REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 18th April, 2024

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

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki): Clerk, can you confirm whether we have quorum?

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki): Without quorum, I instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(The quorum bell was rung for 3 minutes)

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I think we have quorum.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki): Clerk confirm if we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki): I instruct the Serjeant-at-Arms to stop the ringing of the bell.

NOTICE OF MOTION

PACKAGING OF KALES AND SPINACH

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion on behalf of the Member of County Assembly representing Tigithi Ward:

THAT, aware that County Trade development and regulation, including fair trading practices is the function of the County Government as stipulated in part 2 of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

FURTHER aware that there exist large scale farmers planting kales and spinach in the County;

NOTING that capacity in transportation, storage, sorting, processing and packaging of farm produce is low;

FURTHER NOTING that in many agricultural supply chains the middlemen have exploited farmers through packaging of kales and spinach which offer low prices to farmers and then sell the produce at higher prices after packaging resulting in unfair returns for farmers;

CONCERNED that this highlights the need for better regulation and support systems to ensure fair compensation for farmers in the packaging and distribution process;

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this House URGES the County Government to establish a policy for transporters and traders on the industry-specific codes of practice on handling, packaging and transportation of kales and spinach.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the tentative business for Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) April 23rd, 2024:

A. PAPERS - Report by the Health Services Committee on a visit to Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital.

B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Report by the Health Services Committee on a visit to Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital.

C. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Motion urging the County Government to beef up security in insecure areas in Laikipia by Hon. Nicholas Lempaira.

D. MOTIONS - Motion urging the County Government to establish a policy for transporters and traders on the industry-specific codes of practice on handling, packaging and transportation of kales and spinach by Hon. Nicholas Muturi.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) April 24th, 2024:

A. MOTION- Motion urging the County Government to beef up security in insecure areas in Laikipia by Hon. Nicholas Lempaira.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) April 24th, 2024:

A. MOTION- Report by the Health Services Committee on a visit to Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

FENCING OF WATER RESERVOIRS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg that we postpone the motion since Hon. Salim has not yet arrived. So, let us postpone it to next week. Thank you.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki): This House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.12 a.m.

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