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11th May 2016.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

Hon. Members, Standing order No. 69 (1) in our standing orders states that;

The speaker shall direct a roll call vote to be taken if a member claims a division and-

a. The speaker considers that there is a reasonable doubt as to the outcome of the vote in question; or
b. If, on a question other than a question of procedure, five or more members rise in their places to support the member claiming the roll call division.

Hon. Members in this case, the roll call voting was done on Tuesday 10thMay 2016 during the afternoon session. The motion beingthat of the Hon. Peter Kimondo where the roll call voting ended up with a **tie** with seven(7) members for "Ayes" and seven(7) members for "Noes".

Hon. Members, our standing orders do not expressly provide for the circumstances of a tie during a roll call vote and in this case, there was a tie as evidenced in yesterday's sitting. I wish to therefore direct that another vote is undertaken following the guidance of our Standing orders No 1 which states that;

"In all cases not herein provided for and subject to the Constitution and other written laws, the speaker shall decide having regard to the Orders of the Assembly, the usages, forms, precedents, customs, procedures, and traditions of the Assembly and the National Parliament and legislative assemblies from other jurisdictions in view of the constitutional principles, the practices in other parliaments in so far as the same may be applicable to this assembly."

Hon. Members I therefore will direct that a second division be undertaken on Thursday 12th May 2016 during the afternoon session.

Hon. Members let us also be reminded that motions and reports originate from members i.e private members motions and committees respectively. The motions are then thoroughly researched and then the House Business Committee slots them for consideration in this house. The same case applies to the committee reports.

I thank you.

HON. PATRICK MARIRU
SPEAKER OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY.