REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 15th October, 2020

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO A STATEMENT

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want to plead with the Chair for an extension of time to respond to the statement on grabbed public land in Maili Saba area, Thiru trading centre.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a statement was tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Simon Kanyutu on 17th June, 2020, requesting for a response regarding the statement on grabbed public land in Maili Saba area, Thiru trading centre.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee sent several letters to the County Executive Committee Member for Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development vide REF: CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol.2/008 dated 17th June, 2020, REF:CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol.2/011 dated 28th July, 2020 and REF:CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol.2/013 dated 13th August, 2020 requesting for the submission of response to the statement. The committee is yet to receive any response.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee hereby requests for an extension of a thirty days' period so as to table a comprehensive response on the statement.

I do not want to add more on this issue. It has been so difficult to deal with the CECM for Infrastructure, Hon. Shuel. I do not know how to put it. I have even tried to reach him through the phone. Anytime that we call him he says that we give him seven days to respond.

It has been so difficult to deal with this person. With the extension that we are requesting, we shall then be able to know how. This is even if it is to summon him and let this Assembly know about the statement that was requested. With due respect and all honour we plead for an extension of thirty days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiguru. Kindly make sure that you comprehensively respond to this House on that day as requested. I have severally heard the Members express their frustrations in this House on trying to contact the CECM's for them to respond to some things but they are not able.

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I was just asking myself that if today you are summoned by a Court of Law as a Hon. Member, you would most likely go running. You still hold the same powers as that High Court. Let us not allow them to give excuses. Let them come and respond to the statements. If they cannot write they can then be summoned to come to a committee meeting in person and respond to the statement. Let us not dilute the powers of this House. We summon them.

Last week when we were in Nairobi for training, the facilitator, Henry Kimani, said that when he was working with the County Government, they would come running anytime they were summoned by the Assembly. Hon. Thomi, Hon. Kaparo and Hon. Suge can attest to that. Let us do the same. We are still the same House. We have statements that have taken time. It is like the Executive does not appreciate the powers of the Assembly. Let us have them respond. If they cannot, we then summon them to come and respond to that in person.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> That this House approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(3) to allow it adjourn its sittings from Friday, 16th October, 2020 to Monday, 26th October, 2020 and resume on Tuesday, 27th October, 2020.

This procedural motion is as per the Plenary calendar. The Members of this House know this calendar very well. This is just a short recess. We have time to go and join our people on the ground. At the same time the Members will rest their minds in a way. They are also to monitor how things are on the ground. This is especially at a time like this one when our children are back to school. We know very well that they should have masks and all the requirements by the Ministry of Health.

I do not see anything wrong with us moving back to our homes. We meet the electorates and all other people. They will also feel that we are very much together. We can deliberate one on one on the work that we do. We are representing them in this House.

We also have the Mashujaa Day coming on Tuesday during that short recess. We can then be able to join our people and address the position of the politics which are now raising temperatures. Our people may then feel represented. I have said all that to request and ask the Members that we adhere to the Plenary calendar. We should allow this short recess to take place as from tomorrow as the motion says. I would like to call upon my good sister, Hon. Zamzam to second this motion on this short recess. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi niafiki mswada huu ulioletwa mbele ya Bunge lako na Kiongozi wa Wengi. Unahusu kuahirishwa kwa Bunge kuanzia tarehe kumi na sita hadi tarehe ishirini na saba. Ameweza kueleza kuwa shule zimeweza kufunguliwa. Tunajua utaratibu wa kalenda yetu.

Tunaheshimu Siku ya Mashujaa ili tuweze kusikia hotuba za Raisi wetu wa Jamhuri ya Kenya na Gavana wa Kaunti yetu. Naungana naye mia kwa mia. Tuweze kuwa na uahirishaji wa Bunge mnamo siku ya Jumanne wiki ijayo.

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Mheshimiwa Spika, nawaomba kuwa siku za Jumatano na Alhamisi, muweze kuangalia maslahi yetu. Tunajua ya kwamba tulitoka mapumzikoni juzi, tuweze kukutana tarehe ishirini na saba Mungu akitujalia. Tufuate sheria ya Kanuni zetu za Bunge kama tulivyoelezewa.

Naungana na Kiongozi wa Wengi kwa kuahirishwa kwa Bunge. Nawaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu watilie mkazo na waunge mia kwa mia. Waombe kuwa katika hizo siku mbili maslahi ya Wabunge wa Laikipia yameangaliwa. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that it is good to rest. We have our Mashujaa Day this time being celebrated in Kisii. It is important that that day is honoured because it is constitutional.

I would like to support what my Muslim sister, Hon. Zamzam, has said. She has just put it on a light note. It is not *maslahi.* I expect that after the Mashujaa day, we will be having a serious training somewhere in Nairobi if not Mombasa or Kisumu. The Majority Leader sitting here is the one who has brought this motion. He knows the importance of training.

