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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 5th August, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.10 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Deputy Speaker: I therefore direct the Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for ten minutes)

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, do we have a quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I direct you to Standing Order Number 35(2)

> *If there is not a quorum present when the Chair is taken, at the time appointed for a meeting of the Assembly, immediately after the saying of the prayer, the Speaker shall order the bell to be rung for ten minutes, and if no quorum is present at the expiration of the ten minutes, the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes and if there is still no quorum present, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly forthwith to the next sitting.*

I therefore direct the Sargent at Arms to ring the bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for five seconds)

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, we have the quorum.

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, do we have the quorum?

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Deputy Speaker: I therefore direct the Serjeant at Arms to stop ringing the bell. Clerk, order of the day.

NOTICE OF MOTION

POLICY TO ALLOCATE THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC TOILETS TO ORGANIZED GROUPS OF YOUTH, WOMEN & PWDS

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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persons with disabilities are given opportunities to participate in economic development;

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COGNIZANT THAT the management of public toilets has the potential to generate income and create employment opportunities if well-structured and transparently managed;

NOTING THAT entrusting the management of these facilities to youth, women, and PWDs will promote inclusivity, empowerment, and improve service delivery;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT currently, some public toilets are mismanaged, poorly maintained, and do not generate meaningful benefits to the local community;

This House URGES the County Government to;

1. Develop and implement a policy to allocate the management of public toilets to organized groups of youth, women, and persons with disabilities;
2. Ensure transparency and fairness in the allocation process through public participation and stakeholder engagement;
3. Provide capacity building, training, and initial support to beneficiary groups to ensure efficient and sustainable management;
4. Regularly monitor and evaluate the performance of the groups managing the toilets to ensure high standards of hygiene and service delivery;
5. Prioritize affirmative action in the management of upcoming and existing public toilet facilities within the County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

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Mr. Speaker, this is a motion that I Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi, the MCA representing the people of Tigithi, have brought to this Assembly. I have witnessed that some of the toilets that are within my ward have closed down. Some are about to be closed because of the mismanagement of the toilets. One toilet is in Lamuria Town and it is a big market that was constructed by the former government in the previous regime.

Those toilets that are in the market are helping the town and the people who are doing business in that town and the surrounding community that visited the town as customers. If at all we can be able to close down a toilet in a town, it shows that the County Government is not serious on management of hygiene in the same town whereas, there is a crowd that has gathered in that town to do business.

There are some people that do business in that town. Mr. Speaker, they may be patients in those hospitals within the said town who still need a toilet or urinal. If at all our people will be urinating around the fences and bushes within the town whereas there was a toilet that was constructed by the government, that shows lack of management as a government.

When you visit a town like Castle in Tigithi Ward, there is another toilet that is about to be closed because of Naromoru Water Services. The people who provide water within Naromoru Town and the environs of Castle have already disconnected water in that facility. Without water, there is no way we can be able to offer services whereas the money generated by the same toilet is forwarded to the County Government as revenue. That toilet owes Naromoru Water Service Kshs. 4,050.

The County Government cannot be able to pay that. If at all that toilet will be closed, it shows lack of transparency because one, some funds have been generated by the same toilet. Two, we have employed two people who manage that toilet. If at all it is closed, they will be sacked from their jobs of managing that toilet. As a County Government, if at all we cannot be able to manage our toilets, we are advocating that they be given out with fairness and we be accounted so that they can be able to be given to PWDs, women and youth who can be able to manage that toilet.

Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the relevant department, I was advised if at all we can be able to give the PWDs and the women or the youth, they can only be charged a fair amount or maybe a license. Mr. Speaker, they acquire a license through the Department of

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Revenue only, so that they can be able to manage that toilet for the whole year. They should pay yearly so that they can be able to manage that toilet.

That toilet being given to the youth or the PWDs, it will be able to help our people so that they can be able to get services in those particular towns. I know this can be duplicated across the country because we have our small towns and our toilets in those small towns are in the same condition like those of Tigithi.

