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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

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IRREGULARITIES IN SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Mr. Imanyara: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to seek a Ministerial Statement from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in relation to what appears to be a monstrous fraud committed, not only to this House, but also the country. Through you, I would like your guidance as to what we should do with documents which come from the Government and laid on the Table of the House, but on their own face, contain discrepancies that reveal fraud. Last year, we approved the Budget Estimates.

Supplementary Budget for this year arose as a result of the approved Budget. Looking at the two sets of figures tabled by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, for example, from a random selection, I am able to point out a figure of Kshs9.2 billion which has been shown as having been falsified in these documents. I want to give an example, whereas last year under Vote 05, The Office of the Vice-President and Ministry of Home Affairs, we approved Kshs86 million. However, the Estimate that were approved in this House last Thursday indicate falsely that this House had approved Kshs26 million; a figure of Kshs60 million is unaccounted for.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, looking at 20 Ministries, there is a figure of at least Kshs9.2 billion which is on documents tabled by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in this House. We are talking of a sum of money that is three times more than the amount that was set aside for strategic food reserves.

In these circumstances, I want him to come and tell this House why he presented documents that were forged or that contained false entries that resulted in this House approving Supplementary Estimates that show an amount in excess of Kshs9.2 billion having been either stolen or unaccounted. To enable him to do so, I am making available a random selection of the entries from the Estimates that we approved in this House last week. In this regard, if it is true that these were falsified documents, then Mr. Speaker as the Presiding Officer of this House, have an obligation to tell us what we, as Members of Parliament, should do with Government documents which are tabled in this House bearing Government seals and prepared by senior officers of this Government who conspire to steal public funds and then get approval of this House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sorry I could not raise it last week because you had sent me out of this country on Parliamentary business. The Estimates were approved despite these glaring discrepancies which show colossal amount of money that has not been accounted for or has been stolen. He should tell us whether this is the money that is secretly being used to pay the Anglo leasing, Ken Ren and all these other fake contracts that the Government continues to pay up to this day. I am laying these documents on the table of the House to enable the Minister to look at the figures to give an explanation to this House.

(Mr. Imanyara laid documents on the Table)

(Several hon. Members stood up in their places)

Mr. Speaker: Order! Order! Prof. Ongeru, I would want to urge you to hold brief for the Minister.

The Minister for Education (Prof. Ongeru): In fact, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am seeking your guidance. Once Supplementary Estimates have been tabled before this House, after they have been scrutinised by the Finance, Planning and Trade Committee, whether this House can again be treated to ad hoc information coming much later when this issue should have been substantively dealt with by the relevant Committee to its finality.

Mr. Speaker: Order, Prof. Ongeru! On the face of it, the matters narrated by the hon. Gitobu Imanyara are very grave. The Chair would want the Minister to respond to those matters. If they are wealth penny, then they must be dealt with and clarified. So, Prof. Ongeru, please, hold the Minister's brief and carry this information to him, including the document which has been tabled, so that he can come with a suitable response by Thursday, this week.

Dr. Khalwale: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Not on the same matter. I have already directed.

Dr. Khalwale, do you have request for a Ministerial Statement?

Dr. Khalwale: Mr. Speaker, Sir---

Mr. Speaker: Order, Dr. Khalwale! This matter must rest, Dr. Khalwale. The hon. Imanyara has sought a Ministerial Statement. When that Statement is brought, Dr. Khalwale and all other hon. Members, will be at liberty to interrogate the matter further. So, please, reserve your concern until the Minister comes with a response.