REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 6th June, 2023

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

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

PRAYERS

PAPERS LAID

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers;

a) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Business Stimulus Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2021.

b) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Education Bursary Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

c) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Business Stimulus Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

d) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Assembly Members Car Loan and Mortgage Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

e) Report of the Auditor-General on Receiver of Revenue-County Government of Laikipia for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

f) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Leasing Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

g) Report of the Auditor-General on Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

h) Report of the Auditor-General on Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

i) Report of the Auditor-General on County Government of Laikipia-County Revenue Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

j) Laikipia County 2nd Supplementary Programme Based Budget Estimates of Recurrent and Development Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June, 2023 dated 25th May, 2023.

k) County Government of Laikipia (executive) Third Quarter reports and Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

(Hon. John Gichuki laid the Papers on the table)

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Speaker: I wish to give direction on the laid papers. From A to I, reference is made to your documents shall stand committed to the Public Accounts and Investment Committee. Laikipia County 2nd Supplementary Programme Based Budget Estimates of Recurrent and Development Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June, 2023 dated 25th May, 2023 stands committed to County Budget and Appropriation Committee.

County Government of Laikipia (executive) Third Quarter reports and Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022/2023 stand committed to all sectoral committees. Before we go to the next order, I want to pass information that after the session today, we will have a kamukunji here.

MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. John Gichuki: Honourable Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(4) to allow it alter its calendar by adjourning its sittings from Wednesday 7th June, 2023 to Monday 19th June, 2023. Mr. Speaker, I beg to request minority leader to second me on this.

(Hon. Sammy Parleto Lekopien seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion to allow us to adjourn from tomorrow to 20th June, 2023. I wish to say that we are back to this House having gone for recess. We have managed to meet the people who brought us to this House. We have listened and we are working to make their lives better.

The problems and challenges we were raising before are still here. Hon. Speaker, you have seen me calling the Clerk to come and assist on getting the passwords for the gadget. We have said this again and again and I think there is a department in this institution that doesn't have ears or doesn't want to cooperate. I don't know whether it is communication that is never made to them.

It is unfortunate that today the complaints we have been having, I have just called Serjeant-at-arms to come and because it is not his line of duty, probably that is why he has called the Clerk to come and do the same yet we have employed a whole department that is supposed to do this. I think they are people who feel they are not supposed to be here or help the Members. It will be unfortunate that when we come back, we repeat the same story. I was standing to make my contribution that I support. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the adjournment. There is a meeting I had attended and the worry I am having is that the duration given is very short. I thought we would have adjourned indefinitely until later in life. When you make a decision, you have to make a firm decision. In my culture it is clearly said that when you go for circumcision you can't hide the organ. You must display it. If we decide to make a decision, let us do it remarkably without putting our heads in the sand. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you Mr. Speaker. If we cannot stand for our rights we cannot stand for the rights of the people out there. Our right matters. If this is what it takes, then let it be. We might adjourn for two weeks but it doesn't mean once we are back if our issues will

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not be sorted, we will continue. We will keep on adjourning until the listen. We will not transact any business.

We are not fighting anybody but only for our rights. Whoever wants to make a mistake, it it's up to them. We are not afraid to stand and say what we have agreed as MCA of Laikipia County. We will do all what we have agreed in that meeting including not giving any coin to CAF. We will do that through the budget because we have the powers until they listen. I support.

Speaker: Members just to remind you, we are discussing on the alteration of the calendar.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion. As we go home there are a few steps we want to look at. I want to challenge the few Members of Kenya Kwanza who are here. We must fight for this so that we don't just go home and relax. I know we have a *kamukunji* after this, I am sure we will come up with a solution on this.

Mr. Speaker, I have been talking of the rights and benefits of MCA's for long. The benefits of Members always go down without us identifying that the same mistake will be repeated. We must change that. If it's CAF making us not to move, we must change that. We will chase CAF and replace it with another item. This is a country wide thing. The reason why I am challenging Kenya kwanza Members, we need to sit with our President so that we can address these issues.

We cannot be intimidated by a certain commission for its own interest. We must talk about this and if the government does not see the need of this Assembly here, why did we vote for the Constitution, 2010? Initially we had councillors. What is making us to have MCA's. We better go to the councillors because we were managing a small area. We had no responsibilities. You just stay at home and come for one day.

The little you get is enough for you because you can do your own things. The name Honourable Member is expensive. How can a government give us Kshs.5 million car grants yet you are not able to service the loan. They want us to go and sell our animals to service the loan. The car and mortgage is a loan that you are giving us yet we do not a have salary. That is a very serious thing but now we may talk here until the term ends.

