REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 24th November, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

PETITION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION ACT

Speaker: Hon. Members, we have a petition. I will read it as it is.

Petition to Laikipia County Assembly with the undersigned humble petitioners. These are quite many people. There is a huge list of people including their names, full address, National Identity/passport numbers and their signatures.

They draw their attention of the County Assembly to the following; the current fragmentation (duplication) in respect to environment governance at the decentralised level of government in Laikipia County, emphasizes the isolation and disconnect between the two levels of government that have been in existence since devolution took effect in 2013. This has since affected environment management in the county leading to poor resource use, inequity in access, exclusion and ineffective resource management.

Closer cooperation, coordination and institutional integration is needed between the two levels of government for effective performance of the functions and exercise of powers of the County Government in relation to the protection and conservation of the environment of Laikipia County under the fourth schedule of the Constitution.

The proposed Laikipia County Environment Management and Coordination Act (CEMCA), therefore, seek to provide a policy strategy and legal framework (legal and institutionalised) to that effect and in accordance to Article 185(2) 186(1) and 187(2) of the Constitution.

That, efforts to have the bill tabled by the County Executive through the relevant House Committee in accordance to article 183(2) and 185(4b) of the Constitution have been to no avail with no substantive response thereto from either party up to date. That we confirm that the issues in respect of which the petition is made, are not pending before any court of law or constitutional or legal body.

Therefore, your humble petitioners pray that the County Assembly as a constitutional order, principal and object of devolution under article 185(2), 186(1) and 187(2) of the Constitution tables the contents of the bill before the Honourable House for its consideration and enactment by the County Assembly. Your petitioners will ever pray.

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That petition is committed to the Committee on Natural Resources led by the Chair, the Hon. Member from Marmanet. I know that they will be able to look at that as per our Standing Orders.

PAPERS LAID

REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. On behalf of the Majority Party Leader, I beg to lay the following papers;

1. Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Executive for the year ended 30th June, 2019.
2. Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Assembly for the year ended 30th June, 2019.

(Hon. Mutahi Muritu laid the papers on the Table)

Speaker: The two papers are committed to the Public Accounts and Investment Committee.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to lay the following papers on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee;

1. The Controller of Budget report on County Budget Implementation, Financial Year 2019/2020 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee dated 11th November, 2020.
2. Report by the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the Laikipia County Annual Development Plan 2020/2021 dated 18th November, 2020.

Speaker: Are you laying them? Just lay that one copy. You will be given another.

(Hon. Wilson Wakahiu laid the papers on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON LAIKIPIA COUNTY ADP

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notices of the following motions;

> THAT, this House adopts the report by the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the Laikipia County Annual Development Plan 2020/2021 dated 18th November, 2020.

COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON COB BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT, this House adopts the Controller of Budget report on County Budget Implementation, Financial Year 2019/2020 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee dated 11th November, 2020.

STATEMENT

EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO A STATEMENT

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Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I was supposed to respond to a statement. Response to a statement No. 017, 2020, which was requested by Hon. Matunge on 12th August, 2020 pertaining the VTCs and ECDE centres in Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you are aware the Office of the CECM for Education is vacant. We are in the process of vetting the CECM and the CO. I request you to give me more time. This can be at least three weeks to one month so that I am able to respond on the same.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Chair for Education in what he has raised. We had a sitting with the former CECM before she was sacked. We deeply discussed the statement. The way forward is that it is better if we can have a sitting with the incoming team on the same. We can then have a comprehensive statement coming. We discussed adequately with the former CEC on most of the unanswered issues that I raised.

Speaker: I would then wish that we give the Hon. Chair for Education one more month. We will have known by then if we will have recruited the CECM and the Chief Officer.

MOTION

COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON COB BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg that we defer this motion until tomorrow morning. There are some issues that the committee is trying to finalize. This is so that it is done before the report is brought to this House. Mr. Speaker, I beg that you give me until tomorrow morning.

