliminaries

The sitting's proceedings commenced with a word of prayer at 11.05am.

Min. 267/2011

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the sitting was proposed by the Hon. David Were, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Charles Keter, M.P As follows:-

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings
3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings
4. **Deliberations on the strange voices captured during the live broadcast-**
 - Briefing from the Director Information & Research
5. Attendance of members in Committee sittings
6. Deliberations on Previous Committee's Foreign tour reports

7. Any Other Business
8. Adjournment

Min. 269/2011 Adoption and Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Sitting

- i. Minutes of the 55th sitting held on Thursday 21st April 2011 to a later date.

Min. 270/2011 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising:-

Min. 271/2011 Deliberations on the Strange Voices captured during the Live Broadcast-Briefing from the Director Information & Research

The Director Information and Research informed the meeting that the Clerk of the National Assembly had constituted a technical team to carry out an investigation into the interference of the proceedings of the House during the sitting of Thursday 28th April 2011 between 4.28 pm and 5:14 Pm.

The technical team tabled a draft report on the investigations of KNA Chamber Public Address System interference. The Committee was then informed that the investigations were ongoing and a final report will be submitted to the Committee on or before Wednesday 11th May 2011.

During the deliberations on the report the Committee advised the technical team verify the content captured during the live broadcast from both the Hansard report and the Parliamentary Broadcasting Unit recordings. The team was asked to submit a final report to the Committee on Tuesday 10th May 2011.

The Committee resolved to tour the Chamber to observe the findings of the technical team as part of the investigations in the afternoon

Min. 272/2011 Attendance of Members in Committee Sittings

This agenda was deferred to a later sitting.

Min. 273/2011 Deliberations on Previous Committee's Foreign tour reports

This agenda was deferred to a later sitting.

Min. 274/2011 Deliberations on Previous Committee's Foreign tour reports

This agenda was deferred to a later sitting.

Min. 275/2011 Any Other Business

The Committee proposed a joint sitting with the Parliamentary Service Commission's sub-Committee on Security and Development, to be held on Tuesday the 24th May 2011 to deliberate on the following:

- i. How the Kenya National Assembly is preparing for a Bicameral System in view of the new Constitution and its implications on the Live Broadcast and public participation on committee proceedings;
- ii. Availability of space to accommodate broadcast equipment for both the Senate and the National Assembly;
- iii. The House Broadcasting Committee proposals to improve live Broadcast.

Min. 273/2011 Adjournment

And there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1.08 P.M.

Signed.....

(CHAIRMAN)

Date.....

MINUTES OF THE 57TH SITTING OF THE HOUSE BROADCASTING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE MEDIA CENTRE, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON TUESDAY, 5TH MAY, 2011 AT 1.30P.M.

Present:

Hon. (Eng.) Nicholas Gumbo, M.P. - Chairman
Hon. Clement Wambugu, M.P.
Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P.
Hon. David Were, M.P.
Hon. Charles Keter, M.P.
Hon. David Koech, M.P.
Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P.

Absent With Apology:

Hon. William Kabogo, M.P.
Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P.
Hon. Gedion Mbuvi, M.P.
Hon. Maina Kamau, M.P.

In Attendance

Kenya National Assembly

Mr. James Ginono	- Clerk Assistant
Ms. Emmy Chepkwony	- Clerk Assistant
Eng. Gichina Kanyi	- PBU (Broadcast Engineer)
Mr. David Mugonyi	- Media Relations Officer

Min.274/2011

Preliminaries

The sitting's proceedings commenced with a word of prayer at 11.15am.

Min.275/2011

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the sitting was proposed by the Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P. and seconded by the Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P, As follows:-

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. **Tour of the Chamber public address system**
3. Any Other Business
4. Adjournment

Min. 276/2011

Tour of the Chamber Public Address System

The Committee conducted a tour the Chamber Public Address system which include the mixer and the microphones (hard wired and cordless). The Committee then established that the only possible input into the public address system is the microphones in the Chamber (both the hard wired and the redundant cordless microphones).

