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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.10 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Thank you, very much. Now that we have quorum, we can proceed with the business of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WELCOMING REMARKS FROM THE RECESS

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I take this opportunity to welcome Hon. Members from the five weeks' recess. I hereby urge the Members to become proactive in their roles which includes but not limited to representation, legislation, oversight and budget making. Hon. Members, I also wish to thank the Members for holding successful trainings during the recess break. We shall endeavour to conduct more training and keep Members abreast on the matters that pertains to their service. Thank you very much and welcome.

PAPER LAID

DRAFT LAIKIPIA COUNTY SPATIAL PLAN (2023-2033)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity first of all to welcome Hon. Members back to the House from the successful recess that we had. Hon. Speaker, I invite them to today's business. I also wish them a good day. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the draft Laikipia County Spatial Plan.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the Papers in the Table of the House)

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION

DRAFT LAIKIPIA COUNTY SPATIAL PLAN (2023-2033)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report on the draft Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033) by the Finance and County Planning Committee dated 25th July, 2025. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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MOTION

DRAFT LAIKIPIA COUNTY SPATIAL PLAN (2023-2033)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, once again I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the draft Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033) by the Finance and County Planning Committee dated 25th July 2025.

Hon. Speaker, today I have a motion on the Draft Laikipia County Spatial Plan which is very important for this county. It is a crucial document that the county needs to have this time because failing to plan is preparing to fail. We as the Laikipia County Government have already started planning. This is a document that Members should take seriously because when we approve this report, we shall have a planned county. Therefore Hon. Speaker, I will go through the report and I will start with the preface.

The County Assembly of Laikipia is the Legislative arm of the County Government of Laikipia Established under Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The Finance and County Planning Committee is a sectoral committee established under Standing Order No.191.Its subject area is stipulated in the first schedule of the Standing Order being County public Finance and planning, development including statistics; land survey and mapping; boundaries and fencing; housing and electricity and gas reticulation and energy reticulation.

Hon. Speaker, the Membership is as follows;

1. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Chairman
2. Hon. John Gichuki - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Mary Gathoni - Member
4. Hon. George Karuiru - Member
5. Hon. Catherine Umija - Member
6. Hon. Samuel Mugambi - Member
7. Hon Paul Leshuel - Member

Hon. Speaker, on acknowledgement, I take this opportunity to thank Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the scrutiny of the draft plan and report writing.

On behalf of the Finance and County Planning Committee and pursuant to Standing Order No.191(g), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the draft Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033). Hon. Speaker, this is a report which we are seeking to approve the spatial plan of Laikipia County.

Hon. Speaker, when we are seeking for the approval, it doesn't mean that when we approve plan, it is my document. It is a plan which will benefit everyone in this county. I should not take it personal Hon. Speaker where I will think that when approving this report, it is only me. Hon. Speaker, it is about the whole county and country and everyone. This is not a personal thing and when we are discussing this report, we should understand that we are approving this report to benefit the people of Laikipia and this country.

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We should not stand here and say that when we approve this report, we are only approving for the people of Laikipia. No, we are approving this report to benefit the entire country. Therefore Hon. Speaker, I request the Members to adopt this report. This is a report that has gone to the members of the public. The public participation was done. The Members agreed with the draft spatial plan.

That is why today, the committee is here requesting the Honourable House to agree with the committee we approve this report so that we can have a county which is well planned. Hon. Speaker, without much, it is good that the Members understand the report because we had this report before. The Members of the committee understand the report. They have gone through the report. They are part and parcel of this report. They have contributed so much to this report.

That is why today we want the input of the other Members. The report is not entirely for the committee. We work on behalf of the House. Hon. Speaker, today we are here requesting the Hon. Members to put their input on this and to also contribute to this motion so that this motion can pass and then we give the Executive the mandate to plan our county so that we can have a well-planned county.

Hon. Speaker, I think when we approve this spatial plan, we will be a mile ahead before other counties. I know many counties have not approved their plan. Therefore, when approving this, we might even get more projects to come to this county. We are very much proud of our county. Hon. Speaker, this is a report which is very important for the county and it will guide the county to plan well when we come to budget matters.

Hon. Speaker, because we are here to represent the people, we must first understand the importance of approving this report. This report contains many things. We have the annexure. I am saying this because I know Members have gone through the report. They have read the report and in the back page there are the annexures which you can see. Mr. Speaker, there was an advert and the request for submission was made by the CECM.

Hon. Speaker, in the other annexure, you can find the map of the whole country. On the centre you can spot we have a pink colour where Laikipia is. The Members can look into that annexure and they can see how Laikipia looks like. Hon. Speaker, the other page on that annexure you will find the plan itself for the Laikipia County.

When we were discussing this report, the committee came up with the recommendations and the observations. Hon. Speaker, allow me to go to number 6. There are the plan proposals that have been listed there and Members can go through them. Hon. Speaker, allow me to go to the observations before I go to the recommendations. The committee's observations are as follows;

a) There was an integration of the various legal and institutional frameworks guiding the assignment execution. Integrated planning was undertaken to address conflicts between various competing resource users and land uses.

b) It paid special attention to the proposals contained in many other plans at the County and National levels such as the Rumuruti Municipality Local Physical & Land Use Development Plan, the County Integrated Development Plan and the National Spatial Plan among other spatial frameworks.

c) The process was participatory starting with the identification, analyses, mobilization and sensitization of the stakeholders who were crucial in assisting the consultant and the County Executive technical team to work effectively. There was

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active participation, dialogue and continual engagement between area residents, Government Agencies and Non-governmental Organizations operating within the area in ensuring appropriate solutions for the development of the project area.

d) It has well spelt out monitoring and evaluation frameworks.

e) Its preparation took cognizance of the various areas of environmental concern namely: fragile areas, water catchments, sewerage and solid waste management sites. The approach entailed the formulation of environmental protection strategies (mitigation measures) to protect the environmentally-fragile areas, curb pollution and mitigate against the potential adverse effects of any proposed project.

f) It involved an area and/or community-wide focus, fostering holistic development of the planning area with minimum disruption of existing fragile community networks in a locally-appropriate manner.

g) It will provide an overview of existing land use needs and regulations which will guide planning in a particular area within the county.

h) It will improve coordination of development in the county by providing linkages between different activities within the county.

i) It will revitalize the County resource envelope which is crucial in accelerating development at grassroots.

