REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 29th July, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the HBC Committee, I would like to go through the tentative businesses for the next sittings. It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) August 17th, 2021.

A. PAPERS- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2019 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

B. PAPERS- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the Health Services Committee.

C. PAPERS- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee.

D. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2019 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

E. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the Health Services Committee.

F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee.

G. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS- Response Statement No. 002/2021 to the chairperson, Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee pertaining to County Government workers laid off in February, 2020 raised on 17th March, 2021 by Hon. Joseph Kiguru.

H. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS- Response Statement No. 003/2021 to the Chairperson Finance and County Planning Committee pertaining to County Government Assets raised on 21st April, 2021 by Hon. Christopher Mark.

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It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) August 18th, 2021.

A. MOTION- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2019 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) August 18th, 2021

A. MOTION- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the Health Services Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Afternoon) August 19th, 2021

A. PAPERS- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee.

B. NOTICES OF MOTION- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee.

C. MOTION- County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee.

Mr. Speaker that is the tentative business as soon as we resume the sittings. I would like to ask the Chairs and the members of the committees to ensure that those businesses will appear in the order paper as they have been scheduled by the HBC Committee. Thank you.

MOTIONS

ALTERATION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. 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 30th July, 2021 to Monday, 16th August, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, this one will give Members time as we proceed for this short recess. The Deputy Speaker has stated that every Chair and Committee Member should have time to do oversight and also for Members to interact with the community that has given them the opportunity to serve them. So I urge the Members to see the need of adjourning the program of the Assembly and ensure that it is for the betterment of our work. I urge my Deputy Majority Leader to second this motion.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to support this procedural motion. I thank the Majority Leader for allowing us to go for recess. It has been a long time without going for recess but we have been busy and that can only tell you that we have been working hard. We thank God because the Hon. Members are ready to serve the community and that is why they are not complaining and that is why they have devoted themselves to serve the Laikipians.

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The time has come for us to go and relax for at least two weeks and it is not just relaxing but also serving our electorates back in the village. There is much to be done down there and therefore I want to urge the Hon. Members to support this procedural motion so that we can go and serve our electorates back in our wards.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Meshami: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama pia nikiunga mkono Mjadala ambao umeletwa katika Bunge lako tukufu wa kuahirishwa kwa Bunge kutoka kesho Ijumaa hadi tarehe kumi na sita mwezi wa nane. Wacha niseme ya kwamba huu mjadala umeletwa kwa wakati unaofaa tukijua ya kwamba tulikuwa na wakati mgumu wa kupitisha bajeti ya Laikipia. Nashukuru viongozi kwa kupitisha bajeti ndio wananchi wa Laikipia wapate kufanyiwa kazi na serikali iliyoko.

Naunga mkono kwa sababu tumekaa bila kuwa mashinani kwa ile kazi ambayo ilikuwa mbele yetu. Kwa hivyo naunga mkono na ninaomba wenzangu waunge ili twende tutembelee watu waliotuteua kuja hapa ili tuweze kuwakilisha. Asante.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been a very tedious period for all of us and the said break will be very healthy for the Hon. Members. I support the motion.

Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi ambaye ameweza kuona umuhimu wa Bunge kurudi mashinani ili kwenda kufanya kazi na wananchi. Ni wakati mzuri na ambao unaofaa kwa sababu Waheshimiwa wamekaa kwenye hili Bunge na kupitisha bajeti ya Kaunti na pia kufanya ile kazi ambayo wanaostahili kufanya na kumaliza.

Kwa hivyo nashukuru kamati ya bajeti ambayo ilifanya kazi nzuri ambayo tumemalizia kama Bunge. Wajumbe sio kwenda kuketi nyumbani lakini kwenda kufanya ile kazi ambayo mwananchi anafaa kufanyiwa. Kwa hivyo ni wakati nzuri wa kurudi kwa wananchi na pia ni wakati mgumu ambapo wananchi ambao wametuchagua wakiona tukiandamana nao na kufanya kazi ngumu kwa sababu ya kiangazi iliyoko katika hii nchi yetu ya Kenya.

Naunga mkono pia Kamati ya Bajeti ambao walikuwa wameleta ule mswada ambao ulipita jana na kwa hivyo wana Laikipia watajua ya kwamba Waheshimiwa wamefanya kazi yao. Mwenye atazembea kwa kazi yake ni shauri yake lakini sisi kama Waheshimiwa tumefanya kazi nzuri. Asante na Mungu awabariki.

