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[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

RESPONSE STATEMENT ON SPORTSMAN'S ARMS HOTEL LAND ALLOCATION ISSUE IN RUMURUTI

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, a statement was raised on the floor of the House by Hon. Lekopien Parleto on 19th September, 2023 and committed to the Finance and County Planning Committee on the same day. The committee wrote a letter to the CECM for Infrastructure, Land, Energy and Physical Planning requesting for information of the same, vide a letter dated 11th October, 2023. The CECM made a response on 17th November, 2023 as follows;

On the procedure used to issue the land;

The County Executive informed the committee that the sportsman arms Hotel Limited was allocated land on 3rd July, 1998 under allotment letter No. 16323/IF56. The allocation was made in accordance with development plan, approval no. 35 for Rumuruti Municipality zone 52, specifically for the proposed high-class hotel and was formally documented on 12th October, 2013.

Hon. Speaker, it is important to highlight that the hotel was given an authorization to erect a fence around its premises by the CECM for Infrastructure on 17th March, 2014. This step signifies the County Government's approval and support of the development and operation of the sportsman arms hotel.

The property in question was further officially registered as LR No. 2510941 on the 25th August, 2022 as in annex 1. The registered land covers an area of approximately 30 acres. The information gives a history background and a legal framework under which the proposed Sportsman Arms Hotel was established and operates.

Mr. Speaker, that is the response that was given by the CECM for Infrastructure. It is good to note that the hotel was given that land in 1998. I think that even most of us were young boys and girls by then. So that tells you that the Sportsman Arms Hotel acquired that land those years. So, the Hon. Member from Sosian should also put in mind that in 1980's there was a plan which was used to allocate land for that hotel. Mr. Speaker, I beg to rest my case there and request you to also give to Hon. Lekopien so that he can agree with this statement. Thank you.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have got a bit of concern on the response that was given by the CECM for Infrastructure. I did ask for this statement on 17th of September and it took three months for them to give us that very shallow response. Sometimes, I really wonder whether they get the right information.

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Secondly, the County Executive informed the committee that the Sportsman Arms Hotel Limited was allocated land on 3rd July, 1998. Further noting that it is a development plan approval for No.34 for Rumuruti Municipality. It again worries me because by then, there was no Rumuruti Municipality because Rumuruti was under the County Council. From that, the document is really shallow. We really want to see the plan attached because we want to know what other properties were given during that time and why not to the people who live in Kandutura because by then, we still had squatters who had no land.

The biggest question is, why Sportsman Arms while we had some other hotels? At what stage did they suddenly think that it is Sportsman's Arms which needed to get that piece of land? We also want to see the attached allotment letter showing that indeed the land had already been allocated to sportsman arms, and the minutes that were done by the councillors showing why they gave the piece of land to Sportsman Arms.

Mr. Speaker, as I look into the matter, we also want to know the criteria that was used for the Sportsman Arms to get that piece of land and why 30 acres? I think that as a hotel, the 30 acres is a lot because we had other hotels.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kagondu, what is it?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, mimi nimesikiliza Mjumbe wa Sosian na kweli ako na haki ya kujibiwa hayo lakini jambo ambalo tunafaa kuelewa ni ya kwamba yeye hakuuliza ule mpangilio ambao ulikuwa umetumiwa. Hata ukiangalia kwa taarifa ambayo alikuwa ameuliza, hakuwa amesema nataka kuona mpangilio. Kwa hiyo taarifa pia hajasema apewe kumbu kumbu. Kwa hivyo, hiyo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba hata yeye mwenyewe ni kama amechanganyikiwa kwa sababu hajui ni nini anachotaka.

Tayari maswali yake mawili imeweza kujibiwa lakini sasa kama anataka hayo, labda aende pale tena aweze kuitisha huo mpangilio na kama kamati tutaweza kuhakikisha ya kwamba atapata. Ningeomba pia aitishe hizo kumbu kumbu na nimkubushe ya kwamba hata wakati huo kulikuwa na serikali. Nafikiri hata mwenyekiti wa huo wakati yuko katika hili Bunge na kwa hivyo ingekuwa ni vizuri.

