REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 19th November, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

EMPHASIS ON COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Speaker: It is not a new communication but it is just an emphasis that we have continued losing lives due to COVID-19. Therefore, Hon. Members, I really need to request that we adhere to the guidelines for our own good. On Saturday I represented the County Assembly's forum in the burial of a late Member of Nakuru County Assembly in Hells Gate Ward. It is unfortunate and sorrowful that the same Assembly has lost another Member.

As I said here, during the 1st wave you may have not identified a person whom you know who had succumbed to COVID-19 but in this 2nd wave I want to believe that you know a number of persons or families who have been affected. Therefore, I continue asking our Members not hesitate to test anytime you feel that you are not feeling well.

The Minister of health, Mutahi Kagwe said that if we treat this disease normally it will treat us abnormally. My emphasis is that we care for ourselves as we care for our families. Hon. Members, let us take this thing seriously and not like a normal thing. Anytime we are together and we want to have a chat let us ensure that we are wearing a mask, let us sanitize as many times as possible because the County Assembly has provided these sanitizers and they are even mounted on our walls. Let us also ensure to observe social distancing and avoid any kind of crowding by all means so that we do not get affected.

Otherwise we mourn with the Assemblies that have lost their people. So far I think that we have got five Members of the Assemblies who have succumbed all the way from Uasin Gishu, Kisii, Nakuru and Mombasa. Let us take care on our side. Thank you.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.116, this Assembly resolves to reduce the number of days after public participation of the Laikipia County Finance Bill, 2020 (Laikipia County Bills No. 6) from seven days to four days.

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Mr. Speaker, thank you once more. I would like to persuade this House that we reduce the publication of this Finance Bill from seven days to four days. We all know the situation of this country as it is today although it is not for the first time we are requesting for the days to be reduced. I think that for now we have a genuine reason as to why we are trying to do that.

In addition to that, we have been having challenges of accessing money of the allocations that have been given to the counties. If we can manage in these four days then it will be for the betterment of our people. I really ask the House that we support this so that this process of public participation and others will kick off so that at least we see this process sailing. I would like to call upon Hon. Veronica Ikunyua to second this motion.

(Hon. Veronica Ikunyua seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imeletwa kwa hili Bunge ikijulikana ya kwamba sisi kama Bunge tuko na jukumu la kuhakikisha ya kwamba sheria zote ambazo zitasaidia serikali na pia wanalaikipia zimepita kwa haraka iwezekanavyo na ndio maana mimi ninaunga mkono.

Ukiangalia upande huu ambao niko Bwana Spika, pale kumeandikwa Kiongozi wa walio Wengi na viongozi wengine wa serikali na ni lazima tuunge mkono biashara yeyote ya serikali ili serikali isikwame ama ikose kufanyia mwananchi kazi. Kwa hayo machache ninaunga mkono na kuomba Wabunge wote tuunge mkono hili hoja ili liweze kupita. Asante.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a representative of people of Marmanet, I would propose that if possible we reduce from four to three. It is of great importance because the Finance Bill is the one which guides on the collection of revenue and when we are doing it without a Finance Bill then it is illegal.

Mr. Speaker, if it is possible to change it in the floor of this House then we better change. I would wish for us to enable our county to do the collections which is usually done on the revenue by reducing to ensure that the money is collected well so that even the projects which we have proposed in this county will be well implemented. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that we have a challenge with the flow of money from the National Government but with this correction then we can move faster. I wholly support.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to support this procedural motion because I know that we are in November and the financial year started in July and so we are some months behind the Financial Year. So it is important that we do collect our cess and revenue in a very legal way.

Mr. Speaker, maybe the reason why this bill is coming into this House late is because there are some inefficiencies in our operations because this Finance Bill is not supposed to be in this House at this moment. So for the interest and the love of people of Laikipia we will support this motion and if it were not for that we could be questioning as to why we are rushing today to reduce the number of days. Why are we rushing this Finance Bill when we are supposed to pass it on time?

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The reason is that the drafters of the Acts and Bills requires that we must have seven days before the bill is published so that the public and the people of Laikipia can be given time to scrutinize this bill before we send it for public participation and because of our system may be running so slow. Therefore, today we will support this motion for the love of the people of Laikipia and the love of services which we would love to be given. Thank you.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuungana na wenzangu kuchangia mswada ulioletwa mbele ya Bunge lako. Tunajua huu mswada unaangalia maslahi ya wanalaikipia na hata sisi. Vile ndugu yangu Matunge amesema tuko na taratibu za Bunge, taratibu za bajeti na pia taratibu za mgao wa fedha. Tunajua ya kwamba tuko nyuma kabisa na ni vizuri kama Wabunge hata hizo siku nne ni mingi na ikawezekana hata siku mbili kwa sababu tuko nyuma kabisa na ni vizuri tupitishe ili wanalaikipia waweze kufaidika.

Bwana Spika, nikimalizia nimesikia ya kwamba umeongea kuhusu COVID-19 na tunajua ya kwamba hili janga limeangamiza Kaunti nzima na dunia nzima. Sisi kama wajumbe wa Laikipia ni vizuri tujiulize vile tumejipanga kupigana na hili janga la Covid-19 katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Tumeona ya kwamba Laikipia imeweza kuadhirika sana kwa sababu tumesikia maafa kadhaa hasa kwa wale ambao tunawajua. Kwa hivyo COVID iko.

Bwana Spika, ukiwa kwa hicho kiti ni vizuri utupangie mikakati ya juu kabisa kama Wabunge wa Laikipia kama Kaunti zingine. Tunasikia maafa na hapa kwetu hakuna na tunajua ya kwamba itafika. Yule Mungu ambaye tunayeomba ni Mungu wa Isaac, na Jacob. Tunakuomba ututengenezee mikakati ya hii COVID-19 ili tuweze kupigana na hili janga kama Wajumbe wa Kaunti la Laikipia. Naunga huu mswada 100% na ninaomba wenzangu waweze kupitisha mswada ambao unatetea wanalaikipia. Tulisema hapa ya kwamba tuko hapa kutetea wanalaikipia kijumla. Asante.

Speaker: As Hon. Salma Hussein has said that we need to be very careful, it will be important for the Hon. Member of Olmoran to make sure that you keep social distance from the Hon. Member from Umande. It is important for us to maintain social distance.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that I am seated comfortably where I am supposed because the seat is named. I don't know but this is my set.

Speaker: I did not get you well. You said that you are seating comfortably because it is…

Hon. George Karuiru: The seat here is named Hon. George Karuiru Wairimu not unless somebody has changed it from my name to somebody else but this is where my seat has been reserved.

Speaker: It is okay Hon. George Karuiru. As I said before, it is not for any other persons. Even if I found a seat that is labelled my name on it I would not risk my life by not observing social distance for my own sake. If the two of you are comfortable seating like that then continue. It is for your own sake. If there is no other comments then I will request the Deputy Speaker to make a reply.

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Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, once again Hon. Speaker and thank you Members for contributing and the support you are about to accord to this. I would like to say that the Members comments especially on why there are delays, I think that it is very necessary to ensure that we bring it at the right time all the time because there are some timelines in each and every activity. So in future I would say that it is very good to do things at the right time and in the right place. Meanwhile, thank you so much Members for your comments and they will be highly worked on. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Members, before I put the question it is just important to make a correction days could not be reduced further to two or three. The law has been published and so it is up to us to make a decision here because today is the fourth day that is why we are seeking to reduce so that it will be read for the first time. If this does not pass then it means that seven days are not very far.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The bill is committed to the Committee on Finance and County Planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 24th November, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.20 a.m.

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