REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 4th March, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.45 p.m.

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mary Gathoni) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mary Gathoni): Clerk, confirm if there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mary Gathoni): I direct the Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for 9 minutes)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Madam Speaker, I think we were supposed to start earlier because I believe we had quorum. I believe that our quorum should be 7.5, but because there is no half person, it is either seven or eight. We were seven, and the law does not allow anyone to leave the chamber when there is no quorum.

I have seen people leaving the chamber when there is no quorum yet the law does not allow them. You cannot leave when there is no quorum, so I fail to understand how we are implementing our Standing Orders. My feeling is that because the law does not allow them to leave, we can assume that they are still here, so we have quorum.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mary Gathoni): Hon. Mugweru, the quorum is eight.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I was in a Mathematics class and I know that a third of 23 is not 8. Mathematics does not lie. It can either be 7 or 8 because there is no half person. When it is 7.5, you cannot assume that the half must be a person; it can even mean no person. It is half and there is nobody here who is half. I think that is how my Mathematics teacher taught me, unless proven otherwise.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Madam Speaker, I think it is only that the remaining half ought to be on this side. I think that is why we should consider seven because if we do the counting of Members, the Speaker is not counted. So, I am sure you are the other half which has taken over the Speaker's seat.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mary Gathoni): Clerk, confirm if we now have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mary Gathoni): This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, 5th March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.00 p.m.

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