Hon. Peter Matunge: I think that the Chair has adequately taken on the concern. The paper for this report has just been tabled right now. We do not have the report here and we are now to move the same report here. According to the Standing Orders, Members have to be given 24 hours before any business is moved in this House. Thank you.

Speaker: We will be looking at that tomorrow. As the request by the Members, the paper is therefore deferred. We will look at it tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

(Motion deferred)

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Tunajua ya kwamba tukitoka hapa hatutapatana. Hivyo basi ninaomba tuwe na *kamukunji.* Wabunge hawa wako na mambo. Tunaomba tuwe na *kamukunji* leo.

Speaker: I believe that the communication for Kamukunji will be run through our texts.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I remember that there was a time the Hon. Members requested on testing. It is unfortunate because COVID-19 is with us but most of us have not been texted. We agreed as House you organise for all the Hon. Members to be tested. The day before yesterday we lost a friend who is a teacher. He was very healthy but COVID-19 is not selective. It is eliminating everyone. We better have a mass testing in the Assembly so that if I am infected I plan early.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel you are seeing the House confused and just staring at you. One is because of what Hon. Kanyutu has said about COVID-19. You know the government has said that one should pay for the medications. As far as we are concerned we check the screen that tells us what we have and what we do not have and it

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only speaks negative. Mr. Speaker, as Hon. Jacob has said we urgently need it. We are pushed to the darkest corner.

Speaker: We shall be meeting for a kamukunji after this. On the mass testing of COVID-19 we organised with the Health Department. There was a time they did not have enough testing reagents. I know in that kamukunji you will be updated on how far we have gone with the arrangements. It is well that it is Hon. Members who have requested for this. We are willing to be tested. It is important for us to know our status. I don't like what the Hon. Member for Marmanet has said. I don't know what you meant by plan ourselves but it is important for us to understand our status. In case one is infected, apart from planning ourselves it is good to get medication where necessary.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I said we have to plan ourselves because that disease is not a joke. The teacher we are planning to bury had all the resources. They tried everything but unfortunately at the end of the day…

Speaker: What exactly do you mean by planning yourselves?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: When I realise you are on the way you have to plan for that journey.

Speaker: It is okay but you don't need to make people fear that when infected with COVID-19 you must die. That is not the case.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wanted the Hon. Member for Marmanet to clarify further whether we require tickets to book when we know our statuses. What does he mean by planning for the journey?

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu you can respond then I give Hon. Wakahiu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a man and I have much property and I wish to distribute my properties. I cannot plan that when I am not healthy. That is the planning I am intending. Maybe he is not concerned with that issue but if I realize I am going I have to make those arrangements.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What Hon. Kanyutu is raising is very genuine. Having stayed with him for some times as a good friend, I know he is not saved. He will get an opportunity to organise himself to be saved to avoid being one of the people who will be condemned to the eternal fire. It is very critical because I know Hon. Kanyutu and his background in Marmanet. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu, kindly respond.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate because the Hon. Member has gone to my personal life. I remember very well we are the only people who went to Jerusalem. Whatever we got will be for another day. We know how we came back. I entered Jordan. If he feels there are issues I am left with I am very clean. I don't know the other things he is conversant with. Let it not be in the floor of this House.

Speaker: You can discuss that the two of you. Just know you are on record saying that he was praying in that famous wall and you never prayed.

