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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 1st July, 2021

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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WHOLE HOUSE MEETING

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I have got some information to pass that on Monday we will be having a Whole House meeting at Jacanaz. Thank you.

PAPER

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CAR AND MORTGAGE FUND REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hon. Mary Samken: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have a paper to lay on the report of the Committee on Finance and County Planning on County Government of Laikipia car and mortgage fund report and financial statements for quarter ended 31st March, 2019 dated 30th June, 2021.

NOTICE OF MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CAR AND MORTGAGE FUND REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hon. Mary Samken: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Finance and County Planning on County Government of Laikipia car and mortgage fund report and financial statements for quarter ended 31st March, 2019 dated 30th June, 2021.

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) July 6th, 2021

A. PAPERS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee.

B. PAPERS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

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C. PAPERS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee.

D. NOTICES OF MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee.

E. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee.

G. MOTION- County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) Car and Mortgage Fund report and financial statements for the quarter ended 31st March 2019 laid on 7th May 2019. A report by the Finance and Count Planning Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) July 7th, 2021.

A. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) July 7th, 2021

A. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Afternoon) July 8th, 2021

A. PAPERS-Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

B. NOTICES OF MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee(Department of Agriculture)

C. MOTION-Quarterly reports and financial statements for Laikipia County Government (County Executive) for the period ended September 2019 by the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee.

D. PROCEDURAL MOTION- Short recess break from 9th July 2021 to 26th July 2021.

Mr. Speaker, this is the tentative business for next week until we go for short recess. Thank you.

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Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Leader of the Majority Party. Therefore committees ensure that to bring the businesses at the floor of this House as it has been scheduled by the HBC.

MOTION

[Resumption of previous debate dated 30/6/2021]

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE COUNTY COHESION, JUSTICE AND LEGAL MATTERS COMMITTEE

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of Committee of County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report in financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 dated 24th June, 2021.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give the motion… Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I am confused. I am not sure where we are in the Order Paper because I am still uncomfortable seated here. I am very much uncomfortable and confused. Kindly refer me back to where we were.

Deputy Speaker: Well, in the very first page of the Order Paper, the very last part, number 9 which is a Motion. So, we are at number 9.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I was not lost. I beg to give that motion but before I do so, I feel so uncomfortable as I have just said, and I feel that maybe the leadership of this House is not serious. I believe that the security of Members and staff comes first while everything else follows.

So, when we are seated here, as the Leader of the Majority has just said that we are going for a short recess next week, we might even be taken for a forever recess before next week. We are seated somewhere where anything can happen. We are put in a House where everyone in this House knows that we are not secure. That is why you are seeing Members coming and peeping from the door then going.

Mr. Speaker, how can we sit here and say that we are comfortable yet a stranger can come into the House, go to the reception and sit and do whatever he did; and we cannot sit down and say that he needed a toilet, because he passed through the toilet. He could have done that in the toilet before going to the reception. Here we are seated, dancing to a tune, portraying that we are comfortable yet we are uncomfortable.

Immediately yesterday when we had such a thing, I expected the Leadership of this House led by the Speaker and the Clerk to have an emergency meeting where even the DCI was supposed to be there. The County Commissioner was supposed to be there. This is a serious thing. When I am here, I am no longer the Daniel Mugweru that you know. I represent thousands of people of Umande Ward. If I lose my life, thousands of people of Umande have lost. If the few people who are here come to an end, what does that mean? That means that the people of Laikipia have come to an end.

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Yet we are seated here talking about financial statements forgetting that if we lose our lives today, this money that we are talking about could be used in by-elections in all wards. Yet we are seated here portraying as if we are happy. It is unfortunate that even today we are taking business as usual yet we know what happened. Nobody has told us what happened and nobody is telling us how safe we are. We cannot sit down somewhere expecting that death might come anyhow.