La pili ameuliza ni kwa nini Sportsman Arms walipewa. Kulingana na maelezo ya wakili, hao Sportsman Arms ndio walikuwa na nia ya kutaka. Sasa hivi tukienda Thingithu ama kwake, wale ambao wamesimama ndio huwa wanachaguliwa. Wale ambao hawajasimama, hawawezi kuchaguliwa. Kwa hivyo, kama yeye mwenyewe hakuomba shamba, hangepewa, inapewa mwenye anataka. Kwa hivyo, mtaka cha mvunguni, ndiye huinama.

Deputy Speaker: Mheshimiwa Kagondu, nimesikia ya kwamba umejibu wewe na kamati yako kulingana na maswali ambayo Mheshimiwa Lekopien alikuwa ameuliza.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Kweli.

Deputy Speaker: Sasa unataka kuambia hili Bunge letu ya kwamba ameuliza maswali ambayo hakuwa ameuliza kwa taarifa?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, yale maswali ambayo anauliza ni *supplementary questions* kwa sababu ukiangalia kwa hii taarifa yake ….

Deputy Speaker: I would like to give a chance to Hon. Sammy Lekopien and I would ask that you be precise.

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Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Mr. Speaker, I just want to be clear because in my statement I did ask for the procedure that was used to get the land. Secondly, I asked the committee to furnish the House with documentation. I believe that the documentation means everything including the minutes, the plan and all other criteria that was used to give the land to Sportsman Arms. I think that the Hon. Member should clearly understand the word documentation. Documentation does not specifically specify on minutes but about all the paper work that was used to give out the land to sportsman arms.

To be sincere, Sportsman Arms is a very rich and big hotel while the poor citizens of Kandutura are suffering while one single person gets 30 acres of land. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, I will give you the chance to respond on the same and it is important to tell the Members that the debate is open to all. It is not a duo between Hon. Stephen and Hon. Samuel Lekopien. In this case, I am provoking one Hon. Simon Kanyutu. It is said in this House that you were the Chairperson by then. Your indulgence would be very important but for now, I will give a chance to Hon. Stephen.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. If you read this statement from Hon. Lekopien, it says that the committee should also furnish this House with documentation for the said land issued to Sportsman Arms Hotel.

This is the document that Sportsman's Arms was given. It is good to note that even getting this document from the land commission is a bit tricky for that department but I will make sure that they give the required information for him to understand how Sportsman's Arms acquired that land. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: At last, Hon. Simon Kanyutu?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to clarify some issues because I have been mentioned as the Chairman then. I was a councillor in Rumuruti Town Council as well as the Chairman of Planning. However, the date varies because I was elected in 2007 up to 2013. As per the response, the piece of land was documented on 12th October, 2013. By then, I had been shown the door because that was when I had contested through GNU but did not succeed. The former documentation was done when the MCAs were elected because those elections were held in August.

Mr. Speaker, in 1998 I was a professional butcher, so I did not know anything that was happening in Rumuruti. My predecessor is the one who was there. The best thing, because all the documents are with the Municipality as we speak, it is good for the Hon. Member to be given all the clarifications that he requires. However, as I was going through the report, I realized that they already have a lease. I can attest to you that this issue of land is a bit hostile in Rumuruti. It is my neighbouring ward and I can attest to that. Even if at the moment you get a piece of land allocated to you and you do not fast-track getting the proper documentation, chances are high that you will find a house constructed there within one night.

I thank the Hon. Member for seeking for clarification but the issue pertaining to land in Rumuruti is a thorn in the flesh. I am happy because the part the Hon. Member is seeking clarity for is under his area of jurisdiction. Rumuruti is shared by Sosian and Rumuruti Township. Some parts just past the slaughterhouse are in Sosian and that is where the hotel has been allocated. It is a good idea because we also require good hotels in Rumuruti, but the issue of how it was allocated is what the Hon. Member needs clarity on and it is in order that he gets it. Thank you.

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Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am still on the same point that we need more clarity on this. As the Hon. Member said, there is a document which you can barely read. May I ask the clerk to give you that piece of paper to see if you can read for yourself, just to make sure that whatever we have on this piece of paper is not clear enough to be presented. The Member just lied to us at some point that he cannot get the proper documentation.

