REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 13th May, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

HBC TENTATIVE BUSINESSES

Speaker: It is the statement hour where a member of the HBC is supposed to give us the tentative businesses of the week.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to go through the tentative businesses of next week. It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) May 18, 2021.

A. **NOTICE OF MOTION**- Laikipia County Action plan for prevention and countering violent extremism.

B. **MOTION**- Laikipia County Action plan for prevention and countering violent extremism.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) May 19th, 2021.

A. **PAPERS**- Report by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters committee on the Laikipia County Government Executive Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2018 laid on 26th February, 2019.

B. **PAPERS**- Report by the Transport and Public Works committee on the Laikipia County Government Executive Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31st, 2018 laid on 26th February, 2019.

C. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Report by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters committee on the Laikipia County Government Executive Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31st, 2018 laid on 26th February, 2019.

D. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Report by the Transport and Public Works committee on the Laikipia County Government Executive Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31st, 2018 laid on 26th February, 2019.

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E. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS- Responses Statement No. 001/2021 to the Chairperson Health Services Committee (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua, MCA) pertaining to Construction of Kiandege dispensary raised by Hon. Joseph Kiguru on 9th March, 2021.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) May 19, 2021

A. PAPERS- Report by Budget and Appropriations Committee on Debt Management Strategy Paper, 2020.

B. NOTICES OF MOTION- Report by Budget and Appropriations Committee on Debt Management Strategy Paper, 2020.

C. MOTION- Report by Budget and Appropriations Committee on Debt Management Strategy Paper, 2020.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Afternoon) May 20, 2021

A. MOTION- Report by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters committee on the Laikipia County Government Executive Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31st, 2018 laid on 26th February, 2019.

I would like to ask the committees to ensure that the businesses that have been scheduled by the HBC for the following week are all attended to. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. There was a response to a statement that was responded to by Hon. Mary Samken, the Chairperson for Finance and County Planning and it is Hon. Simon Kanyutu who was supposed to register his satisfaction and I cannot see him. Maybe he has not arrived. Could there be a Member who was sent by him to register his satisfaction? In case there is none, we can address it on Tuesday next week and in case he comes before we leave we can still look at it. We have another statement by the Labour Committee.

RESPONSE STATEMENT ON COUNTY WORKERS LAID OFF IN FEBRUARY, 2020.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is in response to a statement brought to this House on 16th March, 2021 by Hon. Joseph Kiguru on the above subject matter. The labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee communicated the issue to the office of the County Public Services Board vide REF: CGL/ CA/ CM/ 001/02/VOL.1.190 dated 25/3/2021 and received a response which was not satisfactory. Thus the committee seeks for an extension of two weeks so as to get an appropriate response from the Executive and the County Public Service Board.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Patricia. This was raised by the Hon. Member from Igwamiti on the laid off workers on February last year. I don't know what the Hon. Member has to say. The committee is asking for more time so that they can be able to get an appropriate response because what they got was not satisfactory.

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Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can agree with the committee for sure because I need a detailed information. Through your Chair, I concur that you give them ample time to come up with a detailed answer.

Speaker: Thank you, the committee is hereby granted an extension of two weeks so that they can get an appropriate response from the Executive and the County Public Service Board. I am also reminded that there was a request for House resolution approving issuance of an Infrastructure Bond by the County Executive. This was laid yesterday 12th Wednesday, 2021 at 2.30 p.m. but was not committed. Therefore, I wish to commit the same to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders No. 29 (4) this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar by proceeding with its normal sittings during the period stipulated as the short recess break set to commence on 14th May, 2021 to 31st May, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I see this procedural motion as being fit to go through this Assembly because as all Members know, we have a lot of pending businesses. So we request to have that procedural motion so that we can have ample time to work for Laikipians. The reason we are in this House is to make sure that we proceed even when we think that it is time to rest. It is better to end better than how we started the race.

