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THE HANSARD

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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.30 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Thank you. Clerk, can you confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell ring for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for fifteen seconds)

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My eyes are very okay and as I can see the bus is full, the driver is sober and the conductor is ready to collect fare. We have the quorum.

Speaker: Thank you. Are you saying that we have the quorum?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you. Let me ask the clerk to confirm if we have the quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Thank you. Now that we have quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing and that we proceed with the business of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

DELAYING OF PLENARY SITTING

Speaker: Hon. Members, I would like to stand before you to communicate an apology for having delayed the beginning of our business today. We had few hitches here and there especially in loading House business into the system. We apologise for that time we have delayed. You are welcome.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ENHANCEMENT OF ROAD NETWORK IN URBAN CENTRES WITHIN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

Hon. Eunice Salaten through Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion on behalf of Hon. Eunice Moile;

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FURTHER NOTING THAT existing road networks are often inadequate to support the growing population and the increasing number of vehicles, leading to traffic congestion and accidents;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of a well-developed road network for economic growth, public safety and overall quality of life;

This House URGES the County Government to liaise with the relevant agencies and prioritize the enhancement of the road network within urban centres' by allocating increased funding to the development, maintenance and expansion of roads and regular maintenance and monitoring of the road infrastructure be mandated to ensure that roads remain in good condition, reducing the risk of accidents and minimizing the need for costly repairs in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

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Speaker: As I give Hon. Salim, Hon. Members, allow me to notify you that our systems seem not to be active enough. I have directed that Members receive hard copies of the documents that we have before us. There is a problem with the network. Welcome Hon. Salim.

Hon. Eunice Salaten through Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Katika Mjadala wa leo, tunaelewa katika nchi yetu Kenya na hasa katika Kaunti ya Laikipia usafiri hasa katika Kaskazini mwa Laikipia, sehemu zingine za Magharibi na Mashariki mwa Laikipia uko na shida nyingi hasa wakati wa mvua. Kuna shida kwenye barabara zetu. Zingine, hazina *murram* na wakati mvua inanyesha zinaanza kuharibika na mvua kubwa ikinyesha inaondoa hiyo *murram.*

Tusipoangalia hizi barabara zetu na kuweka njia mwafaka tutaendelea kuwa na ukosefu wa usafiri. Mara mingi wakati mvua inanyesha sehemu za Doldol, *laga* inanyesha na hakuna

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safari. Wanafunzi wanaporudi shule unakuta uhaba wa usafiri. Wanabiashara hasa wakulima ambao wanasafirisha mifugo yao kutoka sehemu moja hadi nyingine wanapata changamoto.

Ningeomba Serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia iangalie barabara kwa sababu barabara ndio inatoa mazao kutoka kwa shamba. Inasafirisha mifugo kutoka sehemu moja hadi nyingine. Tunahitaji kuweka njia mwafaka. Kama ni barabara, zitengenezwe barabara ambazo zitaweza kusaidia wananchi wa Laikipia.

Wananchi wanatoa kodi katika nchi yetu na eneo letu la Laikipia. Mahali wanahitaji barabara inastahili tuweke barabara nzuri ambayo mvua ikinyesha haitakatika. Ningeomba Wabunge wenzangu waunge mswada huu mkono ili tulete akili zetu kwa hizi barabara. Bila barabara, hata mtu mgonjwa hataweza kusafirishwa hadi Nanyuki au Nyahururu. Mahali pengine watu wanasafirishwa kwa kutumia punda ilhali tunasema ya kwamba tunatenga pesa za barabara kwenye bajeti ili hizo barabara zitengenezwe.

Ninawasihi kwa moyo mkunjufu ili Wabunge waunge huu mswada mkono ili barabara zetu ziweze kupitika wakati wa mvua na wakati wa jua. Bwana Spika, ni vizuri tuangalie kwa makini tunapoenda nyumbani ni barabara gani inastahili kurekebishwa kwa haraka. Kuna pesa za dharura ambazo zinatengwa na inafaa barabara ambazo zimeharibika zitengenezwe ili watu wa Laikipia waweze kusaidika. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you stated that the systems are down, we need a hard copy so that we can go through the document and understand whatever Hon. Salim and Eunice have forwarded in this Assembly. Matters of infrastructure are very important. As I rise to second this motion, in my ward we are starting infrastructure rehabilitation today.