The Committee Recommendation is;

1. That the County Executive allocates funds to ensure the implementation of the Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033).
2. That the County Executive shall appropriately organize for the effective implementation of the planning function within the county by establishment of County Spatial Plan Implementation Oversight Committee and the CSP Implementation Technical Committee.

The Committee Conclusion is;

That this House **APPROVES** the committee's report on the draft Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033).

Honourable Speaker, this is the report and I take this opportunity to welcome my colleague, who is also a Member of this committee, who is seated behind here. He is ever present in the House to make contribution. He is a very productive person in this Assembly. Honourable Speaker, we need him even in the next term to be in this House and also contribute in making Laikipia better than the way we found it. Therefore, I invite Hon. Mugambi to second this report. Thank you.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and thank you, my chairperson. I stand to second the report on the Laikipia County Spatial Plan. As the chairperson was presenting the report, it is also good to explain more about Spatial Plan. Sometimes these names, Spatial Plan, might refer to so many things.

Hon. Speaker, Laikipia County is one of the counties that needs a good county Spatial Plan. The reason why we are saying it, is for efficient and sustainable land use and guides development by strategically organizing land and activities to meet population needs, economic growth, and environmental protection. Hon. Speaker, when we talk about spatial, I think those

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people who studied geography, spatial mainly means space in regard of location, size, purpose, and all those things.

Hon. Speaker, I think the main importance of the County Spatial Plan, it is to avoid conflict. As you know, Laikipia North Constituency, most of the people who come from Laikipia North need land for grazing. If we don't plan this county, we might have an indigenous people who come from Laikipia North having problems. I think the people who should be in the forefront to support this report are the people from Laikipia North. We are talking about planning the spaces we have, The location, the size and the purpose.

In my ward, I have a problem whereby there was a private grabber who grabbed 704 acres of livestock holding grounds. Hon. Speaker, we are privileged that you are a pastoralist. You know that initially, the livestock holding areas were very important for the pastoralist because it was a space used whereby once the Laikipia North people are moving to Aberdare Ranges, so they could use those areas as a holding ground for their livestock.

Many a time some important documents are brought here, but members just think it's just a document, because you are hearing that it's the finance committee reading the report. Also, to remind them that in finance, we do finance and planning. We do a lot of planning for the county. So, even some of the challenges that we might face 10 years later, we might solve them here today. Another thing, Hon. Speaker, I have given one aspect of Laikipia North, then let me come to the aspect of Laikipia West and East.

The County Spatial Plan takes care of people. There is a way that people are now partitioning their land and selling them as plots. The researchers are saying, if you continue partitioning land into plots, 10, 20 years in Laikipia County, we shall have a lot of food insecurity. We are killing the subsistence farming, those people who have four acres in the villages and dividing them into plots.

So, this is a very important report being read here today. This report might affect you when Hon. Lempaira is a retired person in Laikipia North. Those effects will meet you at home yet you passed it in 2025, but maybe you never took a concern about the report. That's why even the County Government engages a private firm to do the County Spatial plan.

Something else, you can only do a County Spatial Plan for 10 years. So, the only time you can change whatever was passed here, will be changed in 2032. That is the importance of the document. Nowadays in this Assembly, we do so many duties, but some of the important duties, maybe we make them sleep. Whatever you will pass here today, can only be changed after 2032. So, it means the only person who will secure three terms, will now have an opportunity of changing whatever will pass here.

I heard the chairperson talking that he wants me to be back here in another term. We have a very popular name now in town called 'two term.' There is a 'two-term' movement and a 'one-term' movement. So, Hon. Chairperson said he wanted me to be back here and so I'm a two-term.

I just wanted to emphasize on the importance, and I can read some of the importance of passing a County Spatial Plan. One, is about resource management, and we say County Spatial Plan helps manage land use as inelastic resource by determining its availability and suitability for various uses, ensuring that competing demands are met in a balanced way.

Also, to give a good example in this area, currently most of, especially parts of Laikipia North, people are grabbing big chunks of land that was meant for community. Also, private people are selling the same land to private developers who are now partitioning the land by not

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now using the purpose of the land which was to graze, but now using it buy building industries. We are not saying that industries are bad, but 10 years to 20 years, Laikipia North people, I think one household will only be able to keep only 20 cows. The space will be limited, and when that happens, we would have killed the livelihood of the Laikipia North people.

Another importance of this County Spatial Plan is sustainable development. By planning land use, counties can balance economic development with environmental protection, conserving natural resources, and safeguarding valuable ecosystems. Another good example is in Rumuruti. Hon. Speaker, this county allocated a private developer to construct a rehabilitation centre in Rumuruti and awarded 300 acres to that private developer. The 300 acres, if you do calculations of how many community members can use that land in terms of maybe grazing the animals. So, we are eliminating like 100 households.

Another importance is economic development. The plan promotes orderly development by identifying suitable areas for industries, agriculture, tourism, and other economic activities which boost local economies. Which is true. Like now, we have a project in Laikipia County called CAIP. If we do not plan for such projects in future, we might lack some land to allocate those important projects.