If at all the County Government can be able to plan on how we can be able to move these small facilities, the toilets, across our wards, they be given and be managed by our young people, our women or our PWDs. It can be able to help a little bit on their upkeep so that the needy people can be able to help themselves and earn a living. I call upon Hon. Umija to second this.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do second the motion brought in by Hon. Mwaniki in regards to the leasing out of these toilets to people living with disability, women, and youth. This is a noble idea, and I think one of the counties that is actually implementing this is Nairobi County which generates revenue. This revenue is generated by both women, people living with disabilities, and the youth. The toilets are distributed to them, and they are able to manage. The toilets are clean.

They charge some small fee for maintenance and ensuring that there is water, and I think this is a noble idea also that can be done across the towns. It's high time that the county government, when it feels like it cannot manage some of these small enterprises, they can lease out to the youth. They can lease out to the women. They can lease out to the PWDs, ensuring that we have done our affirmative action as a County Government.

It's a very good idea to ensure that these toilets are clean and functional especially in our markets. It's very hard for us to go to the markets then you realise that there's no place to go for your 'business.' In a nutshell, that means that people will be doing open defecation outside there and making the environment dirty and we do not want that. For crying out loud in the 21st century, we are not supposed to be doing such things. We should be using our toilets.

The toilets are available and I think giving out to these vulnerable groups within our society, we are also doing empowerment to them. Let me say, in addition to that, the County Government will now collect revenue in terms of licence and that is easier instead of the toilets staying closed and there's no revenue being brought in by the County Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Mwaniki. Niseme ya kwamba ni mswada ambao una umuhimu wake. Inasemekana ya kwamba usafi ni wa maana. Mwingereza alisema "*cleanliness is second to Godliness*". Kama hatuna choo safi, tunaweza sababisha ugonjwa na hali mbaya mahali wananchi wako kwa uwingi.

Ni vizuri ieleweke ya kwamba choo ni muhimu sana hata kwa boma. Huwezi jenga boma, ukose choo. Ni lazima iwe pale kwa sababu inafanya kazi ambayo inastahili na ambayo ni ya umuhimu katika maisha ya binadamu na wanyama. Bwana Spika, mswada ambao uko mbele yetu tunafaa tuuchukue kwa uzito tukizingatia kwamba sehemu nyingi zinahitaji choo. Pahali popote pana kusanyika watu ama kuna biashara zinafanyiwa na umati wa watu, inafaa serikali kama inachukua ushuru, kuegeza choo pale ndio wananchi wajisaidie.

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Bwana Spika, tumeishi kusema katika nchi yetu hakuna kazi. Ni vizuri tuelewe kazi ni kutafutwa hutafutwa. Ukiweza kuingia Wadi ya Thingithu utapata kila sehemu kuna choo ambapo wananchi hukusanyika. Tuko na uwanja wa mpira na pale kuna choo. Tuko na soko na pale kuna choo za kutosha. Vituo vya kuegesha magari bado tumehakikisha kuna choo.

Bwana Spika, nilichaguliwa 2017 kuwakilisha watu wa Thingithu. Nilipoingia nilipata changamoto mingi sana katika wadi ile. Katika soko ambapo kuna biashara tulikuwa na shida. Kupata mahali pa kujisaidia ilikuwa ni *noma*...

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, kindly use parliamentary language.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, ninafikiri kusema *noma* ni lugha ya Bunge kwa sababu *noma* ni Kiswahili. Bwana Spika, lugha ya Bunge inaongewa na kila mtu ikijumuisha Rais na makamu wake. Nimesikia juzi akisema; '*ni noma sio noma*.'