Mr. Speaker, we must take these things seriously. The life of Members and staff of this House is paramount. It is supposed to lead and anything else follows. All that we are doing should be a second or third priority. The priority is our security; the priority is our lives. Even now as I speak, I do not know what is in this microphone. I might be inhaling something that might put me to death. Why should we sit here and celebrate as if things are normal?

That is why I am saying that I am even confused. I am not sure of moving the motion, because the motion that I am moving is a matter of importance to these Members before moving these things. We must be serious because our security is paramount. It would be so unfortunate if I die in the House. I would rather die outside there. Now when we start saying that maybe it is somebody who is malicious or could be having beef with Members, if it is somebody who has a grudge with me he could have waited for me on my way to Umande. Coming to the House is a message. You are given a message, *mene mene tekel* is written and you assume that nothing has happened.

How can someone come into the House and choose to move through the direction that CCTVs are not working? Get into the House for over forty minutes and the CCTV cannot even show whether the person left this place? How do I know whether he is hiding underground here or in the ceiling?

Maybe we are seated here waiting for a time bomb only to die here and start crying. We are even supposed to leave this House. Sniffer dogs are the ones that are supposed to be in this House, surrounding this place and looking out for the security of these Members and the staffs of this place.

It is so unfortunate, it is uncomfortable and so we must do something. We must move with speed and do something. Let us not assume things, let us not assume and we know what happened, we are able to observe but we cannot tell the intention.

If somebody gets into your house, if he is a thief he will steal something, but imagine somebody getting into your house breaking through the window, going to your dining table, doing whatever he is doing there then go. I do not want to say what he did and then left there, and you want to tell me today you will go to the same house.

It is so unfortunate, let us not pretend because we are in fear, we are unsafe and we must say this. Maybe if I don't say this the future will blame me. If I say this maybe the people who will give condolences in my burial will say that he had said this, so I better say if am dying I die having said this because it is so unfortunate.

That you are also seated there waiting for such a thing, you are seated there leading Members and you know if death comes it will sweep us. If it was somebody who was dirty who came here, we could have assumed that is a mad person. Now imagine somebody wearing a leather jacket, a brand new one you mean there were no toilets all over. The toilet was on the seat of the receptionist.

Let us not joke, let us state these things seriously, and let us stand up to be counted fighting for the security of all of us. We are not fighting for others, we are fighting for ourselves.

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This is your life, this is my life, this is the life of anybody who is here and so we cannot take business as usual. We must stand up we must do something and so my feeling is that we are not supposed even to be here until we are assured of our security.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Veronica then Hon. Ndiritu. Hon. Members, what you are raising is a concern to all of us so as we air out our grievances, let us consider that we are in a House of order and all of us have got a chance to do such things. The only way that we are allowed to do such is by introducing or rather interrupting the House which should have been ideally done by one Member.

There is a procedure to do that. In addition to that, Hon. Maina yesterday addressed the same that we need to get deeper into this because it is quite unusual. It is quite risky and as the Hon. Members are expressing themselves, is quite uncomfortable to be in this environment. Let us always try to use very procedural ways because it is us who play such to be utilised to the times.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I want to thank Hon. Robert Maina who raised the issue yesterday and also thank Hon. Daniel Mugweru for insisting. Actually I am feeling the insecurity, we are not safe and I called Hon. Leader of Majority urging him not to let the Members to enter into this chamber.

Mr. Speaker, we are in danger and for real when I finish this one, I am walking out. I cannot put my life at risk. I said this morning that we need a detector to come and see whether there is anything put in this compound that can harm us but nobody bothered. I will use another language in Kikuyu that says "ya *mwanamke inakubaliwa ikilala*."

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you we are here risking our staffs lives, we are risking our lives by just ignoring. We have called the security team that were seated here at night when the matter was happening and they are the same people who are investigating. How on earth? I am scared and I do not want to talk more because the more I talk the more I am getting scared. So thank you so much. Allow this sitting to end so that we can save our lives. We are in danger, we do not know what transpired that night after writing with whatever he wrote with, we do not know what else transpired. So I am requesting we end this session until further notice. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Veronica, you should not be judging on when this Assembly resumes, otherwise you are out of order saying until further notice.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono matamshi ama maoni ya Mheshimiwa Mugweru kwa sababu ni maoni ambayo inaona mbali. Usalama ni kitu ya maana na kama vile waliotangulia mbele yangu wamesema, sisi wenyewe tunafaa kuwa mstari wa mbele kuweka usalama na kulinda wananchi.