Mr. Speaker, what entail infrastructure is all about funds. It all about budget. In the budget, we adequately funded but still it has done equally across all wards. Whereas we say funds be shared equally across the wards, there are divergent aspects of dilapidation of infrastructure in our wards. You cannot compare Umande ward with Nanyuki Ward or Nanyuki Ward with Tigithi or Mukogodo west with Mukogodo east.

As I second this motion, we need more funds on infrastructure. El Nino wreaked havoc in our county and those roads that were done in the last financial year have already gone with the rains. More funds need to be added in the supplementary budget so that we can repair these roads and still do more roads in our county. Mr. Speaker, on matters of machinery we need to have more bought in this County.

Whatever I am using right now as Hon. Shuel knows, we are using the leasing machines. They are not adequate. If it comes to repairs, maintaining the same machine is a headache to our county. So, we need more budget to be allocated in the infrastructure Department so that we can buy new machines and do more roads in our wards.

I want to forward this discussion to Hon. Members of this House. Because of the differences in our wards and divergence and dilapidation on our roads, we need such discussions. More funds need to be allocated to wards that have more problems on matters of infrastructure. We have an issue with Tigithi Ward. We don't have quarries and we are ferrying marram from long distances. As I second this motion, we need to look in to our budget and more funds need to be allocated to wards that have issues with roads. I second, thank you.

(Question proposed)

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Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I support this motion, allow me to touch two or three things that concern this House. Something is terribly wrong and I wish since I am in the Committee of Rules and Procedures. There are some Standing Orders that we will need to change. I have been observing them. The Standing Order is very clear that once you start contribution in Swahili or English, you have to continue with it until the contribution is over.

On the same, we need a Kiswahili teacher because Hon. Salim is good in Swahili but most of the time, he had to read the motion in English and then translate in Swahili. When I mix the two languages, the same Standing Orders we are using allow me to use even the mother tongue.

Mr. Speaker, it is a shame that I, Hon. Anthony Theuri, the Deputy Speaker of Laikipia County that I am totally broke and I have no money. Not only me but also these Members that are silent here. It is a shame that we have been waiting for money for the last two months and even the staff here. Tomorrow, we are going for a burial of one of our staff here and 99% won't go. It is a shame and the Bible says in the book for Deuteronomy, that; the sun should not go down without my wages in the pocket. We have been dealing with finance in this House as if we are peddlers of bhang.

It is never in the public. I am angry, ashamed and even these Members are ashamed. It is the highest time we address these issues once and for all. Our money is not ours. It is totally dependent on our constituents. If you listen to the language in the streets, they elected us to eat as they eat. Most of us here we are almost being auctioned. That will be the end of talking about money. I am even going public. That is over.

The second thing Mr. Speaker, these gadgets are not working. I wonder what is working. I went to Cafeteria to take tea. Thank God there is tea and *Mandazi* but the toilets are not working. I wonder what else is not working. You should work on that Mr. Speaker.

On this motion, we are discussing here on infrastructure. It is a shame we are in our third year and we have nothing to show. It will be told in bold letters that we have nothing to show in matters of infrastructure. In Nanyuki Town, go to Nanyuki Main Stage. As we are speaking, we are still putting murram. The previous regime had cabro blocks and tarmac. It is the second year and we don't even have an inch of tarmac.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak in this town, we have so many designated areas that we can do cabro then parkings and then we start generating money. We don't have even a budget for that. We have the municipality. It is still limping. Walking with one leg and its mono-eyed. No designated mandate. Not even funding or employees. I am wondering what Assembly are we running here yet we are the eyes Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we are here, it is time we tell the people the truth. If we don't change I can tell for sure, we are all heading home. We should be prepared for that. Nothing to show. Look at Mr. Kagondu here. He is barely seen in public. Unless we give him security. No road in this area, no drainage, he has no money and the market is in deplorable state…

(Laughter)

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu stood in his place)

Speaker: Hon. Anthony, give a chance. What is it Hon. Stephen?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Nataka ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa Anthony. Wakati unataja mambo ambayo inaenda kwa HANSARD, ni hatari sana. Kusema ya kwamba

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sionekani kwa sababu Barabara ni mbaya, huo ni uongo na hiyo ni kutahadharisha kazi yangu. Sasa hivi vile tunaongea hapa, nilikuwa kupanga mambo ya Barabara ambazo zinajengwa Mirera, Mburugutia na kwingineko.