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, the President and the Deputy President speaking of any language does not equate it to being parliamentary. It is just political and I kindly urge you to use the parliamentary language considering that whatever you are contributing here is recorded in the HANSARD. In 100 years to come, you will be answerable to your great grandchildren. Kindly, adhere to the parliamentary rules. Proceed.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Ninafikiri yale ambayo ninaongea, ninaongea kulingana na Kanuni za Bunge. Bwana Spika, ukiweza kuchukua kamusi, utapata jina *noma* na ndio maana ninasema ni *noma* sana kama hatutaweza kuwa na mahali pa kujisaidia. Wakati nimesema ni noma, ninafikiri watu wamehusisha msemo ambao ulisema na Naibu Rais ambapo alisema ni noma au si noma.

Bwana Spika, huo ulikuwa ni msemo wake lakini kwa huu mswada, ninazungumzia kuhusu *noma* ambayo inaweza tokea wakati wowote. Hatuna choo sokoni, vituo vya kuegeshea magari, maboma na viwanja na pia mashule. Mheshimiwa Mwaniki amezungumzia mambo ya *Castle*, ambapo kuna soko. Mimi nilikuwa mhusika mkuu ambaye alianzisha hio soko.

Vile vile tuliweza kuhakikisha ya kwamba tumesukuma Serikali ya Kaunti ili tuweze kujenga choo ambayo itakuwa ikisaidia wananchi pale. Itakuwa ni jambo la huzuni kama mwanzilishi na mpiganiaji ambaye alipigwa hadi mangumi tukitafuta ile soko, naweza sema ile choo labda ifungwe kwa kukosa uangalizi mzuri.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nataka kufahamisha Mheshimiwa Mwaniki ya kwamba mambo ambayo inafanyika Tigithi, hata kwetu yalikuwa ya kwamba choo ya soko ilikuwa mbaya. Mimi sikungojea tu serikali lakini niliweza kuungana na vijana na watu wa soko na tukakubaliana ya kwamba wawe wakilipa choo shilingi kumi ili ziwe safi kila wakati. Kwa hivyo, tukapatia vijana hilo jukumu. Hiyo sio kuvunja sheria na ningeomba Mheshimiwa Mwaniki ambaye ni Mheshimiwa wa watu wa Tigithi asingojee wazembe wengine ambao wamekaa ofisini ili waje wakusaidie vile itatekelezwa.

Enda Matanya, ita jamii na vijana ambao wako hapo na hawana kazi na uwapatie jukumu. Wajisajili kwa kikundi ili wachukue hiyo choo na waisafishe ili wawe wakilipisha kitu kidogo. Kama serikali itaja kuingilia, wewe ndiye umechaguliwa pale na wewe ndiye unaelewa. Kama wameshindwa kusimamia, wewe na wananchi mnasimamia. Kile kitu ambacho serikali itachukua pale ni leseni pekee na hiyo inakubalika.

Hiyo ndiyo inafaa hata kwa hiyo soko. Tafuta kina mama na wajisajili kwa vikundi na waweze kulipisha hata kama ni pesa kidogo. Kila Jumapili wanaweza kuwa wakija na mitungi yao na kuweka hapo. Mimi naelewa wale ambao wanafanya biashara katika soko ya *Castle*. Ni

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watu ambao wanaojielewa na wanaelewa kazi ya usafi na kwa hivyo wakipata ile choo ikiwa safi, watalipa. Hawana ugumu wowote wa pesa kwa sababu wamekuja pale kutafuta pesa.

Wale wateja ambao wanaingia hapo wanaelewa ya kwamba wakati wengine binadamu huhitaji choo na kwa hivyo, akiingia pale na alipe pesa kidogo, itakuwa jambo la busara. Hakuna mtu ambaye atakuja pale na kusema yeye ni noma au sio noma. Wewe fanya kazi na tuendelee. Kwa hivyo, huu ni mswada ambao unaeleweka.