Mheshimiwa Spika itakuwa ni jambo la aibu kama mzazi ambaye anafaa kuwa analinda watoto amekaa hapo wakati watoto wanaona shida. Mheshimiwa Mugweru amesema ya kwamba jana kulitokea janga na hilo ni janga ambalo sisi wenyewe tunasikia uwoga, na kama vile amesema yale maandishi ambayo yaliandikwa pale, uongozi haufai kuichukulia hivi hivi.

Bunge hili liko na vijana ambao wako na kesho yao, hata pengine wale wanaangalia hapo ni wazee. Kuna vijana na wasichana ambao wako na maisha marefu na maono ya mbali na ni vizuri tuwaheshimu na tuheshimu hata familia zao. Kuingia kwa yule aliingia katika hili Bunge, haijulikani nia yake ni gani na haijulikani alikuwa anakusudia nini. Inaweza kuwa ni kama hivyo Mheshimiwa Mugweru amesemea nije nikueleze ya kwamba niko hapa, nawe Bwana Spika unaendelea kuwa hapo ilhali kuna gaidi ameingia hapa.

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Bwana Spika, hilo ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kuangalia kwa njia ya upana. Kesho hatutaki kusikia Bunge limepuliwa. Juzi tu tumesikia mambo kama hayo yakitokea. Kukosa kuchukua tahadhari inaonyesha ya kwamba Waheshimiwa hawaangaliwi kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Wafanyikazi ambao wako hapa hawaangaliwi kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Tunafaa kupatia usalama kipao mbele.

Bwana Spika, nashangaa kuona biashara zimewekwa hapa kana kwamba hakuna kitu kinaendelea. Kama leo bomu inaweza lipuliwa katika Bunge hili wewe mwenyewe utakuwa wa kwanza kufa. Kama ni kufa wale wakubwa waanze wengine wakifuata lakini kifo hakichagui. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, wakati unajiweka kwa hatari pia mimi unaniweka hatarini. Kama umekubali kukaa kwa hatari mimi sijakubali.

Nakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Mugweru kuwa hakuna biashara yeyote inafaa kuwa ikifanywa hapa. Hapa kunafaa kuwa na *red tape* kumaanisha ni hatari kwa sababu hili sio jambo la kuchukuliwa hivihivi. Bwana Spika, mtu anaongoza kwa busara na naheshimu Mheshimiwa Kiguru kwa sababu ameeleza vile Bunge inafaa kuendelea. Wameeleza kwa sababu hii ndio ilipitishwa jana na Kamati ya Biashara za Bunge lakini viongozi wa Bunge hili wangekuwa katika mstari wa mbele ili kuhakikisha ya kwamba wameweka usalama.

Bwana Spika, naungana na Mheshimiwa Mugweru sisi ndio tunatengeneza sheria. Sisi ndio huwa tunasema biashara ambazo zitafanyika kesho. Kwa hivyo leo tunafaa kusimama hapa kama Bunge tuseme tumeenda. Wakati Korona ilikuja Mheshimiwa Spika alitangaza muende nyumbani mpaka wapate taarifa zaidi kwa sababu huo ni ugonjwa. Huo ni ugonjwa hatari na hatujui huyo mtu alienda wapi. Hatujui kama yuko kwenye dari ama kwenye hii meza akihesabu masaa ya saa nane saa tisa ili aweze kulipua.

