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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk confirm whether we have quorum?

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum I direct the bell to be rang for 10 minutes.

(The bell was rang for 1 minute)

Hon. Denis Kaniaru: Mr. Speaker I can confirm there is quorum now.

Speaker: Clerk confirm whether we have quorum now?

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Now that we have quorum let us continue with the business of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

EVIDENCE OF RUMURUTI LAND ALLOCATION LIST

Speaker: Hon. Members, you remember in the morning we had a matter that I deferred this afternoon. I therefore would like to give the Hon. Parleto Lekopien space to table the evidence of deliberations.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As we agreed this morning, that I was to table the evidence of the Rumuruti list, with me I have one hard copy of the said list but I have shared with the Speaker the soft copy for each Member. The Members can have time to go through the list. Thank you.

Speaker: Tell the House whether the matter on the table has been tabled in any court of law.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Well, it is going to be but I will bring a letter of objection to the National Lands Commission. I have been there in person…

Speaker: The question is; is it in any court of law?

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: It is going to the court of law this afternoon.

Speaker: Thank you. For consideration taking care of tendency of subdues in court, I will hand this over to the Finance and County Planning Committee. They shall deliberate pursuant to Standing Orders and report to this House within two weeks. Thank you. What is it Hon. Anthony?

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Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Sorry I am late but it is not wrong to be late. I don't want to drag this House behind. I can see there is a list you have submitted to the able chair of the Finance Committee. My question is, which I am asking on behalf of this House and many others is how can we verify that the list that have been submitted here is genuine.

Mr. Speaker, we have been joking here and saying that anybody can come up with a list and bring it into this House. Mr. Speaker, how genuine is that list? You know this is a serious House and we might be discussing hot air. If something is not verified then, it is not worth time for the Finance Committee.

We should first of all work on that list, make sure it is the right one, then we can continue if it is genuine. Who knows, maybe tomorrow Hon. Kagondu or Hon. Kaniaru or even me can come with another list.

[Inaudible]

Even if they sabotage the power, let my point remain. How genuine is that list? How do I know it is genuine? It is just a question and I beg to be engaged on this. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Members, as you can see, we seem to have an electricity problem. As they work on it, I just want to respond that it is the responsibility of the committee to look into that thoroughly, its authenticity and even confirmation from whoever may be called by the committee to authenticate it, because some parts might require affidavits. Thank you. Hon. Wachuka?

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Mimi nina swali. Nafikiri hata kama sijasomea uwakili, nina ujuzi kidogo na nina haki ya kukuuliza wewe kama kiongozi wa hili Bunge. Iwapo jambo limepelekwa kortini, halifai kuzungumzwa hadi maneno yatoke pale kwa wakili, iwapo yako. Nimekuwa kortini mara nyingi. Iwapo leo nimeleta maneno hapa na nimemletea wakili wangu au nimepeleka kotini, sioni haja tuendelee na haya maneno, hadi mahakama itoe uamuzi au wakili asimamishe kesi. Ni hilo tu, asante.

Speaker: Nashukuru, Mheshimiwa Wachuka. Kwenye Kanuni za Bunge letu pia haturuhusiwi kujadili maneno yaliyo mbele ya mahakama. Katika Mahakama lakini, Mheshimiwa Lekopien amesema haliko mahakamani ila amedhibitisha kwamba itaenda leo.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I thought Hon. Lekopien will bring a list we hear and give us also an opportunity to interrogate him and interrogate the list. If he is driving the wrong information, we prove him wrong, that he is doing wrong and he is not right. We listen to him and advise him how the best we can we still give him the rule to go to the court that we have no control there. Him being one of us, you know having a complaint does not make you a devil or either supporting something neither make you a devil. It is also important we get time to listen to him and his arguments on the list. If there is something, we look up and say it is driving the best agenda; we get to the best way to advise him instead of annoying him to go the court way.

Mr. Speaker, going to court way will drag a lot of issues and personally, I don't want this thing to drain what we have already started and what we have done as a House. All of us will be the losers at end of the day; so, if it is something we can address, we sort it out and move forward.

Speaker: Honourable Members, being in darkness is something beyond our ability to bring light back, we just have to wait until something happens. I know that Hon. Mugweru and

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Hon. Leshuel are on the floor. Allow me to give Hon. Mugweru then we come to Hon. Leshuel but meanwhile Hon. Lempaira, I have already given the direction that this matter be handled by the committee of the Finance, Physical Planning and Land. Hon. Daniel

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker you have already given the directions on the same. Just one of the concerns of the Members in this House is about our procedures and all that Hon. Speaker. I was only concerned about the Papers that have been tabled in the House and I was concerned about legality and all that and what has been committed to the Committee of Finance.

I thought that what is supposed to be tabled here is either a petition or a statement. If tomorrow I bring a list of names and commit them to the committee on Finance, they can live forever discussing names. I don't know what the procedure says; that we table names. I thought that we are supposed to table a petition or a statement. How will the Committee on Finance work on names? I am confused because we could have done it in the correct way professionally and then it will be handed over to the committee.

Tomorrow, Hon. Lempaira is going to come up with names of the people from his area and say table this and then it is committed to the committee whereby the committee will be working on names. We need to think about that because something somewhere is wrong Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also need to be guided in this House. I would wish two things. One, that Hon. Lekopien to come up with a statement. Two, I am humbly requesting that he should trust the House so that when he brings this here, the committee will deliberate on the issue and come up with the way forward. A committee cannot go and discuss something that is already in the House. So, Mr. Speaker you should give us guidelines.

[Off Record]

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stand adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 17th September, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.50 p.m.

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