Jambo la pili, ningeuliza Serikali Kuu na Serikali ya Kaunti waweze kuangalia sehemu ambazo wananchi wanatembea safari ndefu. Kutoka hadi Nyeri, unakuta ya kwamba matatu inaenda kusimama tu kwa stesheni za kuuzia petroli ili watu waweze kujisaidia. Tunafaa kuwa na mahali ambapo pametengwa ya kwamba wananchi wanaposafiri wanaweza kusimama mahali pale na kujisaidia kwa kulipa kitu kidogo. Ukisimamishwa kwa stesheni ya kuuzia petroli, unaanza kuomba ufunguo na hata kwingine unaambiwa ya kwamba hakuna na pengine mwili wako unataka kujisaidia wakati huo.

Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Umija akisema ya kwamba mahali ambapo hakuna choo wananchi hujisaidia kando kando. Wale ambao wanaweza kujisaidia huko kando ni wanaume kwa sababu hao hawana shida. Ataenda tu asimame kwa ukuta, akague ukata kama ni mbaya halafu asonge akisonga. Na je, kina mama na wasichana ambao hawawezi kusimama kama wanaume? Ni lazima tutenge pahali pa heshima yake ili wale wananchi wengine wote bila kuzingatia jinsia au maumbile, waweze kujisaidia.

Mheshimiwa Spika, wananchi wengine tumekuwa vichwa ngumu. Unakuta hata tunakojolea nyumba ya mtu. Sokoni unapata watu wakikojolea nyumba ya mtu na hata katika huu mji. Hata hapa kwa hili Bunge letu kabla tuweke ua, kuna watu ambao walikuwa wanakuja hapo na kujisaidia. Hayo ni mambo ambayo mimi mwenyewe nimeweza kuangalia. Kwa hivyo, huu ni mswada ambao unafaa kuangaliwa.

Kama vile nimesema ya kwamba wananchi wengine ni vichwa ngumu, unakuta ukuta umeandikwa ya kwamba mtu asikojoe hapo lakini hapo ndipo anataka sana ili aone ni nini kilicho hapo ambapo anakatazwa. Ukitaka kuwaadhibu, enda mahali wanakojoa na uwaambie ya kwamba wakojoe pale na utaona ya kwamba hakuna mtu hata mmoja ambaye atathubutu kukojoa pale kwa sababu haelewi ni kwa nini unamwambia akojoe pale.

Kwa hivyo, ninaunga mkono. Ni mswada mbao ninafaa kuzungumzia bila hata kungojea Serikali Tawala. Sisi Wajumbe, kama kuna choo ambayo iko pale, hakikisha ya kwamba umepeana hata kama ni marafiki wako au kikundi chochote kwa sababu ulichaguliwa uweze kuwakilisha wale wananchi. Katika soko yetu, kina mama wako na choo, vijana wako na yao pia ambayo huwa wanasimamia. Vilevile tumeweza kuhakikisha ya kwamba katika kila sehemu ambayo iko na umati tumeweza kuwa macho ya umma.

Ningetaka pia tuweze kuangalia katika mitaa yetu. Tunataka kama eneo ya Thingithu tuwe na choo ya umma ambapo tunaweza kupatia kina mama au vijana. Hata katika mitaa ambayo inakua kama Baraka tuko na wazo kama hilo la kijenga choo ili wananchi wetu waweze kusaidika. Kwa hayo, machache naunga mkono. Ningetaka kuambia Wajumbe wote ya kwamba tuungane mkono ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba serikali imefanya kazi inavyostahili.

Mheshimiwa Spika, juzi hapa kulikuwa na mswada ambao ulikuwa uletwe ili kuhakikisha ya kwamba mawaziri wanaingia katika hili Bunge na ninaunga huo mswada. Nataka hao mawaziri wawe wakiwajibika kwa sababu wale ambao tunangojea ili wafanye kazi wameacha kazi zao na kwenda kutafuta kura. Sheria inasema vizuri sana ya kwamba kama

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unataka kung'ang'ania kiti, kwanza wachilia viti za umma kwa mfano ya Waziri au Afisa Mkuu. Hizo ni viti ambazo tunafaa kuwa makini.