Speaker: May the mover give a reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am grateful for Members for their contribution and the support to approve this motion, thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT OF ASSEMBLY SITTINGS

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. 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 30th July,2021 to Monday 16th August, 2021 and resume on Tuesday 17th August, 2021.

If we adjourn without giving the date to resume it would be very awkward. I am happy to bring the second procedural motion to make sure that as we go, we set the date to resume because as all Members know that we are not going to rest, we are going to work. After

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resuming, we have the Statements and those motions that the Deputy Speaker has given us in the Tentative Business after we resume.

I am grateful and I urge Members to approve the dates to resume and also to be very active as we go to recess. We need to make sure that every committee comes back with a lot of job to be done. I will urge Hon. Deputy Speaker to second this motion, thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader for bringing this motion because we might adjourn forever. It is very wise that he came up with the dates. Mine is to first thank the Hon. Members because we have kept them for a long time depending on our timetable.

I really thank them because they have been doing the work that we have been called for. I also take this chance to greatly thank our members of staff because we know we were supposed to be on recess for two weeks but due to the huge works that has been ahead of us, we have all persevered and worked tirelessly to ensure that work has been completed.

It is the high time that we rest, we also need to reunite with our families and friends. These Hon. Members are very courageous because according to our timetable of the schooling system of today, it has been shifted to early August and this is the time these Hon. Members are going home, with all these stress from the public. We have to go and be with them as much as our pockets are not good, it is always good to go and be with your people.

We are facing very rough financial times but despite that, these Members are ready to go and be with their people to help and guide where they can. I honestly concur with them on the same I am very sure that all have got big queues in our families waiting for two or three things. I will also ask the Governor to speed in implement the new budget, so that at least our people get that bursary. That should be given the first priority because our people are suffering at the moment.

When that system changes and the second term becomes the first term, there will be a lot of problems especially to farmers who are looking after weak cows. The market is very bad and for largescale farmers who are planting maize and wheat, they will also know this season has not favoured them. It is very dry and people are needy but I second this motion and I ask Hon. Members to support. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi tena ili nichangie huu muswada ambao umeletwa mbele ya Bunge hili na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni. Ni vizuri sana kuweka tarehe ya kurudi kwa sababu tusipoweka hizi siku tunaweza enda kujiburudisha. Kulingana na vile naona, hata tukitoka hapa kazi ni nyingi sana. Kazi inaanzia tarehe sita ya kuzunguka wadi zote kumi na tano ili tufungue ofisi zetu.

Ningetaka kuendelea kwa kusema Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni amefanya vizuri ili twende tukajipange. Hiyo siku *tutafiririda* tukisherehekea ofisi zetu mpya. Naunga mkono na nakaribisha watu wote tarehe sita kwa ofisi yangu wakati tutakuwa tunafungua. Hata kama tutakuwa tumeenda likizo, najua hatujaenda kupumzika ila tumeenda kupatana na wale ambao walituteua. Kwa hivyo tuungane pamoja na najua tutarudi kama hatujamaliza kuzunguka.

Hili Bunge liko na nafasi nyingi na tunashukuru Mungu kwa sababu kuna wale ambao wanazunguka huu mtaa wakitafuta kazi na hawana. Sisi ambao tumepewa hii nafasi tuifanye

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sawa na upendo ili Mungu wetu afurahie tukihudumu watu wake hapa duniani. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Namshukuru Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni kwa kuonelea ni vizuri tupumzike wiki mbili. Kwenda nyumbani sio kupumzika bali ni kufanyia Wanjiku kazi. Wakati tunaenda likizo ningeuliza kama Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni anaweza kukubali tuzunguke kila wadi sisi sote kwa sababu kuna changamoto kule mashinani.

Siongei nikificha lakini hata kama Gavana atafikishiwa, yeye alizunguka wadi kumi na tano akiongea kuhusu *bond* na kusema tunakataa wananchi wafanyiwe kazi na madawa yaende hospitalini. Anasema tunakataa watoto wapatiwe pesa za kufadhili masomo yao na maendeleo. Nilikuwa na maoni tofauti kwa Bunge lako la heshima kwamba kama tunaweza kuzunguka sisi wote. Sio vizuri kuongea mambo ambayo siyo ya kweli. Yeye anataka kuwa na sifa ilhali Waheshimiwa wengine wako na kazi nyingi sana.