Instead of going for recess, I urge Hon. Members to give Laikipians their time so that they can serve them diligently and with the power of God. I am happy to report to them that everything shall be okay. I would like to welcome my able Deputy Majority Leader to second this motion.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Speaker. I rise in support of this extension of working days. We have so much that is pending, and if we happen to go for recess we will mess this County. Therefore, we are requesting that Hon. Members agree that we extend time so that we can be able to handle those issues that are pending. Thank you. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono mswada ulio mbele ya Bunge. Ikizingatiwa ya kwamba tulikuwa twende mapumzikoni bali kulingana na busara ya Bunge, uongozi na Kamati, ni vizuri kufanya kazi kwa sababu tuko hapa kuhakikisha kwamba tumemfanyia mwananchi wa Laikipia kazi.

Bwana Spika, tulichaguliwa kwa lengo moja: kufanya kazi bila kuchoka wala kuogopa na kuhakikisha ya kwamba mwananchi ambaye ametuleta hapa amesaidika na huduma tunazompa. Kwa hivyo kama Bunge imeonelea ni jambo la busara, kupitia kwa mswada ulio hapa, ni vizuri kuunga mkono ili tuweze kutekeleza kazi ambayo iko mbele na ambayo inahitaji

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kuungwa mkono na Waheshimiwa walio hapa. Sisi sote tuko na jukumu la kumlinda mwananchi ambaye hawezi kufika hapa Bungeni.

Siku ambayo tuko hapa, kama tungeenda kwenye likizo wakati huu ambao ni wa mvua na kuwe na mafuriko, tunaweza kosa mahali pa kuja kutetea hawa wananchi. Mimi naona hili ni wazo ambalo ni la busara na ambalo makusudi yake ni kusaidia mwananchi ambaye alitupa nafasi ya kuja hapa kumwakilisha. Mimi nikiwa hapa ninasimama na kuunga mkono mswada huu na ningeomba wote walio katika Bunge hili waunge mkono ili mwananchi ambaye alituleta hapa aweze kuwakilishwa wakati wowote.

Hata ikiwezekana, na juzi nilisema, tuko hapa kufanya kazi bila kuchoka. Hata ikibidi twende mfululizo hadi mwisho wa muhula itakuwa ni jambo la busara. Bali kwa sababu mwanadamu ni yule yule na ana mapungufu yake na anaweza kuchoka, wakati mwingine ruhusa inakubaliwa. Ikibidi tufanye kazi hata usiku kusaidia hawa wananchi, hilo ni jambo la busara.

Mimi naunga mkono na nimeona ni wazo la busara. Kama Bunge lingekuwa na mawazo kama hayo kila wakati, kuweka maslahi ya mwananchi mbele, hilo ni jambo ambalo hata Mungu akiwa Mbinguni ataona kwamba tunamfanyia mwananchi ambaye ametupa nafasi ya kuwa hapa haki. Mwisho wa siku, yeye anataka kuona faida ya pesa ambayo tunalipwa. Kwa hayo machache ninaunga mkono na kuomba wengine pia waunge mkono ili tuweze kuendelea.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First it is to thank the Almighty that we have had a good month of Ramadhan, and thanks to my colleagues for supporting me. Tomorrow there shall be a feast, the location shall be sent by pin to the WhatsApp so that you can know where the goats will be eaten.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate this new leadership. This leadership led by the Majority Leader and Deputy Majority Leader, the able Whip and his Deputy who is not here, are doing a good job. If they can see that we need to sit in this House and work extra, this is the leadership that we have been longing for. We are happy that they are now working tirelessly.

In fact, since the Majority Leader got into office I can see that his hairline is continuing to recede. That is why after today I know where I shall be drinking coffee and tea in the office of the Majority Leader because I will no longer be fasting. I do not understand why he has been loitering in the corridors? He goes and makes the Deputy Speaker uncomfortable in his office, at times he is a squatter in the office of the Majority Whip. He is even a squatter in my office of the Youth. I know that after today I will be drinking tea because I will not be fasting. So, I am notifying the Leader of the Majority that I am starting my feast in your office immediately after this session.