Another importance is infrastructure planning. It provides a guide for the strategic placement of new infrastructure, such as roads, water, and energy projects, ensuring they support planned development and avoid duplication of effort. Also very important, and a very good example is LAPPSET project in Isiolo that the National Government, in coordination with the Isiolo County, are doing even an international airport there. County Spatial Plan helps us about the infrastructure.

Then another one is mitigation of conflicts. This one is very real. Like once in my ward, the private developer grabbed the 704 acres. Already, we have some conflict there. Because we have households who are grazing their cows there. There are people who had settled there and so automatically there will be some conflict.

Then the other one is balanced growth and coordinated development framework, follow-up level plans, alignment with national goals. When we say alignment with national goals, we are talking about Kenya Vision 2030 that was formed by the late His Excellency Mwai Kibaki. Then the last one is stakeholder engagement.

So, whatever you are passing here, it is something that the effects will meet you at whichever position you'll be. Whether it's at home, whether it's at work, whether you'll be a three-term Member here, because we say it can only be changed in 2032. The only people who will make three terms, that time I pray to God that I will be in the National Assembly representing the people of Laikipia West. I also pray the other Members, some of them will be Senators, some of them will be the Governors and some of them will be PS. If you don't go well, some of you will be in jail. So, it depends on where you go. I second the motion, and I thank you for this time.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this great opportunity given to me to make my contribution. I also support the report of the Finance and Planning Committee that is composed of Members of this House who are working in that committee on our behalf. I wish to thank the committee because all the report that we have today, it is of much importance and help to every Member who is here, every human being who is in Laikipia, and the ones who will come in the future. All of them, it is for the good of this county.

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Hon. Speaker, I also feel that it's a good opportunity to thank the Members for coming to this session and you can tell we have come, all of us, because we are ready to work. I feel that the recess we had gave us an opportunity to learn. We went to the people whom we represent, and so Hon. Speaker, when you hear us speak here, we are speaking on behalf of the people who sent us here. We are not just saying things, we are giving the information that we got from respective areas from where we represent.

Having said that, Hon. Speaker, it's also important at this time, as in your opening remarks, that we work tirelessly and we work together. We are in one House. Anything that is approved in this House is owned by this Assembly, and everybody should feel if you are a Member of this Assembly. Be proud saying that I'm a Member of the County Assembly of Laikipia.

If thing go wrong, be ashamed of yourself when you say the County Assembly of Laikipia has failed. If it has, it is successful, proudly go and say it is we, me, as a Member of that Assembly that has done this to make Laikipia great. It is very unfortunate, Hon. Speaker, when today as a Member of this House only to find myself talking ill of this House outside there. It's burning your House. A time comes when we need to think beyond expectations. The community might expect this, but you must stand firm as a leader. That is why you are called a leader, to make decisions to make decisions on their behalf.

Hon. Speaker that is why the people of Umande, over 20,000, are not in this House. I'm here to represent them. I'm supposed to make the best decision for them, Hon. Speaker. And so, anytime I go there, I have to tell them that I was in the Assembly to represent them. I aired your views in this way, things are this way, and I always tell them, '*mbele iko sawa.'* If you are the one who has the steering, then why start telling us of reverse gears, and you are expected to lead?

So, as a leader, as a House, because we are Hon. Members, God granted us that name, 'Honourable.' Let us behave Honourably when we are in the House. Behave Honourably when we're in the streets. Let us behave Honourably when we are in our families. Let us behave Honourably even in our shopping centres. That is the best gift we can give to the people of Laikipia, and the dignity we can give to this House.

When any Honourable Member in this House, his name is tarnished, and it comes from me, then I should be embarrassed wherever I go. I should walk with a lot of shame, as long as, it is me who is carrying the burden of making the dignity of this House to go low. Hon. Speaker, we will uphold the dignity of this House. We will stand firm to protect the image of this House. We protect the names of the Honourable Members who are here. Until the last day, they will remain Honourable Members. Even in their eulogy. It will be very clear, 'the late Honourable so-and-so.'

That is a title that you have been given and therefore protect and guard it on my behalf and I guard it on your behalf so that we can move on a safe journey.

Hon. Speaker, on opening day, sometimes we find ourselves in so many stories. Hon. Speaker, unite our House and make it one. Even when ranchers come and talk of what they want to be reduced on finances, who are ranchers to us? This is a House that should be respected. No one is a Member than the other. So, anytime you feel that you need to oppress because meeting with the ranchers and reducing the taxes is affecting the people of Laikipia and Umande. When you meet without me, then I don't want to mention that name because I have already said that we protect our names as a House but just know that it is unfortunate.

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Every Member here represents people and knows the interest of their people. Let them be considered and valued equally. I thank the committee for having this report and I am happy because the spatial plan is touching every ward. I was able to go through the report and before I found Umande I was able to see all the wards of this county. So, it is upon every Hon. Member to feel that it is the best for his people.

If we approve the spatial plan of Laikipia, we will be among first five in the whole country. Therefore, it is a great milestone for the people of Laikipia and so we need to unite to ensure that we are in the news headlines being among the first five who have approved the spatial plan. The spatial plan will help us to have guided urbanization. You don't just wake up and set a town in a middle of nowhere. We will have guidelines when we have the spatial plan. It will also help us in managing the land that we have here.

We are waking up one day and the agricultural land has been subdivided into 50 by 100. If we have an agricultural land of five acres divided into plots of 50 by 100, those are around 15 to 20. So, where do you talk of agriculture in an acre that has got seven households? The name agriculture is already out and you should apply for change of use because you cannot say that you are farming in a plot of 50 by 100.

