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GARISSA COUNTY ASSEMBLY



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ORDER OF THE DAY

TUESDAY 21ST MARCH, 2023 AT 2:30 P.M

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Statement

(Statement sought from the Chair Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources)

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move a statement regarding mining of gypsum in the county.

Hon. Speaker Sir,

The benefits of mining contribute positively to the economy, scaling from gain of employment and economy, however, the Mining of Gypsum has caused disorder and destruction of the environment with potentially far reaching ramifications.

Mr Speaker Sir, This activity is dominated by open cast mining and quarrying methods which involve the removing of top soil to the bedrock, effectively making the mining areas bare and devoid of vegetation.

Hon. Speaker Sir,

The open cast mining further entails the drilling of holes, blasting using explosives, loading using shovels, transportation and initial processing using heavy machines.

Hon. Speaker Sir,

The heavy mining gear and blasting materials used have potential to not only cause instability on the mining surface but also vibrations and noise pollution that could negatively impact on the communities living in the mining areas leading to environmental health and safety concerns.

Hon.Speaker Sir, these activity is rampant in Garissa and specifically Sankuri and its environs posing danger to the habitant making them venerable to contagious diseases such as asthma and other health related complications.

Hon Speaker Sir, The chair should inquire and report into:

- 1) Whether the department is aware of the said mining activity in Garissa and its environs?
- 2) What measures are in place to backfill the large excavation left as a result of such mining?
- 3) The number of tonnage per day and charges per tone?
- 4) Whether the department has regulated the industry to avert the loss of revenue, health and safety measure,
- 5) The names of the companies undertaking the mining and whether mining licenses were issued?
- 6) Whether the mining companies are providing corporate social responsibilities?

Hon: Abdirahman M. Ali

MCA-Sankuri Ward.

7. Notice of Motion
8. Motions and Bill