Otherwise, I always say that it is not a holiday when you go for recess. It is to go and meet Wanjiku and know their problems. I know that maybe this month we will get to work and with the wisdom of the House and the leadership know where we can place the recess so that we can go to the citizens. Thank you.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nahitaji ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa Chris Mark ambaye anampongeza Kiguru, na mimi sina shida na Kiguru lakini mimi najua chama cha Jubilee kilisema vizuri ya kwamba…

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, before you proceed, address the Hon. Member as a Hon. Member. You cannot just rise and say "Kiguru". You are supposed to address him as "Hon. Kiguru".

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nimemwita "Mheshimiwa Kiguru".

Speaker: You have called him twice "Kiguru".

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, unajua Mheshimiwa Kiguru ni mwenzangu na ananiambia kwamba yeye ni askofu, kwa hivyo sina shida yoyote naye. Shida niliyo nayo ni Mheshimiwa Chris Mark ambaye naamini ni mwanachama wa Jubilee na ni mwanachama ambaye anafaa kufuata sheria za Chama cha Jubilee kwa sababu ya kusema Mheshimiwa Kiguru anafanyia kazi nje ya ofisi ilhali anajua chama ambacho kilimleta hapa cha Jubilee. Nimesema vizuri kuna ugomvi kidogo na kama Jubilee itatatua hiyo shida hakuna mtu atakuwa na shida. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika ningetaka kujua kama yeye…

Speaker: Hon. Member I will still remind you to address the Member as Honourable. You do not have to call him Kiguru. Call him Honourable Kiguru.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, jina "*Honourable"* hukuja kwa sababu ya kuitwa na watu. Mimi pia naitwa Kagondu ilhali mimi ni Ndiritu…

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, I will not allow that to happen. The Standing Orders of this House are very clear that a Member must be addressed as Honourable. As much as we may forget you are reminded to correct yourself and get advised accordingly.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa ushauri wako. Nitamwita *Honourable* Kiguru. Nakubali tu lakini na atangoja kidogo hakuna mbio. Bwana Spika, ni vizuri sisi wote hapa tuko katika Bunge moja…

Speaker: Are you seeking a clarification or you are giving advice?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, be fair to me.

Speaker: I am fair.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, I am seeking clarification from Hon. Chris Mark.

Speaker: Seek then.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Akiwa mwanachama wa Jubilee na anaamini Chama cha Jubilee ambacho kilimleta katika Bunge hili na chama chenyewe kilisema vizuri mchakato ambao ulifanyika wa kumtoa Thomi na kumweka Kiguru haikuwa ya haki. Kwa hivyo ningetaka aelezee kama anaelewa kile ambacho Chama cha Jubilee kilisema…

Speaker: I will still remind you to address Hon. Thomi and Hon. Kiguru as Hon. Members. Kindly be advised.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nisamehe kwa sababu hao ni Waheshimiwa. Wacha jina *Honourable* liwe hapo kwa sababu ninaweza kuteleza…

Speaker: You might be emotional then you forget. I will keep on reminding you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kama Chama cha Jubilee kimetoa mwelekeo wa kusema kuna mzozo ni vizuri tuheshimu chama kwa sababu sisi wote tulichaguliwa kupitia Chama cha Jubilee.

Speaker: You are not giving advice.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Chris Mark ameteuliwa na Chama cha Jubilee na anafaa kuwa na hilo wazo…

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu you did not seek time to advice Hon. Chris Mark. You were seeking a clarification. It will be wrong for you to use a clarification in giving instruction. If you are seeking clarification…

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, niketi na niachane na haya maneno? Ukiniambia hivyo nitaketi.

Speaker: If you seek clarification, you do not advise the Member. Just seek clarification.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Nauliza yeye kama mwanachama wa Jubilee ambaye ameletwa hapa na Chama cha Jubilee ili awakilishe masilahi yake, Chama cha Jubilee kimetoa mwelekeo kwamba kuna mzozo katika uchaguzi ambao ulifanywa na kuna mchakato ambao haukufuatwa. Ningetaka aniambie kama ni kuona kama barua ambao imeandikwa na chama si barua ambayo anafaa kutambua na kuwa na uvumilivu. Mimi nangoja na namuomba pia yeye angojee. Jubilee ikiamua ni Mheshimiwa Kiguru ama Mheshimiwa Thomi nitaridhika akiwa Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni.