Mimi nasema hivi kwa sababu katika hii Serikali ya Joshua Irungu ambayo iliyo mamlakani, Hao mawaziri na afisa wakuu wote ni wanasiasa na wote wanawania viti. Sasa mimi najiuliza, tunaelekea wapi? Hauwezi kuwa unataka kiti na pia unataka kuomba kura na vilevile unahudumia wananchi. Kama ni kupiga siasa, wachana na kiti cha umma, enda ukapige siasa. Kama Bunge, tunafaa kuangalia hao watu. Wale wote ambao wanaenda kutafuta kura wakiwa ofisini, basi sisi hatuna jukumu lingine ila tuwaondoe mapema ili mwananchi aweze kufanyiwa kazi yake.

Nasema hivyo kwa sababu huu mswada ambao tunapitisha hapa unafaa kutekelezwa na mtu ambaye yuko Serikali ya Utawala. Kuna waziri ambaye anafaa kutekeleza lakini ukienda sasa utampata ya kwamba ameenda kutafuta kura kabla ya kufanya kazi yake. Kwa hivyo, napatia hili Bunge changamoto ya kwamba wale ambao tunajua wanataka kutafuta kura zozote, tuhakikishe ya kwamba tumewachukulia hatua ili kwanza watoke wakaitishe viti ama wafanye kazi lakini wakati wa kutafuta kura waende wakatafute. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono na kupongeza Mheshimiwa wa Tigithi kwa kuleta mswada ambao ni wa umuhimu. Asante.

Hon. Sanuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am standing in support of the good motion brought by Hon. Nicholas. If I was reading Hon. Mwaniki's mind, he wanted to tell us that they need a policy on these public amenities like toilets whereby when the County Government constructs a toilet, there is a policy whereby that toilet should be managed by the area youth group, women group or PWD group. That is a very resonating policy.

I also want to support on what Hon. Kagondu is saying, that the people who were supposed to implement the policy are not the MCAs. These are the chief officers and the CECMs. Hon. Speaker, on this 21st century we have a model which we call public private partnership and also the same that when the County Government constructs a toilet, we present it to public then we involve a private group and a youth group that will run the toilets.

Hon. Speaker I want to say in this House that when we do that, we shall score two things. One, we shall have a group empowered in that area and that group shall have some income. Another important point is that, that toilet will serve its purpose because, Hon. Speaker, I am a culprit of the same team. There is a recently constructed public toilet at Kiamariga Trading Centre but up to date, that toilet cannot run because the person who is supposed to run the day-to-day activity is paid peanuts and that person cannot stay there for long.

I think what Hon. Kagondu and Hon. Mwaniki has said is something that we need to wake up now. I remember one month ago, I also said the same points that this County Government of Laikipia, we are only left with MCAs to run the county. The people that the Governor has given the responsibilities to help him, us and the community are all over running up and down doing some irrelevant activities that cannot help us.

Hon. Speaker, the role of going and checking whether public institution is working, I have a very good example to give. I usually see a Chief Officer in Nairobi County called Geoffrey Mosiria going around to all markets, toilets and I think he is in charge of the environment. That guy is doing a very good job and if we use that example of Geoffry Mosiria, I don't know if I remembered the name well. If we can have chief officers who are up to their job like that guy, this Laikipia we will go far.

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Hon. Speaker, you will find most of the instances when you have a problem in your ward, even the chief officer is not aware and even if you inform them, they don't take those things seriously. One time, I had a pressure from a community called Thome and we went there with the Governor and he promised to drill a borehole two years ago in 2023. The chief officer was assigned the task to make sure the borehole was drilled.

I was Calling the Chief Officer but he was not answering my phone calls. By the time we met, I gave him some irreducible minimums to either drill the borehole within 14 days or I bring the whole community to his office. That was the time the borehole was drilled. That is not the best work in an environment we would wish to have. So, I think Hon. Speaker this is not a fun thing that we need to joke around with.

We need to put these guys on their toes. We cannot blame the Governor because he is not supposed to be the one going around checking whether toilets are operational. That is the work of chief officers, and they have a full-time government vehicle with fuel. With your guidance, I would wish that we summon all the chief officers and all the CECMs.