Ninajua ya kwamba Barabara za Thingithu ni mbaya lakini nimefanya na ninaendelea kifua mbele. Ni lazima aelewe ya kwamba sijajificha kwa sababu ikienda HANSARD, wale ambao hawajaniona kwa sababu wamejificha kwa manyumba wanaweza wakafikiria ya kwamba sionekani kwa sababu Barabara ni mbaya. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you. The floor was for Hon. Anthony. I would like to support Hon. Antony in one aspect, in adhering to Standing Orders. Allow me to direct you to Standing Order No. 74 (1) and (2) that states as follows;

1. *All proceedings of the Assembly shall be conducted in Kiswahili, English or in Kenyan sign language.*
2. *A Member who begins a speech in any of the languages provided for under paragraph (1) shall continue in the same language until the conclusion of the Members speech*

Hon. Anthony, as much as I support you, I can only allow three languages; Kiswahili, English and Kenyan sign language. So, Members, let us adhere to this one because it is important to adhere to the Standing Orders including saying Mr. Speaker, Sir. If you want to put it in Swahili, you say *Mheshimiwa Spika.* Thank you, continue Hon. Anthony.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for letting us know that. On the same, I insist that we should be drafting motions in Swahili. As I had asked you to protect from Hon. Stephen, I did not finish the statement. I wanted to commend him on that. Before I could finish, I could have said that because I am also an interested party in Thingithu and an investor as well.

Hon. Kagondu, I am speaking in good will and the people of Thingithu love you very much and that is why they gave you a second term. They are gearing to give you Senator or Governor and they also told me that they are very ready for you provided you give them the policy and implement them.

Mr. Speaker, it is the high time we as Members be genuine with ourselves. We are very good in elaborating and speaking as if we are reciting poetry but when the budget comes, we do different things. I will stand with that. The Member from Tigithi is my friends and also the Chairperson for Budget Committee. If we are not going to inject money in the infrastructure of this county, we are doomed. We can do very good hospitals but without roads, they are irrelevant.

Mr. Speaker, we can drill as many boreholes as we want, have much rain and harvest but without roads, we are going nowhere. It is the highest time we walked the talk. If we are not going to inject more than Kshs.50 million per ward for infrastructure, then we are doomed. People are complaining day and night that there is nothing tangible on the ground. Sometimes, I usually wonder the standards we used that we have the leasing vehicles and tractors but at the same time we rejected the infrastructural bond

I am ashamed to say that if it was brought today, I would be the first person to support it. even the National Government is taking loans to do roads and other infrastructure but because you want to look humble and as people of a friendly government, they are cursing us daily and we cannot do anything. It is the high time we challenge the Executive. If they have

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to take loans to bring development in this town, let them do it. I am a very young person to go home because of incompetence of some people.

It is shameful that we are now at risk because we have got nothing to show. From this time going forward, whatever I am going to be branded, I shall be speaking the truth. It is high time we do something tangible on the ground and I have been standing for that. Just as Hon. Stephen during the last campaigns, people had complained that he is not doing development, he spoke somewhere and said that even the blind can see and if they cannot, he would let them touch the ground so that they could feel because he had done something.

Mr. Speaker, it is high time we accelerate development in this county and it is going to start with urban areas and rural areas in water, electricity and anything else of concern. God give me power and health that I would be here to advocate for that. People in this House should know their power. It would be very wrong and I am not trying to abuse someone or being rude to anyone. They say that it is unfortunate if you were to give a machine gun to a monkey because it does not know the magnitude of that machine gun.

This House has the mandate of making and executing the budget. We only see stamps but do nothing. This budget that we are about to implement was brought here, I read it but I can tell you that I was not involved somewhere. The only committee who saw that budget was the Budget Committee and I can tell you that they did that for themselves but because we want to be seen as good people who fights with no one, we said let it go.

If you were to ask someone about the budget for health, water or the one that followed, they cannot tell you yet it is very clear. We had agreed that once the Budget Committee sits down, they do the budget, present it to us, we give our opinion and then budget comes here and later we pass it. It is the highest time we realize whatever we are doing.