I sit in the Public Accounts Committee and I have requested for documents as old as 1997 and we got them here. So, I think the Hon. Member is just trying to cover up with the CECM concerned so as not to give us the clear information and documentation that we need in this House. I would just urge the Hon. Member to go back to the CECM concerned and give us the proper documentation. I thank Hon. Kanyutu from Marmanet for giving us clarity

I think it was in the previous Assembly that Members approved Rumuruti to be a municipality. From the response that I read here, the CECM for Infrastructure says in his response: *"The County Executive informed the committee that the Sportsman's Arms Hotel was allocated land on 3rd July, 1998 under the allotment letter Number 16322323IV/56. The allocation was made in accordance with development plan approval Number 35 for Rumuruti Municipality, Zone 52."* So, I beg to get more information if by then Rumuruti was a Municipality or a County Council. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: I will give this opportunity to one Hon. Daniel Mugweru, though I can see the microphone of Hon. Stephen is on. He will have to wait so that we can give equal time to everyone.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am only concerned about the same because I feel that the Hon. Member representing the people of Sosian should get an opportunity either to raise a statement for the Committee of Finance to come up with a comprehensive report on the same. However, as per the statement, probably the few questions that were asked are properly answered. I have seen that the allocation was done in 1998 and the development plan approved in 2013.

We were not in this Assembly during those years. The approval to develop or erect a fence was done in 2014 when none of us was here. The property in question was further officially registered. The official registration was done on 25th August, 2022. I think that shows the procedure. As per the statement, I think the Hon. Member for Sosian wanted to know the procedure and I think the procedure has been shown step by step until the last part.

I think there is also the issue of a photocopy machine in the Assembly because the document that Hon. Lekopien has is not clear and you cannot read anything, but on the gadget the document is very clear. In the document in my gadget, I am able to read the Land Registration Act, the Land Act, the special conditions, the Government Land Act. Even if I am told to read the registration number from the gadget, it is very clear that it was received on 25th August, 2022.

So, I think it is also an issue of having a clear photocopy machine so that when Members get these things, they are able to go through them. Someone like Hon. Lekopien who had raised the statement should at least get an original one that he can be able to see because he is the one who is concerned about this issue. So, he should get the best report and clearest photocopy. He should even get it a few days earlier so that he may be able to go through and either get satisfied with it or not.

Otherwise, I feel that the two questions that were raised are answered, but I would join Hon. Lekopien in saying that the two questions were probably not enough. He should raise

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another statement that carries at least six or seven questions because the plan is needed, the people seated at the committee at that time, why choose the Sportsman's Arms Hotel and not any other. For all those questions he is now supposed to come up with another statement that needs a very comprehensive response from the committee. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, mimi nafikiri maswali yote yamejibiwa. Mheshimiwa Lekopien ana hii nakala, na kama hana, ningekuomba uniruhusu nimpelekee aione, aiguse na aisome. Kila mtu anaisoma hii nakala, ila tunajua ni lazima pia tukubali kuwa Mheshimiwa Lekopien anawatetea watu wa Sosian. Vilevile, tuelewe jinsi mambo yalivyo huko Sosian na Rumuruti. Kule ni mahali pa vita na sijui kama Mheshimiwa Lekopien anataka kuleta haya mambo ya mashamba ili vita vije tena. Juzi walipigana tena sijui kupigania nini na nyasi imemea, maji yapo na kila mtu ana ng'ombe. Hata hivyo, tunasema pole kwa ajili ya hivyo vita kwa sababu hatuwezi kutaka mtu yeyote afariki kwa sababu ya hilo.

Mheshimiwa Spika, Mgalla muue na haki mpe. Yeye aliuliza maswali machache na akajibiwa. Kama ambavyo ameulizwa na Mheshimiwa Mugweru, aulize hayo maswali yote nasi kama kamati, tuko tayari kuenda kwa Waziri wa Ardhi na Miundo Mbinu kutafuta ripoti kamilifu kutoka kwenye hiyo idara. Ni vizuri kujua kwamba mimi sio Waziri wa Ardhi na Miundo Mbinu bali ni Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha na Mipango ya Kaunti. Kwa hivyo, niko tayari kumpa habari yote anayohitaji kutoka kwenye hio idara. Mruhusu pia aulize hayo maswali na kuitisha ripoti nyingine ili turudi kwenye idara na kutafuta hizo stakabadhi zote anazoagiza. Asante.