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Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I was to say that earlier but it has just passed. When one tests positive for COVID-19 and you say one must not die, mine is when you test positive and you don't get proper treatment you must die. To get proper treatment in Kenya you must have resources, as at now our accounts are reading something that is not close to a honourable Member and we cannot manage to be treated. So when you test positive you are gone.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, hilo swala huwa linanisumbua kwa sababu sijui kama itakuwa ni lazima ama kwa hiari. Saa zingine naogopa labda nikipimwa nitapata mshtuko. Kwa hivyo liwe kwa hiari. Hata kama wanaomba tusilazimishwe. Heri niseme ukweli kwa sababu madaktari wanaotupima, tunataka kuona vyeti vyao kwa sababu tunaona madaktari wanaadhirika.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tena umekuwa ukisema kwamba unatafuta vifaa ili tuje tupimwe. Wale watakaotupima, tutakuwa na uhakika gani kwamba fulani ni salama. Hilo swala lisiwe ni lazima ila liwe ni kwa hiari. Pili, kwenye hili Bunge sijapata hata siku moja *fumigation.* Ni kama hatuna habari kwa sababu sijasikia hili Bunge likipigwa dawa na labda unifahamishe…

Speaker: That one is being done regularly.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Uwe unatueleza saa zingine tukisikia harufu ingine ili tujue ni hiyo dawa. Naomba iwe kwa hiari na si lazima. Asante.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I raised this issue although when I talked about planning it was taken lightly. Mr. Speaker, if I am tested in Nanyuki and the results are positive I will not wish to transmit. I will plan to remain in this vicinity until I am okay. Mr. Speaker, as I speak I know of a friend who is within and cannot go home until he is okay. He works with the Ministry and when he was tested he was positive. If I get to know that I am positive I would rather confine myself other than transmitting to other family members. That was my concern with planning.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nafikiri niko na jambo la kusema kuhusu Korona ambalo huwa tunazungumzia kila wakati na kuzungumzia ambapo tunaweka uwoga. Nafikiri Wizara ya Afya imetoa mwongozo wa yale mambo ambayo tunafaa kufuata sisi kama Wakenya. Huu ugonjwa unaua madaktari, polisi, wanasiasa na haichagui. Ni vizuri kama tunaongea mambo ya Korona tuelezwe. Nafikiri tunajua jinsi ya kujikinga.

Bwana Spika, tusizungumzie Korona kama ugonjwa hatari katika nchi yetu ya Kenya. Hata kama ni ugonjwa hatari kuna wale ambao wako na magonjwa kama saratani na tunafaa kuchunguzwa. Ni vizuri kila mtu ajulikane ugonjwa ambao yuko nayo. Tukisema ni kupimwa isiwe tu ni Korona. Wacha tupimwe magonjwa yote ili tusije hapa kupotelea Korona na kuingia kwa shida zingine. Ni vizuri…

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, it is good he gives clarification. If he says we get tested for all diseases we shall be tested for cholera, typhoid and that is a waste of resources. Even there are others that were not there, *kaswende* so it is good he becomes specific. If it is COVID, let us all get tested for COVID. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Labda anaelewa kunishinda kwa sababu tunajua watu ni wagonjwa na si tu ugonjwa ambao unaonekana. Ndio maana nimesema kama ni kupimwa Korona tupimwe kila ugonjwa tusije tukaambukizana hapa kwa sababu tunaweza

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simama hapa tuseme sisi wote tuko salama na Mheshimiwa Nyausi hapa aniambukize. Nikikosa Korona, Mheshimiwa Kanyutu aniambukize ugonjwa mwingine.

Kama ni kinga tukingwe kutokana na magonjwa yote ama tufundishwe vile tutaishi na huo ugonjwa mpaka ile siku Mungu atakuja. Wale ambao wanapimwa kwa hiari wafanyiwe kwa hiari. Kama ni lazima vifaa zote ziwekwe na kila mtu apimwe. Ukipatikana na ugonjwa mwingine pia wewe utoke. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Speaker: I kindly request as we communicate we don't remove our masks. The distance between Hon. Ndiritu and the Deputy Speaker yet this disease is transferred through particles is dangerous.