In the near future, the country that we are leading as Hon. Gatati have said, even the people of Laikipia North should take it seriously. You cannot have livestock in an acre. If we go the way we are going without planning, in managing our land, we will find ourselves with everybody having only one animal in zero grazing. So, it will help us make the right decisions.

Hon. Speaker, it is just recently we had a political interference in Nyahururu when we had battles between Laikipia and Nyandarua because everybody is interested in where they can collect taxes. This spatial plan will help us so much to have even political stability in terms of boundaries in this county. So, it is good for us.

Hon. Speaker, our county will be well managed. Today, why we have issues in some areas, it is because of unutilized big chunk of lands but the land that is utilized, there are no stories about it. You will only hear people talk of Naibor because there is a big land which is unutilized and Rumuruti. You will see them walking in town with suits and all that and everybody is interested and everybody want to make a name on the same. This spatial plan will help us manage those lands.

Hon. Speaker, I just heard the seconder of the motion saying that there is land that was given 300 acres. That is a very big land and everybody would wish to own those 300 acres. So, you will have a lot of heat and everybody as he has just said that he wishes to be re-elected again. When it comes to land issues, there are people who will take it for granted without wanting to follow the law because they just think about the votes and not the future of this county. We need to think about the future of our people and the generations that will come. Don't just look at yourself because you might be planning to be re-elected just to die before the elections. So, don't just think about now.

This is a House of law and we don't make laws for us but laws that will govern people even when we will be in the grave. So, stop being selfish. This spatial plan is the best thing that we can have in this county.

Hon. Speaker, the spatial plan will help us stop the issue of land grabbing. In this county, any land that is not utilized, everybody thinks of grabbing it, even public lands have been grabbed. So, this spatial plan will really help us stop people who have an appetite for land.

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It will also help us to develop every corner of this county. The areas that have been left without people occupying and the areas that have been left far behind.

If today we talk of money and resources, we first talk of Nanyuki Municipality because it is populated and active. We talk of Rumuruti and Nyahururu. When we have a spatial plan, we will start talking of the villages that are not known like Thigio and other villages with unknown names because the spatial plan will capture all those villages that are not known. So, when distributing resources, they will go all over the county to the villages that are known and unknown.

Mr. Speaker, it is the high time that the people of Laikipia will live to say that the 3rd Assembly of Laikipia that had so and so as Members, approved a spatial plan that is making us develop from zero to high levels. So, I support wholly as Daniel Mugweru, a Member of Umande. Even when I go to Umande, I will say that I did that because I will never be ashamed of what I did in this House.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion on spatial plan. I am lucky because I am sure that this issue was initiated during the previous regime and I was lucky to attend some of the public participations. I am happy because the committee's observation has indicated that; it will provide an overview of existing land use and regulations which will guide in planning particular areas within the county.

Mr. Speaker, I was a bit concerned because when the seconder was making the recommendation, I felt as though he wants to touch on my concerns because I am an interested investor in North. So, being an interested investor and he is being a bit specific that that area might be left for grazing operations, on my part I don't graze but incest on development. So, I was a bit concerned but because it has stated that it will provide an overview of existing land use. I felt that I am a bit lucky because I have developed in an area that is already existing which means that even if it will affect, maybe in further areas.

Mr. Speaker, it is a concern because my area of operation, my ward, I think that the whole ward at large is an agricultural area but unfortunately, we have already started converting it into commercial plots for sale. Maybe at the end of the day we might find no food for our county but this spatial plan will guide. I am happy because for those who have been here for some time, there are areas where sometimes back were ranches.

Last week, I had a chance to travel to Nairobi toward Namanga. Previously, those areas were ranches but at the moment, just visit Kitengela. You cannot even find any place to graze because every corner has become *maguta maguta* and they are extending even to other corners. I am sure that with the spatial plan, it will really guide us. Whenever we have a town, we need to know which is the diameter or length of the town that needs to be utilized.

Mr. Speaker, I am a bit lucky because during the previous regime I had a chance to travel to Israel and the area has a spatial plan. Farming has its own specific areas and towns have their own and there is no way you get subdivision of land being done in those countries. I am sure that without a spatial plan even in our country, we are heading nowhere. So, I wholly support.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Receive greetings Hon. Speaker from Nanyuki Ward and also the areas I have been able to visit in the previous weeks. I rise in support of the motion. As the previous speakers have said, it seems that we have a lot to catch up and mostly the one that have caught my ears is that we have to be honourable by taking credibility. In that, I really support and I am not ashamed to be associated with this House. Either way I will take pride in

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whatever goes on. But it is a shame and very unfortunate that colleagues or anyone in this House might wish to dig a well and we are walking together.

It is a pity because we are supposed to be the light of this county and our wards and also remember that we are highly favoured to be leading at this time. Also know that we are the minority of this county. Sometimes minority does not come with tribe and class. The elected Members in this county and in this country, we are the minority and we must check on ourselves, take cover and must love ourselves. I am ashamed to say that I have not been able to go through the spatial plan but I am confident with the committee that went through because I trust the Chair and the Members who work well for this county and for this House and that is the purpose.

The House works in committees and I believe that the decision was well. I have observed several concerns and I support them. When it comes to land issues, it is usually emotional. Sometimes I wonder, even if we are given the whole world, where are we going to take it? At the end of the day, even the richest man will sleep in a 6 by 6 if it is bigger and most of us here, it does not mean that you will sleep with one partner or so. You will only occupy a space of not less than three. At the end of it all, you will end up in a grave of 4 by six. So, why the greed? I don't blame the House, they say that the fish is slaughtered from the head and we can see whatever is happening to the National Government. I don't subscribe to the two-term nonsense.