Kama itapinduka na waseme ni Mheshimiwa Mugweru pia nitaridhika. Kwa Hivyo ni vizuri tuheshimu chama ili tuendelee. Ningetaka aniambie kama ana tashwishi.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to notify Hon. Ndiritu apart from following the ideology of Jubilee I am a shareholder of Jubilee. I did not walk to Jubilee like the way you walk into a restaurant but I folded my party which was then led by Hon. Najib Balala to form Jubilee. I was in the technical committee that made the manifesto for Jubilee. Hon. Kagondu, I am not just following the ideology…

Speaker: Address him as Hon. Ndiritu.

Hon. Chris Mark: Hon. Ndiritu, I am not just following the ideology, I am a shareholder of the party. Anything the party says, I follow with my DNA and my body parts. In fact, Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate; I have been hearing people using the easiest way to divide a House. When Members here practise their democratic right, it is not a secret and it is in the Jubilee HANSARD, the Jubilee Party said they can never force a position or declare a position. It is the majority votes.

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In a House like this where people are practising democracy, it is ironical and bad that somebody can go outside to say that a member was chosen because he does not support the president. Let the HANSARD know today that Jubilee is a House that supports the president. There are some people who act like they own the presidency. The president is our all. We voted for him twice and this shall always be known and should be known so that people should not be using personal issues.

Let us face each other under a democratic pace. In politics there is never a vacuum, there is always a position in power. The current holder of that disputed office is Hon. Kiguru until the Jubilee Party helps us hold an election so that we get another person. That withstanding, I had said earlier we support this procedural motion. There is a party meeting tomorrow and everybody to come with Kshs. 10,000 as entrance fee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi…

Speaker: Do you want to make contributions?

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Yes.

Speaker: Hon. Christopher Mark, have you finished?

Hon. Chris Mark: Yes I had finished.

Speaker: Hon. Wachuka proceed.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Nimechanganyikiwa lakini ni vizuri. Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Kabla sijachangia…

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I was on a point of order before Hon. Chris Mark finished to find out if it is right for the Hon. Member to solicit money from Members in the chambers. Is that acceptable? I am just asking for clarification.

Hon. Chris Mark: If it sounded as soliciting, I am not in the business of racketeering. If you are told there is a party meeting somewhere you must not tell people how to dress and what to drive. I am just saying there is an entrance fee. You do not come to the gate then you are told to go back. That is the information I was giving. I am sorry if it sounded like solicitation. Thank you.

Speaker: Make sure you are not messed up by your kindness to give information. Give the information and break it down properly.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nashukuru kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Kwa ruhusa yako ningetaka kabla sijachangia ninene maneno mawili ambayo imenikera na si vizuri nitoke hapa nikiwa nimekerwa. Kwanza hili Bunge ni la heshima. Wakati Bunge ni la heshima kuna yule ambaye amekalia kiti kama Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni, Mheshimiwa Joseph Maina Kiguru.

Pia kuna Kiongozi ambaye tulichagua na hakuna haja sisi kama wanachama wa Jubilee kuona barua bandia hapa. Watu wanajichagua huko nje. Hatutakubali na hatutaki Bunge hili

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lichafuliwe katika Kaunti zingine. Tunaheshimu Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya, tunakuheshimu wewe Spika wetu, Waheshimiwa wengine na viongozi ambao walichaguliwa.

Kama kuna uchaguzi ambao utakuja si Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bunge Mheshimiwa Joseph Kiguru atasema, barua itatoka Nairobi. Tukiambiwa leo ama kesho sisi tutaendelea. Ningetaka watu watulie na wawache kupiga roho. Kama kiti kilienda, sawa hakuna jambo lingine. Naomba Bunge hili liwe la heshima. Mheshimiwa Joseph Kiguru ndiye Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bunge na apewe nafasi ya kufanya kazi.

Nikitoka hapa Mheshimiwa Spika nakuomba na wajumbe tuandamane tumpeleke ofisi. Hatakuwa akikaa nje. Wakati mwingine tunamtaka inabidi twende kwa gari lake kumuuliza maswali ilhali tuko na ofisi hapa.