Mimi naungana na Mheshimiwa Mugweru kwa sababu sheria inakubali kama waheshimiwa watano wamekuwa na wasiwasi wa usalama na najua iko katika Kanuni za Bunge. Najua unaelewa mahali iko na tutasema itafutwe ili tupate vile tutaweza kuahirisha hiki kikao kwa sababu ya usalama wetu. Nakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Mugweru na najua wengine wanataka hivyo. Ndio maana leo unaona mheshimiwa anaingia na kutoka. Hata wale ambao wako kule hawajui ni nini ambacho kiliendelea jana. Pia wao hawangekuja.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nitasema kama Mheshimiwa Veronica ukimaliza kuchangia unaenda na Bunge likiisha utabaki hapa peke yako. Bwana Spika, tumia busara uahirishe hiki kikao ili twende nyumbani. Naunga Mheshimiwa Mugweru mkono. Naomba umsikize na kama Waheshimiwa wengine wako na hayo maoni tuungane twende nyumbani mpaka wakati tutahakikishiwa kuna usalama wa kutosha. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, without much we can adjourn this House today until Tuesday, 6th July, at 2.30 p.m. This will give us five days out of this House. Five days will be enough to go to each corner of this House and ensure that nothing is here. If by then we shall not have finished, we can always communicate to see whether we need more time. We also do not want to give the enemy a chance to scare us from operating our businesses because. If it is an enemy there are many ways to attack including not sitting or transacting any business. Hon. Members, let us be wise that five or six days are enough for this House.

If not, we can always look for more time and more days to ensure that we have gone through all the corners of this House.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you for that guidance Mr. Speaker. This is not about the number of days. Even if it takes 100 days and nothing is done, we shall still remain at risk. Mr. Speaker, whether it is six days we need to see action in this place. We need to see serious

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action taken in this House. As you are telling us about the procedures of this House, I wish to remind Hon. Members and the whole House that there is no procedure of dying. You just find yourself dead. Not only that, people will find you dead. Even you shall not know whether you are dead or not.

Mr. Speaker, there is no procedure of a criminal getting here and setting a bomb. You will just find it there. Some of these things needs a lot of seriousness. So Mr. Speaker, however much we say it is six, four or ten days, the number of days doesn't matter. What matters is the action that will be taken from today. Mr. Speaker, now because we are leaving, tomorrow we are not here, Saturday, Sunday and Monday we shall not be here.

We need assurance that there is something that will be done so as not go home only to find that the people who are supposed to do this will follow us going home only to come back on Tuesday. Maybe the criminal is still in this box listening to what we are saying and adjusting the timing from today to Tuesday. Something must be done, action must be taken and in fact Mr. Speaker, I want to take you sometimes back when we had the issue of BBI in this House.

Such a minor thing and we could even tell there is a certain mood in this place. We could see over 50 police men here. Now that a criminal was here and his whereabouts are not known, life is normal, business is as usual and the normal people who were there are still there. We should see something different. We should even be seen scared people walking here. The policemen and the Reece squad should be here as at now. We must see that action whether it will be sent to us through WhatsApp but we must see a video of people moving around this place to guarantee us our safety.

Mr. Speaker, you know it is normal we can go home today and the people who are supposed to take charge will follow us, then on Tuesday we shall assume that there was something that was done only to find that we were giving the criminal time to prepare himself to kill the whole House. Maybe the criminal is counting and seeing that we are only eight and he is waiting when we shall be twenty four.

We must be serious. It is not about the number of days but the action that will be taken. In these days you have said we expect an action to be taken. It can be taken even within a single day. Action that can guarantee us security. Mr. Speaker, let us make this thing serious. It is our life. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Kwanza nishukuru Mheshimiwa Robert Maina na Mugweru ambao walisikia kile kitendo kilichofanyika hapa. Mtu alionekana akiingia lakini hakuna mtu aliona akitoka. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema, watoto wetu wako hapa. Wafanyakazi wamejaa hapa na pia sisi wenyewe.