You know that leadership is given by God and I am a living proof of that and I am not ashamed to say that whatever is going up there is not what is on the ground. I don't fear because that is the truth. H.E the President and his government are leading with bad example but I will not dwell on that. This House is working well. I know these Members personally and I can even stand in the court. No one of them have grabbed, may be at night or some days ago but I can tell you that they think well of their people and this community.

Sometimes when greed creeps in and start thinking about the coming elections, then you don't deserve to be here. A leader should extend. I told you yesterday where we had a meeting with several Members. I said that there is a very thin line between politics and leadership. While we are in this House, we should hang the politics outside there. When we are here, we should think about generations and tomorrow.

I am ashamed right now we are thinking about Laikipia North where we have big sharks there instead of thinking about the future. Now the population is growing and the technology is high. Each and every day we are discovering something new and people are not dying like before. In the next 30 years, the county will be having more than 100 million and we don't have enough land.

When you see people who are thinking of sub diving those plots amongst themselves without thinking about tomorrow, it is a shame. I have been in Nairobi for the last two weeks in a town called Rongai and I stand to be corrected. It is a very big town with a lot of money and a high population but it is a shame because they don't even have a sewer line, market or open space and that is where we are heading. Those leaders by then only thought of their stomachs. That town is not properly planned.

Everywhere in that town is stinking, dirty and has got no amenities and that is where we are going. I thank this House through the leadership of the Chairman of the committee and the other Members. Whatever is going on here, let us not be emotional. If you have a problem, take it as a problem of humanity but don't bring tribalism and your personal greed here because

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at the end of the day we have children and they are going to inter-marry. Hon. Kanyutu here happens to be a Kikuyu but he has got interests in Laikipia North.

We have Hon. Nicholas Lempaira here who is a kikuyu by extension and he is an investor in this town. When am speaking, I am speaking about him Mr. Speaker and I know other Members here have several co-wives. I am not here to expose here so they have expanded everywhere. So, when you came here and start speaking of your community, that is childish and I see you as a Satan an enemy of the development.

Bring facts and let us work on where we are going. That is the only thing and when anyone stand here with that nonsense, I will be the first person to rebel. I support this motion and I pray because I believe in your ability that you are going to unite us and we are behind you. We are supporting you 100% to take us to the promised land. Other nonsense should wait. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and protect me because I can already see the guns are cocked and they are aimed at me.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anthony. Allow me to give the floor to Hon. Nicholas Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Though you let Hon. Theuri escape, I think we should be going for more recess. People should be given an opportunity to go out there and do some things. Over the recess I can see we have serious preachers today. Today we are very holy. I don't know what is happening but I think I am behind the news. Something must be happening that I don't know because today we are taking credit for what is happening in this House but for the last few weeks, nobody wants to associate with what is happening in the Assembly.

Thank you, Hon. Members. It is good that now that you know this is our House whether you poke holes from whenever you are. The more we have too many holes in the House, too many holes in a ship, we all sink together. It is good we are taking credit for what is happening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to support the spatial plan but the committee needs to do more. This is a very serious document that will take us for another ten years.

Although the seconder of the motion said that you cannot do anything for ten years, we are allowed to do a review in five years. We are safe that we can do a review in between. This document must have been very specific and it should not be a fifteen paged document. I was expecting a big document that when we are talking about planned address to local planning of all areas across the county, I am expected to sit down and see some of the areas that need planning in Mukogodo West, Segera, Thingithu, Nanyuki and all areas.

So, it should have been detailed so that it does not raise many questions to us who are keen in details and to anybody who is there. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I don't know if you can give instructions that we get a detailed report on this or we go with this. If we are talking about having areas that are agricultural, this document should have specified that in Mukogodo West for example or in Ol Moran, these are the agricultural areas, these are the commercial areas and others. No this is a document that is not coming out very clearly and address some of the issues.

If now we say let us not make every part in Laikipia Commercial then we are not specifying the exact agricultural areas, we are putting a risk to the people who will grab and do whatever they want to do with this land. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I support this but the committee needs to give us a detailed report on the areas that are to be agricultural areas, the

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exact areas that need to be planned in specific wards so that if I go to Salama, I know that this is an area in Salama.

Hon. Gatati know that I am an interested party in Salama because it is an agricultural area. You will not think of doing any commercial activities in between such as plots and the rest. It should also be clear the status of the holding grounds that have been grabbed by the private ranchers and the ones that have been fenced inside their ranches. What is the return that we get as a community and as a county. These are areas that need to be clearly outlined so that everybody who can access this document can clearly state and say if I go to any ward, I should not think of a plot in this area because it is purely agricultural.

It is a good document that needs to speak out for itself rather than waiting for information from someone else. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion of the spatial plan report. Hon. Speaker, today it looks like the House is full of energy. I think it is good that in the next two months or one month before we go for recess, it seems we will be getting a lot of power. It maybe from the too much rest or interacting with our locals on the ground. Hon. Speaker, I support the plan. As it was said, if you fail to plan, you are doomed to fail.

Hon. Speaker, as we are planning this, it will be in order that when we do all the planning, we consider the people that come from those areas. For example, we had a plan on Posta in the last regime. They forgot a few issues in Posta. One was that they planned a town that has no slaughterhouse. There is no ground for the *mama mboga* and everyone else. When I look at the spatial plan for ten years, it gets me worried because as you drive through Hon. Kanyutu's interested place in Posta, there are a few plots behind and before Posta.