That is why I am saying we need to address this issue in the right place and to the right people so that we do not go round talking. Mr. Speaker, the challenge we are having here is the National Government. The National Government doesn't want to see the MCAs in a comfortable ground for their own reasons and the Members here knows why.

Despite the fact that we have very little, we shall manage other things. We are watching and monitoring them and we know them. They talk when they want to address their own issues but when we talk, they go silent including the Governors. We cannot sit here passing the regulations and the laws that make them work comfortably yet we are not comfortable. Let us talk and let us be serious because sometimes we are not serious. We rush here to close the Assembly but everybody goes home.

Is that what we want? If that is the case, we better forget about other things and work for the people. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. I do not know whether we should move to the next one which is the actual adjournment. Members are not talking about the Calendar alteration but we are talking about

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adjournment. Kindly allow me so that we are able to indulge deep into what members are interested in. Let the mover reply on the alteration of the calendar. Kindly the mover to reply.

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to thank the Members who supported this motion for the betterment of the MCAs. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. John Gichuki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order Number 29(3) to allow it adjourn its sitting from Wednesday, 7th June, 2023 to Monday 19th June, 2023 and resume on Tuesday, 20th June, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I request Hon. Eunice Moile to second me on this.

(Hon. Eunice Salaten seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni wa kuahirisha vikao vya Bunge kutoka leo mpaka tarehe kumi na tisa. Bwana Spika, nilikuwa nataka kusoma ili nisiseme kitu ambacho hakijaandikwa. Nakubaliana na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bunge kwa sababu hili ni jambo la busara.

Haya ni maoni ambayo yataungwa mkono na wengi ikizingatiwa ya kwamba tumeweza kurejea siku ya leo kwenye vikao vya Bunge. Tumeleta huu mswada ili tuweze kuondoka tena na tuweze kufanya kazi ambayo imesalia. Bwana Spika, tunataka kuondoka kwa muda wa wiki mbili na ieleweke ya kwamba kama tunaondoka kwa muda wa wiki mbili, sio kumaanisha kwamba tutarudi baada ya wiki mbili na tukae hapa kabisa.

Ukitaka kujua kama damu iko na urefu, unaweka kijiti na hiki ni kijiti tunaweka. Tunataka kupima mahali imefika. Bwana Spika, wiki mbili zikiisha tutarejea na wembe utakuwa ni ule ule. Bwana Spika, nafikiria mambo ambayo yamezungumziwa ni kwamba kuna mambo ambayo tunataka yalainishwe. Wamefanya hivyo kabla ya wakati kufika kwa sababu huu ndio wakati mwafaka wa kuzungumzia haya maneno.

Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Leshuel akisema tusilete mzaha na ningetaka kumhakikishia ya kwamba hakuna mtu ambaye yuko na mzaha. Yale yote ambayo tutafanya leo, kesho tutafuatilia. Bwana Spika, kama tunaahirisha Bunge kwa wiki mbili, hatuendi kulala. Tunaenda kufanya kazi na kama si kazi ambayo watu wanafikiria, basi tuko na kazi nyingine ambayo iko mbele yetu na ni lazima tulainishe.

Bwana Spika, nimesikia Mheshimiwa Leshuel akisema ya kwamba wakati alikuwa *councillor* hakuwa na majukumu mengi na hakuwa na shida lakini kwa sasa, yeye ni Mheshimiwa na anafaa kuheshimiwa. Anafaa kuwekewa mambo yake kwa heshima, anafaa kulipwa kwa heshima, anafaa kutembea kwa heshima na anafaa kusikizwa kwa heshima. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, anafaa kulindwa kwa heshima.

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Haya ndio mambo ambayo tunataka yaangaliwe kwa sababu wakati mwingine, Waheshimiwa wakifanya kazi yao hawaangaliwi kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Bwana Spika, Wabunge walipochaguliwa walipatiwa *car grants* ambayo ni haki yake katika Katiba. Alipopewa, hakutoshwa ushuru. Yeye alienda mashinani akaomba kura na akapatiwa. Mheshimiwa ambaye yuko hapa pia alienda kwa debe na kupatiwa majukumu na mwananchi.