Lingine Mheshimiwa Spika, ningetaka Mheshimiwa Veronica awekewe lebo ya kuonyesha yeye ni naibu wa Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni. Tunajivunia. mwisho, La mwisho, ngoja watu wasiende hiyo mikutano inafanywa hapa ikisema watu wa kandole ndio walipewa viti.

Hon. Chris Mark: Hon. Speaker, I want a clarification. What is the meaning of 'Kandole?'

Speaker: Hon. Wachuka?

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Sio mimi ninasema. Kuna wale wako na mikutano nje. Jana mahali watu walikuwa wamekaa pia walisema. Jubilee iko hapa na 24 ndio Waheshimiwa. Kama ulichaguliwa na tukija tukiwa tisa na sasa tumebaki wanane, sisi tunaangaliwa na chama cha Jubilee. Ndio wale wanasema sisi ndio watu wa 'kandole, hakuna mtu kama yule hapa. Hiyo maneno unaona tunaficha ndio inaleta maneno. Mimi sitaki kukulwa mara ya tatu. Hii ni mara ya pili. Ya tatu... sitasema kwa sababu mimi naheshimu rais na nakuheshimu.

Bwana Spika, sitaki kusema maneno mengi. Wale viongozi tulichagua katika Aberdare na tukaja hapa kupotosha, wacha tuwape heshima na wakati wa kutufanyia kazi. Ningetaka kusema *'freedom is here now'*. Sisi akina mama hakuna mahali tulikuwa tunaonekana katika hii Bunge. Watu waache kusema sikupewa kitu. Hata kama sikupewa na watu wanafanyiwa kazi niko sawa. Tunajua mambo mengi sana nilipokuwa kinara wa diwani. Mimi nakuheshimiwa na naunga mkono huu mswada wa kiongozi ya wengi Bungeni. Naunga mkono na watu wakae na amani ya mwenyezi mungu.

Hon. Charubo Kaparo: Asante sana Bwana Spika. Nashukuru kwa ile nafasi umenipea leo. Nasimama kuungana na kiongozi wa wengi ambaye tulichagua mchana. Naunga mkono yale ambayo yameletwa na kiongozi wa wengi kwa sababu kazi ni nyingi. Wale wako kwa hii Bunge kuna kazi ya kufanya. Pia wale mwenyezi mungu ameleta katika hii Bunge lazima asimame kufanyia watu wa Laikipia kazi.

Bwana Spika, kuahirisha Bunge sio vibaya lakini hii Bunge ndio itaamua na Wabunge ndio wataamua yale yatakayojadiliwa Bungeni. Kama kalenda imekuja leo na kusema Bunge iende namna hii lakini wenye Bunge waseme kazi iendelee kwa sababu kazi ni nyingine mbele yetu. Kila mmoja ambaye yuko hapa wale watu wa Segera ambao wametuma mimi hapa na

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kuniuliza maswali usiku na mchana ni kazi gani mimi nawafanyia, basi kuna haja ya mimi kuendelea na ile kazi.

Hii ni Bunge ya heshimia na kila mtu. Kila mtu ana haki ya kusema. Lakini mambo na vitisho, poroja na wengine kupeleka wengine kama Hague sio hapa. Wengine wanapelekwa mahali fulani. Yeyote ambaye wanakalia kiti unachokalia ni kwa ruhusa ya walio wengi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, Bunge kama hii ya Laikipia ni mahali pa kutengenezea sheria na sio kutisha tisha wengine. Naunga mkono sawasawa na naunga na wenzangu kusema kazi kwa wanalaikipia haijaisha. Naomba Wabunge tuendelee kufanya kazi usiku na mchana na tuungane kama watu ambao wametumwa na wanalaikipia. Naungana na kiongozi wa wengi Bungeni kusema Bunge iendelee na kazi. Asante.