Hon. Robert Maina: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naungana na Mheshimiwa Kanyutu lakini naomba kuwe na *mass testing*. Iwe ni kwa hiari kwa sababu mimi ni shahidi; kuna jamaa mmoja rafiki yangu alikuwa anataka kuoa. Wakati alinunua vifaa za kupima ugonjwa wa UKIMWI vipimo vilisema Bi. Harusi ana ugonjwa wa UKIMWI. Huyo bibi hakuona kana kwamba kuna njia yeyote alifanya ili apate huo ugonjwa. Alienda hospitali na kupimwa na wakati matokeo ilitoka hakuwa na UKIMWI.

Vilevile Mheshimiwa Spika, tunaweza letewa hizo vifaa na tunajua vile Laikipia iko. Utasikia Mheshimiwa Roberto ameshikwa na Korona kama vile saratani iko na hatua, Korona iwe iko hatua ya nne. Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba useme kila mtu aende hospitali ambayo yeye anataka na kuleta cheti. Kusema ukweli katika Bunge hili mimi sitapimwa. Nitaenda hospitali yangu nipimwe Korona kisha nilete cheti. Naomba watu wapimwe Korona kwa hiari. Kila mtu aende hospitali ambayo anataka na kuleta cheti hapa. Asante.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, the issue of COVID-19 should be taken with a lot of seriousness and not just COVID but any airborne disease should be taken with a lot of seriousness. To be tested should not be voluntary but it should be mandatory because it is an airborne disease. If you don't get tested it means you can transmit to all of us. Mr. Speaker, whether you are going to your own hospital or the hospital you believe it should be mandatory. The only room that should be left is that you can go to another hospital of choice but being tested should be mandatory.

If you leave it to be voluntary and I fail to be tested, I will spread the disease to everyone who is here. It is not a disease like cancer or even HIV where you contact if you are interested in. It is an airborne disease that is transmitted through air which we cannot control so it should be mandatory. Thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi. Ningetaka kusema maneno mawili ama matatu kuhusu COVID-19. Sio Kenya peke yake ila ni dunia nzima na kila mtu analilia Mwenyezi Mungu kuhusu hii shida imekuja ya Korona. Sio Kenya peke yake ila ni dunia nzima. Kila gatuzi ama nchi tunasikia Korona kwa hivyo kile kitu ningetaka kusema kama vile wanenaji wengine wamesema ni kuwa kunao watu wengine na unasikia redio kila mchana na usiku Waziri wa Afya Mheshimiwa Mutahi Kagwe akisema ukiwa na shida nyingine kama kisukari ama shinikizo la damu inakua shida sana. Ukishikwa hata kidogo kama hujashikwa vizuri inakuwa shida.

Wiki iliyopita mimi mwenyewe nilikiwa ninasubiri watu Nyahururu wapimwe lakini mashine hazikufika. Nilimwuliza Bwana Moghoi akanipigia kuniambia hazikuja kwa hivyo nilikuwa ninajipeleka wala sikupelekwa na mtu mwingine na hakuna mtu atanilazimisha

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niende nipimwe. Mimi mwenyewe kama sijionei huruma kama Wacuka nisifikirie utanionea huruma Mheshimiwa Spika. Hiki kitu kinawekwa wazi na kila mtu ajipeleke akapimwe lakini sio kusema watu wengine ni lazima. Sio lazima! Mtu ajue ukishikwa na ugonjwa usifikirie ni Spika wako ambaye ni Patrick Waigwa Bilha ni wewe mwenyewe umeshikwa.

Wewe ujizuie, valia barakoa, nawa mikono yako ili ujikinge mwenyewe. Kama ningepimwa wiki iliyopita na nikae siku tatu nikutane na ugonjwa nikiwa na cheti jamani Waheshimiwa ninaweza kupimwa leo na nikose ugonjwa, ni kweli. Baada ya siku mbili nipatikane tena na ule ugonjwa kwa hivyo mtu ajipeleke kwa miguu yake aende apimwe. Ukikataa kupimwa hiyo ni shida yako; utashikwa peke yako. Utashikwa pamoja na familia yako.