We are in this House for five years and we pray that most of us come back but when we go home, what are we going to present to our people? As I sit down, during the last budget, we had several projects in the Health Committee. It is a shame because I was seen as an anti-government and as if I was criticizing the government or in the opposition within the government. I call it my hospital because that is my area and my people. In Likii, Kahuria-Tiiri VCT was never implemented yet in Igwamiti because the Member for Igwamiti is pro-government, it was implemented.

I want to give this challenge to the Labour Committee. We said that they are supposed to bring the other motion for the acting CO. Where is it Mr. Speaker? If they are not going to bring it here, I am going to bring another statement to reinstate the previous one we had impeached so to say because they are applying double standards. As I sit down, I urge the Members that whatever we shall be speaking here, we shall be accountable not only to people but also to God because we took an oath.

Let us be serious in whatever we are saying. If we say that we are doing the roads, let the budget implicate the same. If we say that we are going to stand with the Speaker, let it be done. As I finish, a hungry man is an angry man. It is a shame that a Hon. Member can go for eight weeks without money. Mr. Speaker, work on that. If not so, I am brought up in the slums, in the informal sector and we can apply very many ways.

Even the lack of quorum, I can tell you that it is because of that. I am also speaking on behalf of the staff because they might not speak for themselves. They should know that I am their advocate from now. Thank you.

Speaker: Your concerns are well noted Hon. Anthony.

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Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to tell the Members that we really digressed from the motion that is in place. I think that we are just everywhere discussing everything. Let me just say that having what the Speaker and the mover of the motion has said, we are concerned that we need extra network of roads within our town centres. Not that we do not have roads but we want expansion of roads so that we can accommodate more traffic.

I have realized that when going out of Nanyuki on Fridays and Mondays, there is a lot of jam within the town and we need to ensure that these roads are expanded so that our towns can look more presentable and also to avoid a lot of traffic.

Secondly, there are internal roads, we can have alternative internal roads which also need to be upgraded. I know that within Nanyuki when you are past Majengo other roads are murramed. It's high time we also tarmac some of the roads so that we can expand our city in terms of tarmac.

That means there will also be extra places for packing. Most of the people I know are getting challenges in terms of parking within town and that is because we have a very small area which is designated for parking. I hope the County Government will be looking upon this to ensure we expand the road networks within our towns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion. It is clear we have a problem with roads and it is not a problem because of anything else apart from the rains. We are lucky to receive rains but definitely, we have a problem on the issue of roads especially in rural areas. We have a problem with culverts, we have problems in areas that we need murram. Those people who have graded the roads before the rain are also complaining.

It is clear that we need to think about it. Either we add the machine or either we have more leasing. We must think about it because it is a big challenge. I am sure we are moving as much as Members. We can continue to increase the budget on roads but the end of the term there will be change. It is very hard to see changes in one year or two years but definitely, I know we are moving. Laikipia North is very unlucky because we do not have even an inch of tarmac road since independence.

Let us hope in future, we will be having tarmac road to Doldol and to other areas. Some parts of Laikipia especially in Laikipia West and East are smooth. It is a big challenge but let us not run away from challenges. Let us face challenges and let us accept that we have a problem and let us revisit our budget. Let us make sure that the Executive is working. The connection between the Executive and the Assembly is the central committee. The central committee must work hard to make sure that all the departments are working well based on the small amount or the big amount that we are giving.

When we complain about health, the Committee on Health should tell us what is happening because that is the connection. When you complain about the allocation for roads the committee concerned must tell us where our allocation is? Are they working well? What is happening? There is a big delay. We must wake up as an Assembly so that we will make those people to be a bit fast. This County has a bad behaviour of going to the meetings every single day and every time and when you go to the meetings, meetings cannot be the main project.

The Executive, the CO and the CECM must get time to make sure what they have implemented projects. You cannot implement the project without the BQs, without commitments of the projects. We need a lot of time to push the Executive. That is why when

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the Constitution comes or when people pass the Constitution there are two Arms of the Government so that we check and balance. We need to push the Executive so that they don't relax because when they relax, when you do an analysis, you realize we have a lot of pending bills.