Bwana Spika, mwananchi akikupatia majukumu, anakupatia majukumu sawa na yule mwingine ambaye alikuwa hapo mbeleni. Kama wewe unamtetea, unamtetea sawasawa. Hapa chini Bwana Spika, imekuwa unapomtetea mwananchi hapa unaonekana kama hautetei. Mimi nimechaguliwa kwa chama cha UDA na rafiki yangu hapa anaongea kuhusu Kenya Kwanza. Ni sawa, sisi zote tuko Kenya Kwanza na hatung'atuki lakini kuna mambo ambayo hatutaangalia ikifanyika nikiwa kwenye Bunge hili ama huko nje.

Sasa hivi tunaongea kuhusu ushuru ambao unauma mwananchi. Haijalishi kama niko UDA, nitasema inauma na sitaomba msamaha kwa sababu wananchi ambao nawakilisha kule mashinani wananiambia Maisha ni ngumu. Ni lazima niwatetee na ninapowatetea, ni lazima niheshimiwe. Bwana Spika, tumezungumzia mambo mengi. Tumepatia CAF majukumu. Ninasikia Mheshimiwa Lempaira akiwaita GAF lakini ni CAF na yote ni sawa.

Tumewapatia majukumu ya kutetea maslahi ya wananchi na wananchi ni hawa kwa hili jambo. Wakifika pale hawatetei kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Hata kama wanatetea, sijui ni nini wanatetea kando. Ni kama wako na mikono miwili. Wanatetea jambo moja na kusahau lingine. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, hatuna shida na CAF lakini wakishindwa kututetea, tutajitetea. Ikibidi tukutane Nairobi kwa mara ya pili, tutaenda kwa SRC. Kama wameshindwa kufanya kazi yao, ni vizuri wajiuzulu.

Sheria inasema kama wewe ulikuwa unalipwa mia moja huwezi wakati mwingine kulipa huyo mtu mia tisa. Haiwezekani na haikubaliki na hatutakubali hili jambo litokee. Ndio maana nasema ni vizuri sisi wote tuungane kwa hili jambo la kutetea wanyonge. Bwana Spika, hapa wanyonge ni sisi Waheshimiwa. Ninakuja Bunge na nikitoka naenda mashinani. Huko mashinani mwananchi anamgongea mlango kueleza shida zao lakini wale Wabunge ambao wametumwa huko badala ya watetee wananchi, hawatetei.

Namshukuru Seneta Samson Cherargei kwa sababu yeye tu ndiye anaungana na anashikilia Waheshimiwa kote nchini.

Bila ya kuongea mengi, mimi naomba tuhairishe kikao ili kesho tuanze mikakati ya kutetea na kuhakikisha ya kwamba maslahi yetu imeangaliwa. Naomba Waheshimiwa wote ikifika ni wakati wa kupigania maslahi ya wananchi pamoja na yetu, uwe wa ODM au Kenya Kwanza lazima tuungane. Kwa hii lazima tuungane. Kama tunataka MCAs Waheshimiwe na kuchukuliwa kama Waheshimiwa, lazima tuwe na umoja. Kwa hili Bwana Spika, lazima tuwe na umoja. Kwa sababu hio, nasimama kuunga mkono na kusahihisha mswada huu wa kusimamisha shughuli za Nyumba hii kutoka leo hadi tarehe 19. Asante Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Thank you Honourable Stephen. I want to remind the House that it is according to our standing order. When you begin in Swahili, you must proceed to the end in Swahili. I do not wish to stop you in the middle of your address to the House. Kindly stick to one language and obey our standing order. Honourable Mwaniki, the floor is yours.

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is a very emotional debate. That is why you have heard my college Hon. Stephen deviating from Swahili to English and vice versa. It is a very emotional matter and he is very angry. There is no way Hon. Stephen can have a zero in his account. His account is almost nil as at now. As CAF had stated earlier that people from the Speaker up to the governor are state officers. Whereas the MCA is not recognized as a state officer. The job group where we are situated, we should be a bit higher so that we can earn some more.

The burden that the MCAs carry at the ground is very heavy. The first contact person whether the MP or the senator is coming to the ground is the MCA. The Wananchi are knocking on our doors daily for support. This is why there should have come a time for the salary of the MCAs to be increased. It is not in order according to the rules of this country. Our salary was reduced and that is the reason this Assembly should be adjourned indefinitely. Not for only two weeks, but it should be adjourned indefinitely until our voices are heard.

People who were elected by the majority and not minority. They are the people who gathered most votes in their wards. Others were nominated on a popular vote. That is why they have a responsibility on the ground which depends on the amount of money you have in your pocket.