There are fifty acres that people are planning to make small plots (50*100) which is purely an agricultural land for farming that should remain for farming and not for small settlement. As you walk further, and Hon. Speaker you know the area very well together with Hon. Lempaira. As you go towards Loisaba, which is one of the biggest conservancies around there, people are planning and sub-dividing land next there for people to have 50*100 and smaller portions of land.

It gives us a lot of worry that as we sit here and make this spatial plan, there is no order and nobody is following up to make sure that all these things are done. Hon Speaker, as we continue, we also had other spatial plans and it seems today most Hon. Members are looking upon Laikipia North. Sometimes, it gets me worried that Laikipia North seems to be the biggest point of interest.

Everyone is talking about Laikipia North as if it has never been planned and as if we are only doing plan for Laikipia North. Hon. Members, we are doing a plan for the whole county and not just for one region. As we continue Hon. Speaker, we have had other plans and I appreciate Hon. Member for Salama who said that there is a land and some people call it Gachagua land. They said that it was a rehabilitation centre. When I looked at the plan, the rehabilitation centre was supposed to be only two acres.

Yesterday I had a chance to drive through there and the land is now a sweet potato farming land. Initially it was supposed to be a rehabilitation centre. Again, as we plan we should also plan and consider the local people who live around there. That is where they have lived since time in memorial. Hon. Speaker, as we continue planning, the Hon. Member said that we cannot change the name of land use in the next five years. We will get a chance to look at it.

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Hon. Speaker, we have had a lot of issues in Laikipia North and thank God that most of the Members are looking upon North. As we continue, there is a spatial plan we met for Rumuruti. I looked at it and it is a very good document. You can see it in the map and it looks nice and beautiful because you will get the yellow and the green spots showing the public utility, settlement, business and residential but then sometimes it makes me worry and it makes me look at myself as one of the Members from that area.

All the planning that we are doing is not for us or anyone else but for different people who do not even live here. I know most of the Members are honourable today and I love it because I can see and I can read in between the lines and I know what is happening. That is why everyone suddenly stood out to be so honourable because there some issues on the ground. I want to be specific that when I am here, I represent the people of Sosian and the surrounding.

Hon. Speaker, if I see a mistake that is happening and I sit and watch, it pains me. It makes me sad because whatever that is happening here, it is not for me. It is for the people who have brought us here. Hon. Members, as we plan let us plan nicely. Don't plan for your own benefit or for someone else's benefit. We need to sit down to plan nicely. Even on the Rumuruti Spatial plan, in the land allotment allocation, you can see some people have been given 50 acres of land yet we have squatters there who cannot get even a piece of land.

It makes me sad and you know Members here if you see something like that happening in your ward, it is going to be painful. I am speaking here sad that the plan we made for Rumuruti Municipality, people from all over the country are getting forgetting the 70% that was supposed to go to the locals. When I look at it, it makes my heart bleed because I have seen people living there and they have died there. Their parents and children have died there yet they cannot be proud for being members from that area. They cannot be proud members of Rumuruti because one rich person has taken that piece of land away from them.

It pains me to see an old woman who works as a *mama mboga* who collects tomatoes at Marura and comes back home where she thinks it is home to find she has suddenly become homeless. I cannot sit and watch when the rich, mighty and powerful taking the land from the local people while I am seated watching. It is not possible. Hon. Members, I know it pains most of you and I know it is sad that what you see is a fact. Hon. Members, as we continue, because I can see the Hon. Speaker is trying to give the microphone…

Speaker: I am not stopping you at all but maybe Hon. Lempaira has an urgent matter. Just give him a minute.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know why we like to speak in parables today. You see a problem in Sosian is a problem in Laikipia county. I want the Honourable Member for Sosian to furnish this House with information whether we have people who have already been displaced or are awaiting to be displaced if possible, so that we can ascertain the truth of this nature. The moment we speak in parables…

Speaker: Make it short. Hon. Lekopien is still on the floor.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: You are confusing me Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: I thought you are asking a question or perhaps interjecting.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: I should put it in the best way so that I can give the best answer. We are allowing people to speak in parables. Everybody here is speaking in a way that we are not getting clearly what the issue is. That is why I am asking the Hon. Member for Sosian to furnish us with information on how many people have already been displaced. How

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many *mama mboga* have come home in the evening and know that they are already homeless so that we don't just speak because we have a chance to speak, we speak with facts.

So, if it is a matter of solving the issue, this House has a responsibility to sort those issues and address the relevant authority with facts and not myths and parables.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lempaira. Proceed Hon. Lekopien.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon Speaker and Hon. Lempaira for trying to get the clarity on the matter. As for now, we are just doing the report on spatial planning but I will furnish you with more information on what is happening on the ground. I will give you the details of who is who around Rumuruti and Kahari area and who is replacing who and who is being kicked out of his own land.

As we sit here to do the planning, we should plan and consider the poor people who live around these areas. We should not just plan for the rich and forget that we should consider the people who brought us here. Hon. Members, as I stand and support the report, I just want to make one thing clear that the planning that was done in Rumuruti was not fair. It was not transparent and there was no proper accountability.

We have seen things that are happening on the ground that makes us sad and fail. I support the spatial plan report. I said before, let us plan and not plan to fail. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. I would like to direct that we stick to the motion on the floor. Therefore, we leave out peripheral issues. Let us deal with the motion on the floor for the time being. The mover of the motion, you will wait. I will give you a chance…

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: It was a point of correction.

Speaker: Correction in which term. Thank you, the correction is said. What is it Hon. Lempaira? You have spoken, do you have an issue?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: I don't know if I am in order Hon. Speaker. When we raise point of information, it is good you guide us. If you allow the motion of Rumuruti to come in and when we have already introduced it on the floor, you judge that we leave it; you are putting us in a fix. Some of us stay in Rumuruti almost every day. If there are these things that are happening, you could have ruled that after this we meet in a *kamukunji* we get this information so that we address as a House.