What contributes to the pending bills? It is because The Executive do not commit proper projects on time. Without committing the project, definitely there is a failure. The concerned committees should wake up and let us make sure we push The Executive. On the issue of our own personal issues or internal problems, we need to be a bit connected. I have seen that both arms of this County Government which is the Executive and the Assembly don't have connection properly.

When you analyse the disbursement of the funds from the National Government, we may find ourselves being number 40 or 20. There are some counties that have already benefitted. So, we need to be connected so that we can be given a priority in The National Government. I know The National Government does not have enough resources and that is why they categorize people and give conditions but when you are connected, you might be the second or the third. So, we need to be connected so that we can be able to get the resources on time. We have a challenge.

When we limit ourselves that we only know Nanyuki and Nyeri, definitely those two Counties cannot make you to have money. We need to go an extra mile and if people who are leading us do not have enough sites, then we need to think about it. Let us wake up because it is a problem when we hear members are crying. I know it depends with the connection. I support the motion. The motion is very nice, we have a problem everywhere.

It is also a shame when we are allocating money for murraming, in my ward Mukogodo East and the entire Laikipia, we are also allocating money for murraming in Nanyuki, Thingithu and those areas. How many years do we have since independence? What have other leaders been doing? Where is the miracle that will come that you will do everything today? Those are hard questions that we should ask ourselves because if today we are murraming Nanyuki, then we have a problem.

It is a problem and a big one. We could have been now talking about those remote areas and probably maintaining the pot holes in Nanyuki tarmac roads. Now when I am struggling to get the murram, the Deputy Speaker is also struggling to get murram. The question is where is this murram going? The Honourable Member for Thingithu, I am also an investor in his Ward. I cannot access my area because of the problem of the roads. So, we have a problem.

We are leaders today, let us wake up, let us put strategies and make sure we are somewhere. When you calculate at the end of the term, you can be able to tell what I have done in two or three years. That is the only way we can move because the Country have left behind so many years. If you analyse today, this is the 15th year term now since we are in devolution but we are still talking the same way we have been talking during the 60's. We have a problem I don't know if it is our mind that is not working well. We need to wake up and probably allocate money in a good way.

We have a proper budget the way the Deputy Speaker is saying so that we can be able to do one thing, but a good one. Let us do one thing. If you go check the budget, last year we allocated the budget for drilling boreholes. The materials are lying in the office of the Governor here for the last one year. What is happening and people are crying that they do not have water. You can't tell what is happening but now it is our responsibility, this is the other arm of the Government.

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Let us put The Executive on toes so that they can be able to do many things before we end our term. I stand to support the motion and I want all the Members to wake up so that we work together and make sure we have delivered our services to our people. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much, I now call upon them over of the motion. Hon. Anthony Theuri, I think you had contributed before I disallow you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: I stand on a point of clarification and you know, I am also your assistant. Hon. Daniel Mugweru here has been seeking for attention since we came here and he has not …

Speaker: You are speaking on behalf of Hon. Daniel Mugweru? In deed Hon. Daniel Mugweru I had not seen your microphone light up. Apologies for that. Incidentally, eyes are on one side of the head only. I apologize for that. So, before I give Hon. Salim Edung' to reply, I give him to Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker I think now it has turned to be a habit every time I press my microphone. I started pressing the first time you gave a Member here, next time you gave another there, another time you gave here then another time you said the mover to reply. I think that one is now becoming too much. I must take it seriously.

Now I also echo the words Hon. Anthony uttered once, that I am good at keeping grudges, and I feel that I should keep this one. Sometimes, one tries to be cool but when touched too much it becomes serious, and might find that there is something else that is happening. I do not know where to start, but today Members are making contributions that are not even related to the motion, and because all of them have done that, I should also be allowed to do the same.

That includes the mover of the motion because the motion he read and the contribution are two different things. The seconder also said different things from what the motion says, so did the Deputy Speaker. So, this is a day of speaking different things as we go into the motion.

Hon. Speaker, you being the head of this House; last week or last week but one we had a report that was to be brought into this House the following day but it has never come. It is the report about the acting Chief Officer for Health. When the report about the acting Chief Officer for Agriculture came, it was reported by Members of the Committee that on the next day they are bringing the other report in regards to the acting Chief Officer for Health.