Speaker: I call the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I congratulate the Members for their contributions. The leadership is about sacrifice and commitment as Jesus did. He committed, sacrificed and was crucified because of the Church. The same way let sacrifice because of Laikipians. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERED RULING

HOUSE RULES

Speaker: I just need to make remarks. I also wish to thank Members for their contribution and especially when we make a sacrifice that we remain working so that we can be able to fast-track important business that will help improve the lives of Laikipians and maybe Kenyans at large. Therefore, it is something that is commendable and important to be remembered in the history of this Assembly that Members, shelved their recess so that they can work for wanjiku.

I think it is something that should be emulated everywhere else. Somebody said that much work makes Jack a dull boy. As much as we would like to retreat, we would also like to go and gather energy and also congregate together with wanjiku and interact with her. It is important to make that if we have very urgent business and also important business that would serve wanjiku better, it is important that it is noted that the Members of the County Assembly of Laikipia in the second County Assembly did choose to work and remain in the House.

Number two, I also want to remind us on a few Standing Orders as we said that it is important that we address each other. We are brothers, we are politicians at the same time and we are a House of Rules. Standing Order No. 84 (2) says; *it shall be out of order to introduce an argument on any specific question upon which the Assembly has taken a decision during the same Session, except upon a motion to rescind that decision made with the permission of the Speaker.*

Therefore, once I have made a ruling on a matter, you can as much argue when that decision is being made but once the ruling has been made, it is very important that we do not

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raise an argument on the same because what happens in the Assembly is that the Majority always have their way as well as the minority and that is why we do voting. I know we shall be voting on a number of issues and at times a Member may be very right on his own capacity, but if you do not gather the right numbers then it means you will go by what the majority says because the majority have their way, while minorities have the right to be heard and they will be heard.

You will be comfortable because we say I said it even if the decision was made contrary to what I said, I took my time and I said what is in me. You know I did not keep it in my heart, but I participated. Number three, Standing Order No. 84 (3), *it shall be out of order to use offensive or insulting language whether in respect of Members of the Assembly or other persons.* I do not mean you have done that but it is important. There is an issue that Hon. Chris Mark, was raising on the issue of a "*Watu wa Kadole"*. I believe that is demeaning as a ruling of the Speaker. It should not be used in this House and even in the time to come because we have two sets of Members of the County Assembly, We are all Honourable Members.

By the way we come in, when we go to the Ward level we cannot be able to elect a number of MCAs that this one represents the ward, this one represent the women of that ward, this one represents the youth of that ward or this one represents the disabled of that ward. No, we elect one Member per ward. By the number of seats and when BBI passes, it will now be by the number of votes, then we bring in Specially Elected Members who come to represent the interests of the people that are within the county. That is people living with disabilities because they have special interests. The youths, women, marginalised and therefore it is important to know once they get into the House, we all swear the same and we are all equal and we are all Honourable Members and therefore it is important that we put note on that, so that whether jokingly or seriously it can never be used because it is demeaning and it is against the rules of this House.

Then Standing No. 84 (4) "*No Member shall impute improper motive to any other Member or to a Senator except upon a specific substantive Motion of which at least three days' notice has been given, calling in question the conduct of that Member or Senator".*

Lastly paragraph (5) "*it shall be out of order for a Member to criticize or call to question, the proceedings in parliament or another Assembly or the Speaker's Ruling in Parliament or another Assembly but any debate may be allowed on the structures and roles of Parliament or another Assembly".*

Therefore, even the ruling that has been made in other Assemblies we can still not criticize them unless a debate is allowed on Structures and rules of those Parliaments and Assemblies. Therefore, it is important we agree on that. In Assemblies we have diversity of thinking, we have diverse Members who can see things and because we are all elected and we have diverse views on issues for example, one may say citizens are taxed very highly, one may argue that tax is not high compared to the standards of living.

Both will have the debate but the majority will have their way, for example today we have done a Procedural Motion. Maybe there could have been people though we have supported it all of us, who could say as much as we have a lot of business and important

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business also going and interacting with Wanjiku is much more important. Those Honourable Members will have a right to be heard but whether they will take the day or not, it will depend on the voting numbers. Therefore, it is important we note that and we adhere with the rules of the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 16th May 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.17 p.m.

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