The Committee further noted that there were two cordless microphones, one for the Speaker and another for the Clerks-at-the-table and was informed that the two wireless microphones were in use on the 28th of April 2011, the day the house proceedings were interrupted. The Committee then proposed that the wireless microphones be totally switched off as a temporary measure.

The Committee observed that both the hard wired and cordless microphones can pick sound from any playback equipment when the equipment is switched on and near the microphone. The Committee then recommended a login- in and inspection of staff, journalists and Members of Parliament to be put in place as a control mechanism to avoid entry with other equipments which are likely to interfere with the sound system.

The Committee heard from the technical team that the reception range for the cordless microphones can be as far wide as the farthest corner of the Parliament grounds as earlier tested. The Committee then recommended that wireless connections be used as back up option or as a redundancy link.

The Committee then toured the Hansard Box and recommended it be highly restricted.

Min. 277/2011

Any Other Business

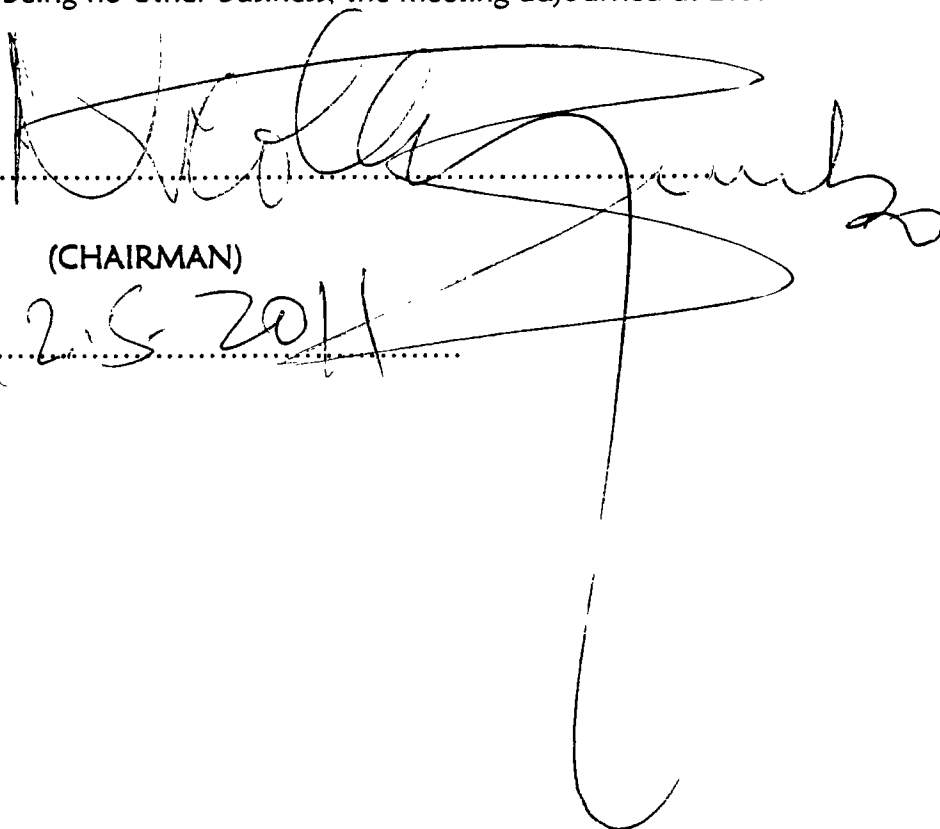
The Committee proposed to complete its report on or before 12th Thursday, 2011.

Min. 278/2011

Adjournment

And there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2.25 P.M.

Signed.....

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(CHAIRMAN)

Date.....

12.5.2011

MINUTES OF THE 58TH SITTING OF THE HOUSE BROADCASTING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE MEDIA CENTRE, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2011 AT 1.30P.M.