Mr. Speaker, we are able to articulate issues well because of the Members' trainings. I have just noted as I was looking at my calendar that I might be in Mombasa from that day or Kisumu. I hope the Majority Leader responds because there is always that chance that he addresses these issues. I support. Thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Pole kwa kuwa niko na homa lakini sio Korona ni *tonsils*. Mheshimiwa Spika, nataka kukushukuru kwa kuona kwamba umepeleka wafanyikazi mafunzoni. Lazima tuseme kitu kinapotendeka vizuri. Tunaona wanapotoka nje wao huenda kusoma kitu kimoja. Nataka kuunga mkono kwa vile Kiongozi wa Wengi ameleta huu mswada. Amesema kuwa Kanuni za Bunge tuzifuate zilivyo na lazima tutie sheria kama ilivyo.

Ningetaka kuongeza kama vile Waheshimiwa walivyoongea. Tulipokuwa tunaenda mapumzikoni wakati wa *council,* tungepelekwa pahali pa watu kupumzika. Hata ndio maana unaona kuna CASA. Mheshimiwa Spika, tunapoenda mapumzikoni wewe kama baba kumbuka kuwa kuna watoto. Tukipatiwa mapumziko kama haya ni jukumu lako la kufikiria hali ya watoto wako. Tusiende nyumbani. Tupumzike mahali fulani na kuongea. Uliona Bunge likiwa namna gani, Spika wetu yuko namna gani, sisi tumekosea wapi na kama tunatii sheria ambayo Spika anataka.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ukiwa Kiongozi wa hili Bunge, badala ya kuenda nyumbani tupeleke mahali tukapumzike hiyo siku. Pengine nimegusa Matunge, hivyo basi tunakaa na kuongea. Hayo ndiyo mapumziko. Tulipokuwa katika *council* tungeenda KIMSCA. Huko sio kuenda kucheza. Huko ni kupumzika. Mnapatana na *council* zingine. Sasa ni wakati wa Kaunti. Unapatana na Kaunti ya Nyeri na Murang'a na kubadilishiana maneno. Hayo ndio mapumziko. Sio mapumziko ya kuenda nyumbani. Ukiniambia niende nyumbani naenda tu kuangalia kama mahindi yamekauka. Hapana Mheshimiwa Spika! angalia maslahi yetu. Asante sana.

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Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to make my contribution on the said motion. It is a good opportunity for us as Members to have a break and rest. It is not said that rest is specifically comfortable when it is out of your place. You can rest in your house or your area. We also have a responsibility apart from coming to this House to go and see what our people require. We visit schools now that they have been reopened. Having that opportunity by the grace of God to be in this House, we should also have time to go and give back to our community.

Instead of talking of going out to this town and out of this city, we should be hearing Members saying that now that God has given us this chance to be in this House, we need to go back to the community and give these children masks at our own cost. We also need to feel that those people are the ones who made us to be what we are. It will be a great opportunity to go and interact with the people who elected us.

In fact, these are very few days. We need more days. If you have 21 schools and decide to go to a school in a day, then you can only do that in a month. There is the habit of thinking that resting is going to Mombasa and swimming. I recall Hon. Ndiritu Gachagua who sometime back said that if you are from Nyeri Town and just feel that you want to swim, you can go and swim in Chania River. If you are from Chinga, you go and swim in Chinga Dam. You do not need to go to Mombasa if you need massage. You can go and be massaged by your wife.

We must change this narrative. The recess is not for going out. Resting does not mean that you must be out. You can rest in your house and do other things in your community. That is the best way. We were not brought here to misuse public funds. We have been here benefiting from public funds and getting money since we came here. We should go and visit our people within the two weeks. We enjoy being with the people who brought us to this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support because I will be going to visit my people in Umande.

Speaker: Just for your information, it is one week but not two weeks. The Majority Leader to make a reply.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Hon. Zamzam for seconding this motion and my colleagues for honouring the Plenary calendar. A request made by the Hon. Members should be honoured. If the Members feel it and that the Assembly is in a position to take these people somewhere for training, is it then good. This is because we learn more by being together and having a facilitator. We win for our people.

There is no condition on what you should do in a recess. It is up to us since we are both elected and nominated politicians. We know how much we should give to our people. This is in somebody's mind. When you go back to your people, you will know how to transact and deal with them. You will also make a good name. You will then be supported in the next elections because you have been honest and taken time with your people. This is good. We are okay with the recess. I believe that everyone will be able to make use of that good time that we out for recess. Let us support this motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Members, I agree with the Hon. Leader of the Majority. We have already okayed the recess. It does not require us to put the question especially when that recess

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is in the calendar. We already made a resolution in the calendar. Without putting the question, the recess has been okayed. We are proceeding for the recess. I have listened to the Members. You have different views. We will consult a little bit to see what to do.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 27th October, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.25 a.m.

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