Hon. Speaker, what Hon. Kagondu is saying is very serious. Three quarters of the chief officers are seeking elective positions. I was moving around last week with the Governor checking on some projects and almost all the Chief Officers that were given a chance to speak did not speak about their departments; they spoke about their aspirations. That is a very funny thing. That a chief officer is given a chance to speak and the only thing he talks about is his aspiration to become a Member of Parliament for that constituency. Yet one has been given the role of a chief officer which is the most important job in the county, and even in development, implementation and other activities.

I think we need to take a stand as a House. There is a saying that we either live together as brothers and we will succeed, or we live apart and perish as fools. I do not think that we have a scarcity of young men and women who can serve in the capacity of Chief Officer. We have so many people in this Laikipia. This is also something that we need to tell the Governor: he needs to drop all those guys. Before he does that, however, we are the people who are supposed to give advice in the case of chief officers, as well as impeach CECMs. Personally, I am willing to impeach anyone who is aspiring for an elective position because they are not serving our purpose.

Hon. Speaker, if you see a Member bringing such a debate here, know that he is suffering. It is only that he is a man therefore cannot cry, but I know deep inside he is suffering. I know he has called the chief officer but did not find a solution. That is the reason why he is now using us as the rescue team in that area. We need to handle that issue in an orderly manner by summoning the Chief Officer, CECM as well as the Governor. I support, thank you.

Hon. Dennis Kaniaru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Member from Tigithi for bringing up this noble idea of building toilets in our county. About two weeks or a month ago, there was a motion that was brought to this House which was about making laws for the development of towns in this county.

Mr. Speaker, you may realize that we cannot talk about development of urban centres in Laikipia County and forget about hygiene and sanitation. It is for that reason that I see this as a good idea because in every centre or town that we develop with good sanitation, that is, a town with a public toilet, it will be very good and even the area will be very clean.

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Having said that, Mr. Speaker, you may realize that every town that we develop with a public toilet in it, it will be very easy and convenient for every person in that area. Sometimes when people visit a town, you find that they do not have a place where they can relieve themselves. When toilets are built and handed over to these groups, which our constitution stipulates clearly that they are special groups, you will see that we will create employment, empower these groups and generate revenue for our county. We will also bring down the unemployment rate to nearly zero percent, unlike what is the case today.

Mr. Speaker, most of the unemployed people in this county are women, youth and people living with disabilities. You realize that these are the people who have the energy to work and can ensure that the county generates a lot of revenue. When public toilets are given over to these groups, apart from just managing them, there are also businesses that will open up in the areas where these public toilets are. At the end of the day, you will see that besides ensuring cleanliness in that town, more people and investors will come because there are businesses that will be started in those areas. There are people who will start selling clothes and all manner of goods that are essential to the people in that locality.

I stand to support this motion and urge my colleagues in the County Executive to implement this policy. I can assure you that if this idea is implemented, within two to three years you will start seeing our county developing in terms of revenue, and we will also have sorted out the issue of unemployment. I believe that we will be going in the right direction if we do so. I stand to support, thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Reading the mood of the House, I can see that we have exhausted our contributions to the motion. I now call upon the mover, Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Members who have contributed towards this motion because it is time that we moved as a county and upgraded our services across the county. If we do that, we will have created job opportunities for our people and done quality service delivery to them.

Additionally, as I conclude, matters of security in this House are very essential. As I have seen, security officers have responded well to our call because there is no way a stranger can gain access into this House, even on the upper chamber and take photos. I think next time we should improve our security in this House. Anyone that gains access to the gallery should leave their phone with the security department, so that it is only one's ears and eyes that are allowed in the gallery, not one's gadgets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance, and I thank the Members for supporting the motion.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. Point taken, and this House together with the Office of the Speaker will work on it.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until later today, Tuesday, 5th August 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.08 a.m.

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