Present:

Hon. (Eng.) Nicholas Gumbo, M.P. - Chairman
Hon. Clement Wambugu, M.P.
Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P.
Hon. Charles Keter, M.P.
Hon. David Koech, M.P.
Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P.
Hon. Maina Kamau, M.P.
Hon. William Kabogo, M.P.
Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P.

Absent With Apology:

Hon. Gedion Mbuvi, M.P.
Hon. David Were, M.P.

In Attendance

Kenya National Assembly

Mr. James Ginono - Clerk Assistant
Ms. Emmy Chepkwony - Clerk Assistant
Eng. Gichina Kanyi - PBU (Broadcast Engineer)
Mr. David Mugonyi - Media Relations Officer

Min.279/2011 Preliminaries

The sitting's proceedings commenced with a word of prayer at 11.10am.

Min.280/2011 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the sitting was proposed by the Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P. and seconded by the Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P. As follows:-

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings
3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings
- 4. Deliberations on the strange voices captured during the live broadcast**
5. Attendance of members in Committee sittings
6. Deliberations on Previous Committee's Foreign tour reports
7. Any Other Business
8. Adjournment

Min. 281/2011 Adoption and Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Sitting

The Minutes of the 55th sitting held on 21st April, 2011, proposed by Hon. (Eng.) Nicholas Gumbo, M.P and seconded by Hon. David Koech, M.P. The Minutes were then read and confirmed by the Members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Min. 282/2011 Matters Arising

- a) Under *Min. 260/2011 Any Other Business (b)* The Committee was informed by the Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P that the ICT Board has agreed to donate free video/ICT Conference equipment, upon the provision of a Hall by the Kenya National Assembly. The Committee therefore resolved to request the Clerk for a room where the equipment will be installed.
- b) Under *Min. 260/2011 Briefing by ICT department on the Fabrication Studios Progress and the expected Technology in the New Chamber where the* Committee was informed about the upcoming ICT open day in the month of June. The Committee then proposed that a simple demo be set up to address the technophobia among some Members. The Committee proposed the lounge area near the PBU be used as the venue for a month before the Committee calls for a Speakers Kamukunji to educate MP's on how to use the Multimedia Digital Congress and assorted services.

Min. 283/2011 Deliberations on the strange voices captured during the live broadcast

The Committee heard that the report from the investigating team was yet to be finalized to be submitted on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 11.30 am.

Min. 284/2011 Attendance of Members in Committee Sittings

The Committee reviewed its attendance since the beginning of the year and commented members on its frequent attendance.

Min. 285/2011 Deliberations on Previous Committee's Foreign tour reports

This agenda was deferred to the next Committee.

Min. 286/2011 Any Other Business

The Committee proposed the following:

- i. The Committee proposed to have a meeting with the Journalists covering Parliament on 24th, May 2011.