Ile kitu nataka kuuliza kwa uchungu sana, jana uongozi wote ungekuwa hapa. Kamishna wa Kaunti, wataalamu wa maswala ya usalama, CID na afisa wa mbwa wangekuwa hapa. Leo hii hakuna mtu anajua alileta nini hapa. Yule mtu yale masaa alikaa hapa hakuna mtu anajua ni nini alikuwa amefanya. Tunaweza chukulia haya maneno kwa mzaha watu wengine watoke wakiona ni mambo ya mchezo. Sisi wote tuko na uhai na pia hawa maafisa wa usalama. Kwa nini maafisa wa maswala ya usalama, CID na kamishna wa polisi hajajulishwa. Tungeitwa na tukutane hapa kama wajumbe tunene kitu kimoja.

Mimi sitaunga mkono kusema Jumanne tuwe hapa. Wiki mbili serikali ingine hapa. Haya maneno yanachukuliwa kwa mzaha. Kwa nini mpaka wa leo kuna mtu...?

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Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wachuka, we have got some officers. We were actually to adjourn this House indefinitely yesterday but after the visit of those officers yesterday they gave this Assembly the go ahead according to their findings. We will still demand for thorough investigation on them but yes we had those officers visit this facility.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Bwana Spika, asante sana kwa kusema hivyo. Kama unataka kufanya uchunguzi kuna siku moja nikiwa manispaa ya Nyahururu nikiwa naibu diwani kuliibiwa. Hakuna mtu aliingia pale hadi wale afisa wakaja kuchunguza. Hayo masaa yote. Hujui kama huwa anakuja hapa ama amepanda nini hapa. Sitaki kusema aliweka lakini ni mungu anajua.

Tuangalie maisha yetu na ya wafanyakazi wetu. Kufunga Bunge kwa wiki mbili ndio uchunguzi ufanyike ni kitu ya muhimu kuliko kuendelea na mambo mengine. Utasikia siku ingine tumewekea dawa na hata huwezi toroka, unakaa kama mlevi. Mimi nauliza Spika wetu ambaye tunaheshimu na isiwe ni siasa kwa sababu maisha yetu ni muhimu. Pia wewe Spika ni muhimu kwa familia yako. Nauliza mkae kikao na uongozi wa usalama wa Kaunti haya mambo ichunguzwe.

Sitaki kusema ni nani kwa sababu sikumuona na hata *Alshabaab* akija huwa hasemi. Anakuja anachunguza kisha unasikia mambo mengine. Tunaelekea mfumo mbaya wa siasa na hujui maadui wetu ni akina nani. Nitakomea hapo Bwana Spika, na tafadhali hii kitu isichukuliwe kwa mzaha. Tuko na wale maafisa wa kunusia na mbwa. Nani alipanda juu kuangalia? Hujui hii vitu yote imewekwa. Kwa hayo machache asante.

Deputy Speaker: I think Hon. Members we are taking a longer time according to me. If people are truly saying they are uncomfortable yet they remain seated for two to three hours, then it doesn't make sense. Please Hon. Cate conclude then I adjourn.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante, Bwana Spika. Naunga mkono wenye wameongea mbele yangu na niseme usalama ni wa muhimu. Hizi vitu zenye Waheshimiwa wanasema zichunguzwe pia. Napeana mfano yenye Mheshimiwa Wachuka amesema kwamba tunaweza kuja hapa sisi wote tuanzie kusinzia. Ndugu yangu Mheshimiwa Mark ameingia juzi hapa na sauti imepotea. Haya maneno ifanywe kwa utaratibu. Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema wengine wetu watoto ni wachanga. Tunahitaji kurudi tena hapa kufanyia Wananchi kazi. Uchunguzi ufanywe inavyostahili. Asante.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the motion by the Hon. Daniel Mugweru, will be the first business to be transacted as soon as this House resumes. Before we adjourn, I kindly request that we give this remaining day until Tuesday because I believe if we are ready and willing, we will be able to turn each and every stone in this compound. Nothing is cast on stone if we think we still need more time we are here and we will advocate for that.

(Motion Adjourned)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House stand adjourned until Tuesday 5th July, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.15 p.m.

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