Hon. Speaker, my feeling is that we are using the committees to advance ethnic, regional, tribal politics in this House. The law does not know my village, ethnicity or tribe, but is very clear and cuts across both sides. We expect that report to come here and if it does not, then we should not count ourselves as Hon. Members and the House should not be recognized as an honourable House. When an Hon. Member says something, that thing should happen. We are waiting for that report to come because it for us all.

The law requires that an acting person can only do so for six months. That does not require that someone be saved, a pagan, Christian or anything; it requires that everybody should follow that law. For us to redeem the image of this House, that report should be brought to this House as required and as reported. It is your responsibility to take charge and ask for that report as soon as possible.

Secondly, the motion that we are discussing here is about expansion of roads in urban centres. The mover of the motion; and I support him on this, said the things that are supposed to be said in this House. However, the drafter of the motion overlooked what we need as a

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House because they only drafted about expansion of roads in urban centres. Expansion of roads in urban centres is not done by the County Government of Laikipia; we have the Kenya Urban Roads Authority; so that message was supposed to be directed elsewhere.

Hon. Speaker, if you tell H.E. the Governor that from tomorrow, we want a dual carriage road from the police station up to Ichuga, that is something which is impractical. So, we are directing the message at the wrong people. This road is constructed by the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA). We have roads that are done by KeNHA, others are done by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), and the stories we are telling here indicate that we probably only wanted to have a motion in this House and send a message to the wrong person. There is nothing much the Governor can do in expansion of these roads.

Hon. Members know clearly that it is impossible and that is why they only dwelt on gravelling of Segera, myself I want to dwell on gravelling of Umande and the Hon. Deputy Speaker spoke about the town because he represents it. Hon. Mwaniki talked about Tigithi and Hon. Shuel talked about how we are supposed to think about improving roads in rural areas, because that is exactly what our responsibility is.

There is a contradiction between the drafted motion and the minds of Hon. Members. We are thinking about how we can improve roads in our areas while drafter of the motion probably thought about improving the roads in town. I do not want to talk about that but those are two different people. The drafter and the mover are two different people. The drafter and the people making contributions are also two different minds. So, I may not talk about expansion of roads in urban areas because I know it is next to impossible for the County Government of Laikipia to do that.

At the same time, however, we need to talk about improving roads, whether in town or urban areas. We need to advance that. I do not want to make more contribution on that until the motion is drafted better and the mover brings it again. We can also then perhaps discuss about increasing funds because even if we increase fund allocation to infrastructure, we will never manage to do what we are saying. We will not manage to have a dual carriage on our roads. We will also not manage to have tarmac because, as Hon. Shuel has said, it is unfortunate that we are talking about funds for gravelling roads in Nanyuki town.

Murraming of roads in Nanyuki town sounds backward, we are supposed to be talking about tarmacking them. All this area that has been gazetted as a municipality; we should be talking about upgrading roads in to bitumen standard. We cannot be talking of murraming here in town. If it is Nanyuki town, we should be discussing about Nturukuma and other villages in it. In town, we should be talking about bitumen standard.

Hon. Speaker, we should also get proper guidance from our staff. Let us be guided properly that when it comes to expansion of certain roads, a letter needs to be written to KeNHA or KURA instead of contradicting ourselves by talking here yet we are talking to the wrong people. Telling the Governor about those roads shows that we are misguided. I have not said whether I support this motion or not. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mugweru for your contribution. I only want to state that the debate, in my view, is appropriately addressed because it is "urging the county government to liaise with the relevant government agencies" in regards to roads. So, it is asking the county government to liaise with the appropriate agencies to carry out improvement of roads within the urban areas. Now, allow me to call upon the mover of the motion to reply. Welcome, Hon. Salim.

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Hon. Salim Edung: Nashukuru, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi nyingine. Wabunge wamechangia na tunawashukuru kwa mchango wao kuhusu mambo ya barabara. Tunaelewa kuwa yale tuliyokuwa tunajadiliana hapa ni kuhusu barabara zilizo kwenye sehemu zetu. Haimaanishi kuwa ni mtaani pekee bali sehemu kama vile Likii na Kanyoni zinahitaji barabara ziwe katika hali inayostahili ndiposa watu wasaidike katika usafiri. Kwa hayo machache, nawashukuru waliochangia. Ambao huenda watachangia siku nyingine, Mungu atawabariki. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Salim.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until later today, Tuesday, 3rd September, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.30 a.m.

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