Min. 287/2011

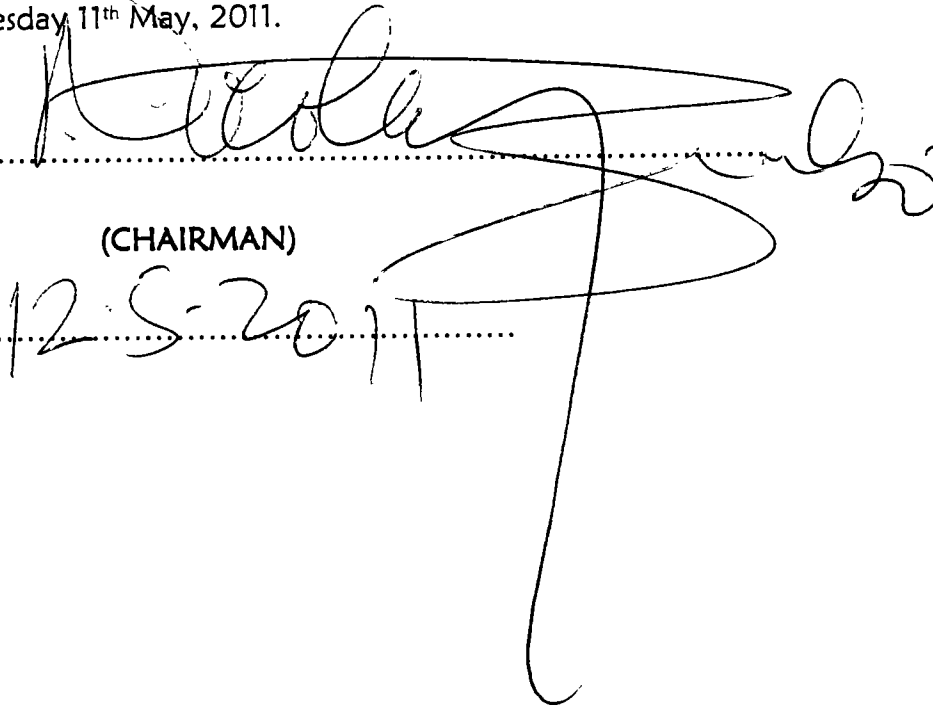
Adjournment

And there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12.55 P.M. until Wednesday 11th May, 2011.

Signed.....

(CHAIRMAN)

Date.....

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MINUTES OF THE 59TH SITTING OF THE HOUSE BROADCASTING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE MEDIA CENTRE, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY, 2011 AT 11.30P.M.

Present:

Hon. (Eng.) Nicholas Gumbo, M.P. - Chairman
Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P.
Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P.
Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P.

Absent With Apology:

Hon. Clement Wambugu, M.P. - Vice Chairman
Hon. Gedion Mbuvi, M.P.
Hon. David Were, M.P.
Hon. Maina Kamau, M.P.
Hon. William Kabogo, M.P.
Hon. Charles Keter, M.P.
Hon. David Koech, M.P.

In Attendance

Kenya National Assembly

Mr. James Ginono - Clerk Assistant
Ms. Emmy Chepkwony - Clerk Assistant
Eng. Gichina Kanyi - PBU (Broadcast Engineer)
Mr. David Mugonyi - Media Relations Officer

Min.288/2011

Preliminaries

The sitting's proceedings commenced with a word of prayer at 11.30am.

Min.289/2011

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the sitting was proposed by the Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P. and seconded by the Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P, As follows:-

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. **Deliberations on the strange voices captured during the live broadcast**
3. Any Other Business
4. Adjournment

The Committee received a report from the technical team. The Committee then reviewed the findings of the report and made the following observations and conclusions:

- i. That there were sound bites correlation with the events at KICC and concluded that the source of the interference in the House proceedings was from the Equity Bank Ltd event at the KICC.
- ii. that the cordless microphones can pick sound from as far as 500 meters when tuned to the same frequency. The Committee further observed that the frequencies used in the cordless systems are not protected from interference. It therefore concluded that the source of the interference in the chamber public address system was from the cordless microphones used at KICC that were picked by the cordless receiver in the chamber.

The Committee therefore made the following recommendations:

- a) That cordless microphone should only be used as a back-up system and that only wired microphones be used in the Chamber.
- b) Parliament should install a mobile phone demobiliser in the Chamber which could disable mobile phones and other communication devices that could interfere with the PA system in the chamber.
- c) As Parliament is installing various communication systems, it is recommended that they be properly integrated and synchronized to avoid any interference that may arise.
- d) The wired public address system is aging and therefore prone to failure. It is recommended that the system be considered for replacement.

The Committee therefore resolved to conclude its investigations on Thursday 12th, 2011 and adopt a report for tabling in the House, as directed by the Speaker on the 28th April, 2011.