Deputy Speaker: I now wish to put that matter to rest as we expect more on it. I have a feeling that it is not over. To the two Hon. Members, when the Speaker says something is over, then we should put it at rest.

MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. on behalf of the Leader of the Majority, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(4) to allow it alter its calendar by adjourning its sittings from Friday 17th November, 2023 to 4th December, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, this is a motion requesting the House to alter the calendar to have a short recess. We shall visit the people who elected us so that we can talk with them. They will also get a chance to ask us more questions on how we want Laikipia to be. Hon. Speaker, allow me to call Hon. Kanyutu to second me on this one. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second the alteration of the Assembly Calendar. Mr. Speaker, I am sure having worked for those days, we need to be with our electorates. We need to ensure that whatever we are discussing and whatever is on the ground, we shall oversight in the right way. I second.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: The floor is open for debate. Hon. Joseph Macharia.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am delighted to have this opportunity this afternoon. I rise in support of the motion on adjournment. Just like it has been raised by

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the Hon. Member for Marmanet, we now have ample time to connect with the electorates who are the people who voted us in here.

Hon. Speaker, you will realize that every time we have a recess, we have a difficult exercise to ensure that we comb through the villages. All those people who elected us, we shall ensure that we have connected their issues with the next budget making process. We will be listening hard and I am sure currently we have a lot of pending issues that we need to capture from the public.

Hon. Speaker, as we are coming back, we are able to bring all these issues together and they take a formal direction. I am supporting the adjournment motion and I want to state that it is good for these Members, we go, listen to what these people are telling us and once we are back, we will not be back on our own motion. We will be back with the issues that we were sent to represent Members for.

Hon. Speaker, you will realize when I am in the Assembly, I reside in Nanyuki Ward. I listen to many people and their views and Hon. Speaker; I have a lot of messages to you. I interact with your voters most of the times. These people have a lot of hopes but it is until we listen to all these issues and we bring them to the budget making process. I know with the rains, there are gaps that have been left in the Department of Environment and Water. We will be glad to interact with these people so that we are able to come-up with good statements and ideas having talked to the public.

Hon. Speaker, you will realize and it is captured in our first schedule of the Constitution that all the powers that we draw whether elected or nominated, emanates from the people. That is in Schedule one of the Constitution. It is incumbent upon us to ensure that there is concurrence between what we are thinking and what the public is thinking. I support the adjournment and I would want to wish Members well as they interact with their electorates.

We shall get back on 5th December, 2023 with more brilliant and practical ideas and with a better synergy. We have been here for long and you understand there is a phrase that they say about somebody who stays without breaks for a long time. We would want to wish that as we take this health break, we also embark on the issues of representation. Hon. Speaker, representation is not only a matter of here on the floor. Representation is having a 100% similarity between what you are thinking and what your electorates are thinking.

Let us go and embark on that important exercise before we get here back on 5th. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I support the motion.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru wale ambao wameunga mkono huu mswada. Bwana Spika, ni vizuri kurekebisha kalenda yetu na kuhakikisha ya kwamba mambo yote inaendelea vizuri.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen. It is just a clarity that you are standing to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I am replying Hon. Speaker. I am very fast on this one.

Deputy Speaker: You can continue. That was fast.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimejiuliza jambo moja nikiwa nimeketi hapa kwamba kuna watu sioni katika Bunge hili. Sijaelewa ni nini ambacho kinaendelea. Bwana Spika, kuna wenzetu ambao waliletwa Bunge na…

Deputy Speaker: For the purposes of the HANSARD, kindly don't use gestures because I know you speak.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, unajua ni vizuri kusema ukweli kwa sababu naona hawa wote ambao wako hapa walipigiwa kura kwa debe, wakachaguliwa na kura zikahesabiwa. Wale ambao waliteuliwa hawako hapa. Ni vizuri Bunge hili liweze kuona na kuelewa kwamba sisi ambao tulipigiwa kura tunafaa kufanya kazi bila kuchoka. Sisi ambao tulipigiwa kura tunafaa kuungana mpaka mwisho. Tunafaa kushika nywele ya juu na kidole na tukae kama mkia ili tuweze kufanyia wananchi wetu kazi.