Wakati huu wa kurudi shule, kama Waheshimiwa wengine hawaongei mimi nimeteuliwa na Jubilee na Ijumaa nilinunua sanduku kumi na nne na kila mtoto akapata kiatu cha shule. Sijui Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni na Waheshimiwa wengine wamefanya nini. Shida ambayo wako nayo ni mingi sana na wakati unazunguka na kusema tulikataa kupitisha *bond* kwa sababu tunataka milioni mbili, hiyo ni kuharibia Waheshimiwa sifa kwa kuandika magazetini na sio vizuri.

Kwa hivyo mimi nilikuwa tu naomba kama Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi anaweza panga ili watu wote tuzunguke mashinani kwa sababu wanjiku yuko na macho na wanaongea wakisema ya kwamba tangu hili Bunge lichaguliwe, hawajaona ile kazi limefanya isipokuwa kusimamisha hilo *bond*. Ndio maana unaona vita zikiwa mingi sana. Sitaongea mengi ila kusema tukienda nyumbani tusiende kulala kwa sababu mnaona tunainukiwa usiku na mchana na pia hizo maofisi hawakufurahia kwa sababu wanaona kama hakuna kazi ambayo inafanywa na hili Bunge. Nafurahia kwa sababu ya hizo ofisi kumi na tano ambazo waliochaguliwa walipewa na wakitualika tutashirikiana kwa sababu sisi zote ni kitu kimoja. Kwa hayo machache, Mungu awabariki.

CONSIDERD RULING

OPENING OF WARD OFFICES

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for the contributions made and also for the decision that we made today on adjourning our sittings so that we can resume on 17th August. Maybe before we leave, I just want to take this chance first of all to wish you all the best during your recess period and a good time with the community down there.

As the Hon. Deputy Speaker said, we are in a time where schools have just reopened and I hope we do appreciate and understand what our people are going through in this country in a year where we have COVID-19 and economic difficulties and yet so much is squeezed. We paid school fees just the other day and yet in September another term is coming. It will take people who are courageous and brave including the parents themselves because of that situation that is confronting them.

People do not have money in their pockets and contractors have not been paid their pending bills and therefore no money is in circulation. We are facing a hard economic situation and yet we have people who are losing their loved ones through this COVID-19. Therefore, there are quite a number of issues that are affecting people in our community.

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So it is important as leaders to go and encourage our people. People live because of the hope which they are given. It is therefore important as leaders to be preachers of hope so that we can instil hope to the community that no matter how the situation is, it will not remain forever. Just encourage somebody when you go back home and you can also volunteer to educate people on COVID-19 protocols because the disease is still on the rise. I think we are almost going to 18% positivity rate of those tested. It is good for us to continue being good ambassadors and also being our brother's keeper.

As Hon. Ikunyua mentioned, we have a programme for opening the offices but also need to do some consultation immediately after this so that we first discuss the logistics so that we can see whether it is possible for it to be done now that we have not yet started utilizing the budget of this year. It is important also to look at the requirements such that when you want to open that office in that ceremony, does Hon. Meshami need to bring people from Ewaso, Kimanju and Il Polei and gather them together and I hope that the office is centrally placed. If we are going to do hat, how are we going to undertake the logistics?

So it is important so that if we see that it is possible to make it a colourful ceremony, we better be late but do it in the best way possible. So it is not cast on stones because we can always reason together and if we see that we are able to meet the logistics then we can go ahead and open the offices.

What Hon. Irene Wachuka is asking is the same thing. If we have that programme of opening the offices we can respond during that time but at the same time I hope that this year we have a programme of going out to our people. We have taken our time to do the work but we must also report to our people what we have been doing. We must go round and be able to speak to wanjiku and therefore we need some good arrangements so that when we go we should be very effective in whatever we communicate.

What message do we take to the community and how do we take it to be very effective and for it to bear fruits and results? Otherwise, I wish all of you the best during the recess and I also hope that we have a programme during the recess period where we are supposed to have some meetings and I hope that this will also be communicated.

Thank you, so much and Hon. Members you may rise. As we all know, having put the question on the first motion that alters the calendar, we cannot put the question on the second because we ask ourselves, what will happen if that second motion is disapproved, you throw yourself to confusion and therefore the first one opens the second one to be automatic.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 17th August, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.32 a.m.

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