Min. 291/2011

Any Other Business

The Committee proposed the following:

- i. The Committee made reference to the House debate on the appointment of the Director of Information and how the Managing Director of K. B. C was appointed and expressed concern on how the live Broadcast House Proceedings was disconnected. The Committee resolved to conduct an investigation into the sabotage of coverage of Parliamentary proceedings.
- ii. The Committee was informed of a meeting with the manager of Google Company and the Committee agreed that an invitation letter be sent to the Company her.

Min. 292/2011 Adjournment

And there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12.55 P.M. until tomorrow 12th May, 2011 at 9.30 am

Signed.....

(CHAIRMAN)

Date.....

Minutes of the 60th Sitting of the House Broadcasting Committee held at the Media Centre, Main Parliament Buildings on Thursday, 12th May, 2011 at 9.30a.m.

Present:

Hon. (Eng.) Nicholas Gumbo, M.P. - Chairman
Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P.
Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P.
Hon. David Koech, M.P.
Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P.
Hon. Charles Keter, M.P.
Hon. Maina Kamau, M.P.

Absent With Apology:

Hon. Clement Wambugu, M.P.
Hon. David Were, M.P.

Absent:

Hon. William Kabogo, M.P.
Hon. Gedion Mbuvi, M.P.

In Attendance

Kenya National Assembly

Ms. Emmy Chepkwony - Clerk Assistant
Mr. David Mugonyi - Media Relations Officer
Mr. James Ginono - Clerk Assistant

Min.293/2011 Preliminaries

The sitting's proceedings commenced with a word of prayer at 9.55am.

Min. 294/2011 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the sitting was proposed by the Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P. and seconded by the Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P. As follows:-

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Sittings
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) **Adoption of the Committee investigation report into the interference of the House Proceedings on the 28th of April 2011**
- 5) Adjournment

Min. 295/2011

Adoption and Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Sitting

The Minutes of the 56th sitting held on 5th May, 2011, were proposed by Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P. and seconded by Hon. Benjamin J. Washiali, M.P. The Minutes were then read and confirmed as a true record of the deliberations and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the 57th sitting held on 5th May, 2011, were proposed by Hon. Charles Keter, M.P. and seconded by Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P. The Minutes were then read and confirmed as a true record of the deliberations and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the 58th sitting held on 10th May, 2011, were proposed by Hon. Maina Kamau, M.P. and seconded by Hon. Charles Keter, M.P. The Minutes were then read and confirmed as a true record of the deliberations and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the 59th sitting held on 11th May, 2011, were proposed by Hon. Peter Kiilu, M.P. and seconded by Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P. The Minutes were then read and confirmed as a true record of the deliberations and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the 60th sitting held on 12th May, 2011, were proposed by Hon. Maina Kamau, M.P. and seconded by Hon. (Eng.) James Rege, M.P. The Minutes were then read and confirmed as a true record of the deliberations and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 296/2011

Matters Arising

Under Min. 290/2011- Deliberations on the Strange Voices captured during the Live Broadcast; the Committee reviewed its recommendations on the installation of a demobiliser in the Chamber and proposed that Parliament constitutes a team of experts to review the viability of the proposal.

Min. 297/2011

Adoption of the Committee investigation report into the interference of the House Proceedings on the 28th of April 2011

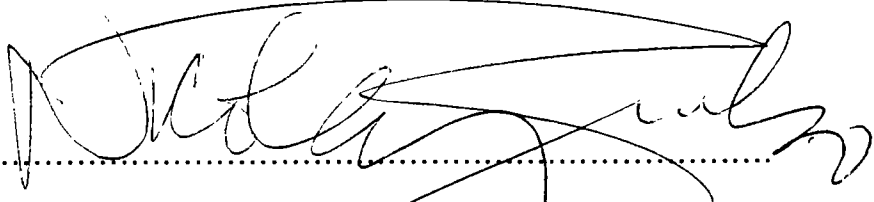
The Committee deliberated on the report and was adopted anonymously by the members present.

Min. 298/2011

Adjournment

And there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11.25a.m.

Signed.....



(CHAIRMAN)

Date.....

12.5.2011