Kwa hayo machache, ninaona hawa walichoka kitambo na kwenda. Sisi tumevumilia mpaka dakika ya mwisho. Mheshimiwa Spika, Hata kama itakuwa namna gani, hata kama itakuwa usiku, kwa sababu tumechaguliwa na watu ili tuje tuwatetee, tutawatetea mpaka dakika ya mwisho. Asante sana, wale ambao mko hapa. Mungu awabariki. Ninashukuru kwa kuweza kuunga mkono huu mswada. Asante.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Your sentiments are well observed and recorded that our other side who are the nominated Members were fatigued. I wish to thank you for bearing with us.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nimesimama tena kuleta mswada ambao unafuata. Naomba kusoma kama ilivyoandikwa. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(3) to allow it adjourn its sittings from Friday 17th November, 2023 to 4th December, 2023 and to resume on Tuesday 5th December, 2023.

Bwana Spika, nafikiri huu mswada ambao tumeleta sasa ni wa kuahirisha Bunge kutoka Kesho mpaka tarehe tano. Bwana Spika. Mswada ambao nilikuwa nimeleta hapo mbeleni ni wa kubadilisha kalenda. Baada ya hilo, tunaomba kuahirisha Bunge. Tukitoka hapa tunaenda mapumziko mafupi na tutarudi hapa tarehe tano. Huu utakuwa muda mwafaka wa Waheshimiwa kuweza kukutana na wale ambao waliwachagua ili waweze kupata habari ya vile mambo yanavyoendelea kule mashinani.

Bwana Spika, vilevile huu utakuwa wakati mwafaka wa wale ambao wanatoka mbali hasa Kaskazini na Magharibi mwa Laikipia. Watakuwa na nafasi nzuri na familia zao kwa sababu wamekuwa hapa kwa muda mrefu. Utakuwa muda mwafaka wa kuonana na watoto ili watoto wao waweze kuwaona. Bwana Spika, saa zingine kazi yetu ni ngumu. Unaweza kuingia kwako nyumbani kama vile Mheshimiwa Karuiru na ndugu zangu wengine hapa na mtoto ashindwe wewe ni nani. Ataanza kukuita mjomba.

Pengine ulitoka bila suti na saa hii uko na suti. Hayo ni mambo ambayo tunafaa kuangalia. Bwana Spika, hata kama tunafanya kazi, ni vizuri tuwe karibu na familia zetu. Hata wakati uchaguzi utaisha, mambo yatakuwa mawili hapa. Mambo itakuwa aidha uchaguliwe tena ama uende nyumbani. Ukienda nyumbani utakutana na familia. Ni vizuri watu wakae vizuri na familia waelewane ili wakati utaambiwa umechoka utakuta familia na utakuta mambo mazuri.

Vilevile Mheshimiwa Spika, tunataka familia zetu zipanuke. Huu utakuwa wakati mwafaka wa wale ambao wako na nguvu kama mimi kwa sababu niko hapa lakini kuna wale ambao wako nje ambao watapata nafasi ya kuonana nao.

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Kwa hayo machache, naomba hawa Wajumbe waweze kuunga huu mswada mkono. Pia, niombe mwadhiriwa mmoja ambaye hutoka mbali, Mheshimiwa Karuiru aweze kuunga mkono huu mswada ndio pia yeye aweze kupata nafasi ya kuonana na watu wa Olmoran, Sipili na pia familia. Ninajua ya kwamba yeye ni kijana mbaro mbaro na hata ukimwangalia ako na nguvu ya kutosha, sasa aende aifanyishe kazi vile inavyostahili. Asante.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can see that you are also caught up in confusion a bit. I rise to second the motion on adjournment. We are currently experiencing El-Nino and as you know, it was not assured enough that it would be. Just to remind us of one story that went through the social media in Githiga Ward where Hon. Gitahi represents, we saw three elephants in a water pan.

