REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 27th July, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms, ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for two minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF A BILL

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly approves the exemption of Standing Order No. 116 to reduce the number of days required after publication of the Laikipia County Appropriation Bill, 2021 (Laikipia County Bills No. 7) from seven days to two days.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this will enable us to make sure that as per the schedule of this, House we shall have done our part concerning the Appropriation Bill and also make sure that Laikipians are served with the current budget estimates. We shall make sure that pending bills of our people are paid appropriately.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sure the reason of reducing days will be appropriate and essential to make sure we work as per the schedule of this House. I will call upon my able Deputy Majority Leader to second this motion.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to second this motion. It is in order and as you know we are late. If we do not reduce these days, we will be late. Therefore, I am supporting the reduction of days from seven days to two days. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Robert Maina: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kwa hoja ya utaratibu. Ningetaka kufafanuliwa kutoka kwa kiti chako tukufu kama Mheshimiwa Kagondu anafaa kuja

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na hiyo begi na si bajeti inasomwa hapa. Ni vizuri tuelewe kwa sababu sijui kama ni ya bajeti ama ni pesa tujipange hapo nje. Naomba tuelekezwe.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Ningependa kumfahamisha Mheshimiwa Robert Maina kwamba huu mkoba ambao tumekuja nao unamaanisha kwamba tumeleta sasa bajeti ya mgawo. Huu ni mkoba ulio Bungeni, na ili wananchi wajue kwamba kuna bajeti, na mgawo unapita. Ndiyo sababu tumeingia na huu mkoba kama Kamati ya Bajeti. Kwa hivyo asiwe na wasiwasi, awe mtulivu na tupitishe mgawo ili wananchi wa kwake wapate dawa, barabara na ufadhili wa masomo. Ndiyo sababu tumeingia na huu mkoba.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Naona hili Bunge limekuwa la maana sana. Leo kazi ambayo Kamati ya Bajeti imefanya, wamekuja ili kuhakikisha wananchi watapata barabara, maji na kuonyesha kwamba hili ni Bunge kamili. Pongezi kwa hiyo kamati. Yeye mwenyewe ni Mheshimiwa hapa na anajua ni nini kinafanyika, aache kuuliza maswali mengi kwa sababu ni haki kwa hilo lifanyike katika hili Bunge.

Hon. Robert Maina: Mheshimiwa Spika, ninayo haki ya kuuliza swali. Sipingi kamati. Nawapongeza sana kwa sababu niliona hata Kaunti zingine zimekuja namna hiyo. Nilikuwa tu nataka kujua kwa vile huwa naona wakija na huo mkoba wakati wa bajeti. Nilikuwa nataka nifafanuliwe kwa ya ziada, hakika... nataka nifafanuliwe hilo nijue kama inafaa. Mimi siwakosoi, nawapongeza sana.

Speaker: It is not supplementary, it is appropriation. So, Hon. Ndiritu, has the briefcase been screened? It has to go through security screening or we will not know exactly what you are carrying. Secondly, because I want us to be advised on this, when we see it in the National Assembly, it is the CS for Treasury who carries that briefcase and he is allowed to come into the House. That is something we can also introduce here. If you want the CECM for Finance to be reading the estimates here, he can carry the same, but it usually does not happen during the appropriations. It only happens when we are doing the budget estimates.

My main interest is whether the briefcase has been checked by the security. We do not want people to follow that same procedure and you enter here with a briefcase carrying something that can be used to injure another Member. It is important. The security are supposed to have checked that briefcase and I want to hope that they have done so.

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, mine is a concern that that briefcase is carrying Kshs. 7.3 billion for the County. It is not even about it being checked, it is about the security of Hon. Ndiritu. Carrying a whole briefcase of Kshs.7.3 billion needs armed security. That is my only concern. We might be risking his future.