Kwa hayo machache Mheshimiwa kutoka Marmanet tafadhali nipe muda. Niko kwenye sakafu na nimepewa na Mheshimiwa Spika…

Speaker: Hon. Members, let us consult silently so that we give Hon. Irene John to finish

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Mimi ningesema hivi Bwana Spika, juzi hata hizo mashine hazikuja na Bwana Moghoi alikuwa ameniambia zitakuja. Wale watu walio jela wataanziwa na nikaambiwa nitaanza pia. Kama vile unasikia siku hizi hata madaktari wameanza kwenda na ni wale tu tunawaangalia watakaotupima. Kile kitu cha muhimu ni kuanza kumwomba Mwenyezi Mungu. Pengine hii dunia na sio Kenya tu kunayo dhambi tumefanya na Mungu anataka sisi kwanza tutubu dhambi zetu. Baada ya hiyo mtu aende apimwe kwa hivyo nitakomea hapo kwa vile kuna watu wengine wanaopiga kelele na sijui kama nimeongea vibaya. Asante kwa hiyo nafasi, sitaki kusumbuliwa.

Speaker: Hon. Kiguru, are you on a point of order or a contribution?

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Mheshimiwa Spika nilikuwa nikitaka kumsaidia dada yangu kidogo tu kwa sababu ulisema tunapoongea tuwe tayari na barakoa. Nimekumbuka kunaye mchungaji na haswa mwingine anazikwa leo na walitumia kipazasauti. Yule hakutoa barakoa akitumia hicho kipazasauti ndiye tu amesalia. Ni vizuri tuwe makini wakati Spika anasema tukiongea tafadhali kwa sababu huu ugonjwa unaonekana sasa umepita mipaka.

Ilikuwa tu kuomba ya kwamba tuhakikishe tumevalia barakoa na pia nimwelekeze kwa sababu ni rafiki. Sasa hivi tumeongea machache na asipopimwa, isipokuwa ni lazima nipimwe na yeye asipimwe tunapojadili maneno ya Laikipia na kwetu Nyahururu mmoja atamwambukiza mwingine. Ninaomba iwe ni lazima na ikiwezekana hata mtu kukubaliwa kuingia kwenye lango tikiti iwe cheti cha kuonesha yeye hana ugonjwa wa Covid. Hilo ndilo ombi.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We beg and love Hon. Kiguru and Hon. Irene Wachuka to please not infect each other because you are all needed. I just wanted to say, you see even we have noticed that this disease is very peculiar. There is a Member who got Corona the other day and I think he is called Donald Kipkorir. The surprising thing is that he got it when the lungs were already damaged because he was saying it can start from the nostrils then the throat and the last stage is the lungs. By the time they were testing the family members nobody had it so it is acting very peculiarly. Be that as it may I know around December 17th God willing we shall be closing this Assembly for a short recess then we come back in the middle of January.

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I was saying you know even this writing of something that was passing around which is good because records of committee members are needed. That biro pen has not been sanitized and it is moving. Even that small deed I do not know even giving out these papers you know nowadays is not encouraged because it is touched by a lot of people. We hope when we come back here there shall be screens so that the order paper is digital and we are just pressing and typing since you are the one using that place you and not the same biro pen. Even in committees when we are given the same biro pen if that book is not sanitized and it is not easy sanitizing a paper; I think they should just be noting. If you are in the meeting they just note because that book circulates and it could also pass Corona.

When we close this Assembly on 17th, I would urge you to get people who are from a nutritional kind of a center because we have noticed this disease can kill someone who is thin, fat, healthy, a drinker, a non-drinker, a smoker, or a non-smoker. People are being encouraged to change their lifestyles like eating oranges. For example, Hon Ndiritu eats only avocados. It is encouraged that vitamin c comes from oranges. That nutritional knowledge is also very important because from the look of things we shall not have a cure any time soon. Those things that are being talked about like vitamin c, vitamin b complex and zinc may be expensive but those supplements are important.