You go to Rumuruti every day; you are the Speaker of this House. If people meet you on the streets and ask you what is happening in Rumuruti, what will you say? If we have a Member who has information on some of the wrong things that are happening in Rumuruti, you should have given him an opportunity to address all of us or give us another chance, so that we can sit down and sort out this issue. It is not good for you to leave us in suspense, then we leave here… I don't know, sorry.

Speaker: Thank you, Members, I'll give direction regarding the Rumuruti matter in a short while. Allow me to give Hon. Mugweru; I know that you spoke, and Hon. Kanyutu, then I give a direction, and later I will invite the mover of the motion to reply. Hon. Mugweru?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, it was just a concern, because we had pressed our microphones for clarification, and it is always important, because there are some things that cannot be left unaddressed. You can't just throw a bombshell in our House, then you walk out. Where is our opportunity to get clarity on the same? We cannot allow someone to be

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throwing a bombshell, and they do not withdraw it. They just put us into problems, unnecessary problems, and then walk out. I think that is not in order, Hon. Speaker.

So, Hon. Speaker, these things are necessary. Any time someone is giving information, they are supposed to give clarity on the same and to give every information regarding what they say, so that they may be able to stand by it.

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I was starting on a point of correction, to the Hon. Member. I'm a constant visitor to Rumuruti and I was starting on a point of correction to my comrade. We have no issue with the Rumuruti plan. There is an issue, but not an issue with the plan. I'm sure we approved the plan here, but there are some other issues that are upcoming, but not the plan. The plan is okay, but there are upcoming issues; not the plan itself. The plan is very much correct but the other upcoming issues are the ones that we should now deal with.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. Members, I would like to refer you to our Standing Order No. 88, and I hereby read: "*A Member shall be responsible for the accuracy of any facts which the Member alleges to be true and may be required to substantiate any such facts instantly. If a Member has sufficient reason to convince the Speaker that the Member is unable to substantiate the allegation instantly, the Speaker shall require that such a Member substantiates the allegations not later than the next sitting day, failure to which the Member shall be deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order No. 108, grave disorder, unless the Member withdraws the allegations and gives a suitable apology, if the Speaker so requires."*

In this, therefore, I would like, before we ask the mover of the motion to reply; the Hon. Parleto Lekopien has made claims and I would like him to be given an opportunity, pursuant to Standing Order No. 88, to instantly give evidence on the accuracy of the facts which he alleged. I would like to give you the floor, Hon. Lekopien.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have got enough evidence and I can prove it on the floor of the House. If you give me a minute, I will go to my car and bring the whole list of what is happening there. Is that okay, Hon. Speaker?

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I think we need to schedule this discussion to our next sitting so that this issue of Rumuruti should not be used as an issue in the social media and the rest of the wordings. If the Hon. Member has clear evidence, we have enough time until the next sitting. He should provide you with all the evidence so that when we are back for the next sitting, we get it on our desks and deliberate on it. The people of Rumuruti are expecting us to address the issues if they are as serious as the Member is putting it. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Let me ask the Hon. Lekopien, will you be prepared by 2.30?

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Hon. Speaker, I am prepared even now. I said give me a minute and I will bring the list here. I am prepared even now. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Members, I will direct that this matter be presented at 2.30 p.m. I now call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuwashukuru Wabunge kwa kuuchangia huu mswada wa *spatial plan.* Nafikiri litakuwa jambo la busara na maana sana iwapo tutaweza na *spatial plan* ambayo tutapitisha kama Bunge la Kaunti ya Laikipia. Sisi kama kamati tumefanya kazi yetu. Tumewasilisha ripoti inavyotakikana kisheria. Ni jukumu letu kama kamati kuhakikisha kuwa tunajadili ripoti zote zinazowasilishwa kwenye Bunge la Kaunti inavyostahili na kuleta ripoti kama ambayo tumeleta hapa.

Kwa hivyo sisi tumefanya kazi yetu, sasa tunawachia serikali ya utekelezaji. Sisi ni serikali moja, natambua hilo. Hata hivyo, lazima kila pande ifanye kazi yake. Sisi tumepitisha ripoti, sasa ni jukumu la serikali tekelezi na maafisa wake ambao wamepewa jukumu na Katiba kuhakikisha kuwa hii ripoti inatekelezwa kulingana na sheria.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tunapopitisha ripoti hapa, tunapitisha kwa niaba ya watu wote wa Laikipia. Walio hapa na hata walio nje bali wana haja na mambo ya Laikipia. Nawashukuru Wabunge kwa kutoa maoni yao na kuungana nasi kuchangia kwenye hii ripoti, hilo laonyesha kuwa tunaelekea kupitisha.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nimewasikia Wabunge wakisema kuwa hii ripoti imekuwa ndogo ama ina kurasa chache. Mimi nakubaliana nao. Hii ni ripoti tu, sio *spatial plan.* Tunayo *spatial plan* yenyewe ambayo inaeleza kuhusu kila sehemu. Ndiyo inaeleza kuhusu Baraka, Thigio, Mutamaiyu, Muhoho, Murichu… hayo yote yako kwenye *spatial plan.* Hii ni ripoti tu ambayo tumeleta.

Jukumu letu kama Bunge ni kufanya kazi inavyostahili. Kazi yetu ni kupitisha kisha tunaipa serikali nafasi ya kutekeleza yale ambayo tumepitisha. Iwapo kuna ugavi, wao ndio wana jukumu la kufanya hilo. Bunge la Kaunti halina jukumu la kumgawia mtu yeyote ardhi. Hilo jukumu ni la waziri na tume ya ardhi. Hiyo sio kazi ya Bunge. Kazi yetu ni kupitisha, hayo mengine tunayafuata huko mbele.