Speaker: That is why I am so much concerned whether it has been checked by our Serjeant-At-Arms because if not, I do not think that you are allowed to carry such a briefcase into this House. We need to know what is inside, otherwise it can be a security threat to all of us even as we celebrate that we have a budget. I hope the Serjeant-At-Arms has checked that briefcase, if not, kindly do so. I did propose a question so it is time for us to make contributions on the motion that we have.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I rise to support this motion on the reduction of days from seven to two. The budget is a process and the process of making the budget, starts from when the CFSP has been brought. This County this year has received several amendments, in fact

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we have received a budget on another. I believe such has been the cause of delay for the preparations to come before this House. It is only fair that after mass scrutiny and all the delay that we reduce this number of days, I support this motion thank you.

Speaker: Members I had said we are still on the motion on the reduction of the days, for us to read the Bill. Hon. Nderitu.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama hapa kuungana na Kiongozi wa Wengi kwa mswada ambao uko mbele ya Bunge hii wa kuweza kupunguza siku kutoka kumi na nne hadi kumi na mbili. Tunaelewa hii *Appropriation* ni *Bill* ambayo inapea serikali ya Kaunti, uwezo wa kutumia pesa ambazo tumeweza kupitisha katika Bunge hili.

Ikijulikana ya kwamba katika Wadi ambazo tunawakilisha, kuna kazi ambazo tuliweza kupitisha katika Bunge hili. Tulipitisha ili tuweze kupata madarasa ile ya chekechea, tuliweza kupitisha pesa ambayo ni ya ufadhili, pia pesa ambazo ni za barabara. Hizo pesa kama hatutakuwa na hii *Bill* haraka iwezekanavyo, ni kumaanisha tutaweza kuwanyima haki wale wananchi ambao wako katika sehemu zile zingine.

Speaker: Hon. Catherine Nyawira.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker I am rising on a point of order because the Members here are making a lot of noise, and they are speaking a language that is not allowed in this House.

Speaker: Hon. Members you need to observe the rules of the House and also observe Health protocols. We are supposed to have worn our masks, keep social distance and also when we consult, let us consult silently.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to rectify that the Members were not making noise, they were consulting maybe on a high tone.

Speaker: Thank you for that correction.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nafikiria yangu ilikuwa hayo, tuweze kupitisha huu mswada ili tuweze kupunguza hizo siku saba hadi siku mbili. Tunaelewa wananchi wetu wanaongojea kupewa huduma na serikali ambayo ni ya Laikipia. Hawawezi fanya hivyo kama hatutapitisha hii *Appropriation* haraka iwezekanavyo. Asante, na ninaunga mkono.

Speaker: Hon. Joseph Suge.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also stand in support of the proposed motion that we reduce the days from seven to two days, considering the importance of the document that is ahead of us on the approval of the County Financial Budget.

Mr. Speaker, recently we heard that there was a proposal of vote on account and since we have discussed the budget and the members of the public have contributed on their views, it is very important that we approve it on time to ensure that the county operates as usual. Every process needs finances and I believe that this is the high time we ensure that Laikipians gets the right services including the health, services and the roads.

This is a rainy season and most of the roads needs to be done to ensure that the businesses and travels in the county are well done. So I support and also note that this is the time when schools

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are opening and our pupils' needs to be supported to get their bursary on time. I congratulate the committee led by their able Chair, Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, AKA Kagondu. Thank you.

Speaker: I now wish to ask the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Members for seeing the reason of reducing days. We need to ensure that we do our part and pass an Act that will enable the Laikipia County Executive to do their job.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this House is the voice of Laikipians and the voice of the people is the voice of God. So when we speak, we speak under directions and instructions of our Almighty God. So we should make sure we approve the Appropriation Bill and after that we take it to whoever is mandated to sign. After signing, I will be very happy to go to my people telling them that roads are going to be very nice, hospitals will get drugs, etc. Therefore I am grateful to these Members and also urge them to approve this motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

First Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2021

Speaker: The Bill is committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 27th July, 2021 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.50 p.m

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