I saw a print out that Cottage is telling someone the moment you are tested with Corona before they admit you, you must deposit a hundred thousand shillings. It is just the civil servants who are lucky because there is a letter from PS Kinyua, I forget his title. He said NHIF can cover civil servants but for us Hon. Members this thing is also timely. That Hon. Member died because they could not get oxygen in any of the local hospitals. So before it gets to that stage, first of all the Members; the welfare of Members must be checked.

If you are told to deposit a hundred thousand and in Nairobi they are even telling someone two hundred thousand to be admitted, some people die while looking for money. That is not an issue, the issue here is to be prepared and to take these small precautions like these order papers, signing of books and what have you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nimesimama kuungana na Waheshimiwa wenzangu, sote tupimwe na iwe ni kila mtu anapimwa. Ikiwa tumepimwa leo na wiki ijayo huenda niko Nakuru, mwingine Nairobi na Nyeri tuwe tunapimwa kila mara. Unaweza kusema kwenye lango hakuna kuingia kama huna cheti na hujui kule nimetoka na mwingine pia. Ningehimiza tuwe tunapimwa kila wakati, labda mara moja kwa wiki. Asante.

CONSIDERED RULING

ADHERENCE TO COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Speaker: I think we conclude that debate; we will leave it there. As an Assembly we will do all that we can but also as somebody told us when we were in school that a teacher will only give you about twenty five prevent of what is required in the exam and you have to hustle for the seventy five percent by yourself. As an Assembly we will do all that we can but our individual contribution is very important for us to ensure that we adhere to guidelines that have been set by the Ministry of Health.

I remember when this disease first began I was with the Hon. Speaker of Nyeri. We did not even know what kind of a disease it was because there was no information. We were in Singapore then and we would find people with masks while some did not have. We had to buy

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masks because we did not have information of what it was and we would use masks. We never knew things like sanitizing and observing social distance and all those kind of things. It was late in January.

What I would really encourage us to do is that when you remember when this disease came, some of us were worried and we did not know what kind of a thing it would turn to. When people get used to something they tend to relax the rules but I believe with this second wave we have seen and I said it here last week that at least each one of us has seen a person die of COVID-19. In the first wave we never saw but today we have heard of a pastor who is being buried today, another person, I know of a friend who died.

I think it is important for us to protect ourselves. The only issue that worsens this disease is that it does not only affect you and your family but also gives you a chance to infect others who might have protected themselves. In such a place where we congregate or go for committee meetings, people relax the rules then it simply means they can quickly infect others. For the Assembly where Members have been infected, I have not heard of a single Member who was infected alone. You are hearing that five or six members contacted COVID because of generally the way we work.

I will have to interact with you in one way or another, the way Hon. Chris Mark is saying. A time will come when you want to sign that attendance list but you do not have a pen so you will have to borrow. As a human being I may not sanitize or you may not think that I will also treat you with a lot of respect and I do not want to see as if you have that COVID. I will not sanitize because I will also do not want to show you as if you have and therefore such kind of behavior leads to many people being infected.

I will still say let us make the best effort we can ever put to make sure that we protect ourselves. Whether I touch your pen I will have to sanitize and keep social distance. I will protect myself because I know I can be infected by another person. Let me first of all be very defensive and protect myself. Let us also act humanely towards others because you do not know your status. Even if you were tested yesterday you might get the disease today.

Let us treat others with a lot of humanity and make sure that you avoid being close to anyone. I know it is a worrying disease even if you have a cough or any other kind of flu you also think that you may have COVID. I think it is important for us to make sure that we get tested and I will say again we should observe the guidelines that have been set by the Ministry of Health. I believe we will be able to elaborate more during our *kamukunji*. I will also pray that we have our *kamukunji* here because of the space available immediately after this.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 25th November, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3:16 p.m.

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