Jambo lingine ninaloweza kusema ni kwamba tunapitisha ripoti hapa kwenye Bunge. Tukishatoka hapa tunaenda mashinani kuwaambia wananchi eti mimi sikuwa hapo. Ulikuwa wapi? Chochote kipitacho hapa, uwe ndani au nje, wewe ni sehemu ya hilo jambo. Iwapo ulitaka kupinga, basi ulikuwa wapi? Mambo yanayoendelea huko yanatushangaza wakati mwingine. Utamsikia mtu ambaye alikuja hapa akasimama na kuchangia akienda huko na kuanza kusema eti yeye ni malaika, mhubiri, anayemwagilia mafuta au anayeokoa. Unaokoa nani ilhali ulikuwa na ulifanya hivyo wakati tulikuwa hapa? Hiyo ni kuwafanya wananchi wajinga.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nataka kuwaeleza wananchi kuwa yeyote aliyeketi kwenye hili Bunge na ameenda kuleta siasa kwenye mambo yanayoendelea huko, huyo ni mwanasiasa potovu na asiyestahili kuwa kwenye Bunge. Utatuambia hukuwa, ulikuwa wapi? Utatuambia sio wewe ulifanya, ni nani alifanya? Kwa hivyo ni lazima tutofautishe mambo. Mambo ninayosikia yakiendelea hapa na ambayo yametajwa ni mambo yaliyoingizwa siasa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hii Laikipia ni yetu sisi sote. Hii Thingithu na Ruai iliyo hapa ni ya kila mtu. Hata ukitoka Nairobi, Kitale au popote pale, kuja hapo. Unayo haki ya kuishi hapo. Unayo haki ya kuishi mahali popote nchini Kenya. Bali kuna watu wanaofikiria eti kwa sababu hapa ni Thingithu hakuna mtu anayestahili kuwa hapa. Tutakuja na tutakaa kwa sababu tunayo haki ya kuishi hapa.

Leo Naibu wa Rais wa hii nchi ana haki ya kuwa na nyumba katika mtaa wa Nanyuki. Ana haki ya kuwa na nyumba Nyahururu. Wewe mwenyewe unayo haki ya kumiliki shamba hapa Sweetwaters. Ukipata, hiyo ni haki yako. Hiyo si shauri yangu. Katiba inakuruhusu

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kupata, bora tu upate kwa njia ya haki. Kwa hivyo, tusiwe watu wanaochochea kitu ambacho hakuna. Lazima watu waelewe kazi ambayo wanastahili kufanya.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kama nilivyosema hapa, sisi wote tuna haki ya kuwalinda wananchi wetu. Tunayo haki ya kulinda mali yao. Hilo ni jukumu ambalo tumepewa na katiba. Hata hivyo, tulinde kwa njia inayofaa. Sio njia ya uchochezi. Sio njia ya kujifanya wewe ndiye msafi. Sio njia ya kufikiria ukifanya jambo fulani ndipo utapata kura. Wacha nikueleze, walio na domo kaya ndio watatupwa nje kwenye uchaguzi ujao. Huo ndio ukweli wa mambo. Kitu ambacho kitakufanya udumu na kuishi milele, Mungu pamoja na binadamu wakuheshimu, ni kuongea ukweli. Ukweli tu ndio utakuokoa. Haya mengine yote ni sarakasi na michezo ya kuigiza.

Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nataka kusema kwamba tumpe kila Mkenya haki ya kuishi kokote anakotaka. Tusianze kusema eti mimi nakaa hapa na huyu mwingine asikae hapa. Tusipopitisha hii *spatial plan,* halitakuwa jambo la busara. Tutakuwa tumewanyima haki wananchi. Utapata kwamba wengine wanataka kurudi nyuma sisi tukisonga mbele. Lazima watu waelewe kuwa daima kuna upinzani. Ukienda kufanya lolote lazima kuna upinzani. Hata Mungu mwenyewe ana mpinzani ambaye ni Shetani. Mashetani hapa ni wengi pia, wako kwenye kila pembe.

Tusifurahie mambo tunayoyasema leo. Utasema na kufurahia leo kisha kesho linakubwaga. Mimi naungana na Wajumbe niliyo nao hapa kwa sababu tumechangia mswada ambao ni wa maana sana. Nimesikia baadhi ya Wabunge hapa wakisema kuwa tumewaangalia watu wa Kaskazini pekee kwenye *spatial plan* ambayo tumepitisha. Kwamba ni kama kuna maslahi fulani kwenye upande wa Kaskazini. Hapana. Huo ni uongo mtupu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, juzi nilikuja hapa na *spatial plan* ya Kona Mbaya ambayo tumepitisha hapa. Nimekuja na ya Rumuruti ambayo iliungwa mkono na kila mtu, hata raia. Tunayo kumbukumbu hapa. Tumepisha ingine ya Ihigaini. Tumepitisha nyingi tu ambazo si za Laikipia Kaskazini. Kwa hivyo, tunapitisha mipango ya ardhi kwenye Kaunti nzima bila kubagua. Sisi kama kamati tumepewa jukumu la kuunda hizi *spatial plans,* kuandika ripoti na hatimaye kuomba hili Bunge kuipitisha ripoti. Nawaomba Wabunge kupitisha hizi ripoti kwa kauli moja ili tuwe na hizi *spatial plans.* Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today, Tuesday, 16th September 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.52 a.m.

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