Mr. Speaker, I know that it was a hard day for Hon. Gitahi who frequently went outside the Assembly to receive so many calls from the disheartened people of Githiga. A part of why we adjourn as many have said, sometimes our people do not want us to be active throughout but we give them hope and that is the wisdom of every leadership. Currently, even if some of our roads are bad, we cannot do anything but what we need to show our people is that we still use the same roads that are bad.

I appreciate what the Hon. Majority Whip has just said about our family affairs. I am a family man although now I cannot get more but I would love at least this time when schools have gone for holidays, we pick it from there so that our kids who have been in school for long, we can be able to interact. These elected Members in whichever way they are key people to their respective wards and we have seen how kids from our country are being endangered.

When we go to barazas we should tell the parents to take care of their children. The other day I saw in social media a PP1 kid sleeping under a dog milking it. The big question from the blogger because I think they had closed for 77 days and that was the 76th day was, this is the 1st day, what about the 76th day? So, we need to go and interact with our families, guide those who elected us, give them hope and maybe we can be good to go. I second and I wish the Hon. Members plus you Mr. Speaker well as you go home. If you allow me, I want to remind my fellow Hon. Members that on 26th, November, I have a fund drive in my local church which is poorly built.

Mr. Speaker, with your ability and even the docket that you represent, I would like you to lead the House to be at Bondeni in Sipili in Olmoran Ward. Come and we build that house because I know that these Executive Members stay well in their houses. Let us build for God. Thank you for the chance and I invite them. After this I will send a pin to that church. You adjourn all your churches so that you may come and pray together so that we be blessed together. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion on adjournment and I really appreciate. With the present rain, we also engage in other activities of farming. So, within those two weeks I will be able to visit my farms and see the progress they are undertaking and how my crops are flourishing. I also appreciate because this year I had a class eight candidate and because he had done the necessary, during that duration I will be able to have a moment with him having completed the session.

So, I am very happy and that is why I wholly support the adjournment. For the two weeks, I will have completed everything and I would be a very free man having two young men in my house and just remaining with one.

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Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This is a very great day when the representatives of various wards and the representatives of people are all in the House. It is a very great day because they know their responsibility; one of them being to represent the people who brought them in this House.

Hon. Speaker, you cannot represent people if you do not know their needs. Until you go to them and get what they need so that you may come and represent their issues in this House. That is why I am saying that it is a great day when the debaters of the House are only the representatives of people and various wards.

Hon. Speaker, sometimes we need to stand up clearly and with a lot of confidence without fear because we know why we were brought here, the process and the hardships we went through for us to be here. We know why we are here and we know the people we represent and the mandate which we are given by the people and God himself. It is always good that while making decisions we make with a lot of sombreness, confidence and be fearless as long as we are making the right decisions for our people. Today we are making the right decision to adjourn so that we can go and be with the people who brought us here.

Today, we need to make this decision with a lot of confidence and without fear. Whatever we are supposed to do when we go for recess, it is we who know the importance of going there. Let us not look back and probably see that so and so is not here. Maybe they do not know the importance of going there because what issues are they going to represent and they are not representatives of people. You who is a representative of people, stand firm and go with a lot of confidence and get the issues which you are supposed to bring here and then later you will be able to practise the right thing from various wards.

Hon. Speaker, I really support the two weeks adjournment so that we can go to our electorates and families. We go listen to our people and then come back here furnished with everything our people want. The only thing I would differ is that one of Hon. Karuiru. He has invited us to Bondeni. That one we agree and we shall come to the build the church of God. The only place I am differing is that we all adjourn our churches. We don't have powers. We are just members in our churches especially our church of presbyterian.

If you try to tell people to adjourn and not attend next Sunday because I am going to Bondeni and the service should be stopped for that Sunday, probably I will find myself in problems. For me, probably I will fail to attend my church but every service in our church will still continue. It is only myself who refrains to go there and probably go to Bondeni. So, Hon. Karuiru, in future do not misguide Members because they might adjourn the churches and maybe from there, they will not be members of that church. When you go to churches like full gospel, you are announced with public address that from now, you cease to be a member of this church. Therefore, don't put our members into problems. The adjournment is of much importance and especially to the Members who are elected by people and the representatives of people. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: This House now stand adjourned until Tuesday, 5th December, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.45 p.m.

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