So, I as the MCA of Tigithi Ward receives on the payslip after being deducted everything, around Kshs 15,000, is that still the money that is supposed to support my people on the ground and myself to pay my debts? We have also accumulated some debts out there. So, when it comes to adjournment, this is a very hefty and emotional matter and that is why Hon. Lempaira has stated that in the budget, the funds allocated to CAF will have to go.

When it comes to CAF and its Members, instead of supporting the agenda of the whole Assembly, there is a division in it. They are going ahead to support some issues, some people have their salaries raised whereas we as Members of County Assembly, the driving force of this county, our salaries are scaled down. That is why Hon. Stephen is very angry because of this. I as Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi, the Hon. Member representing the people of Tigithi, am very ugly and angry still.

I rise to support this motion of adjournment of this Assembly till the 19th. If after coming back on the 19th nothing will have transpired, we will adjourn this Assembly indefinitely until the voice of the MCAs is heard in this country. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. I want to give this opportunity to Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is like we jumped the gun before, but now the real thing is here. When you see the Hon. Members becoming emotional, it is something that we have discussed and it is affecting us directly. Every Friday when I am at home, I cannot miss 20 or 30 people at my home, and they all need my support. When they need my support, it simply means that I need more to support them.

When we talk about CAF, they have been going there to support the interests of Speakers only. My only question is, what is this special thing that the Office of the Speaker does more than the Office of the MCA. Why is he being paid more than five times my salary?

It means the first thing we must do because we have the powers to cut the budget, is to cripple the budget to make sure they have zero shillings to spend on our behalf. If there is any

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other budget that goes to the Office of the Speaker, we should also think seriously about cutting it off because they already have enough in their pay slips.

This is someone I gave my vote to then he comes and earns more than me. They have the audacity to go on public TV and oppose what we are saying. That is the worst thing. Somebody who is supposed to work for me is now my boss. I gave him my vote yet he is not supporting my fight for my salary increment or the Ward Development Fund so that my people at the ward level can get it.

I think the next course of action when we come back is to revisit this thing, and I mean business. When we tell them to go and talk on our behalf, they go and talk on their behalf. When you look at the proposal they have given to SRC, they have said that we get an increment of 10,000, and for themselves an increment of 80,000, eight times as much. These are people who should leave. The way you are there, we should be appointing each of us to be there. This thing should be done across all the Assemblies because nobody really talks on our behalf to mean what we want.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, for now we adjourn for these two weeks until the time we get what we want. When we come back on the 19th, if the same Speakers still go to CAF and talk against what we are saying, we will start impeaching them one by one. Every Assembly to impeach their Speaker, they go home and we get those who will fight for us. We cannot have people who when we send them to represent us, they go to represent their own interests.

I want us to serve as an example. When we come back, the money for CAF goes back to zero. That money should be channeled to a destination for MCAs until we get the right people to fight for our rights.

The MPs, Senators and Governors are not concerned with us, they want us to be at their mercy. They tell us to pass this budget so that we can be given Kshs.15 million out of the total budget that we pass here. When someone gives Kshs.15 million, he thinks that he has given you a house, yet those roads are made for people down there. I am just saying at some point. Hon. Kagondu just relax. So, it is the high time that we…

Speaker: What is it, Hon. Stephen?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nasimama kwa hoja ya ufafanuzi kwa sababu nimesikia Mheshimiwa Lempaira akisema Magavana wanatupa pesa. Ningetaka aseme ni pesa ngapi tunapewa na tunapewa wapi, kwa sababu kama inapeanwa, mimi sijawahi kupata hata shilingi. Hiki ni kitu kinachoenda kwenye HANSARD na ningetaka awe na umakini sana anapoleta mswada kama huo. Hakuna hata shilingi ambayo sisi hupokea. Tunapitisha mabilioni ya pesa na wanaenda kukaa pamoja na mabwanyenye zao na kujiburudisha kisha baadaye sisi tunatoka tukiwa kavu. Kwa hivyo, ningetaka afafanue na kama amekosea basi ayaondoe hayo matamshi ya kwamba tunapokea kitu chochote. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Hon. Lempaira, the floor is yours.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Mr. Speaker, I was just giving an example of other Assemblies that told us when we were at the forum that there are some ward funds that these Governors set. However, I just want to make it clear, let me withdraw that statement so that we can move as one. As I was saying, this is a journey that we have started and will not stop until our interests are taken into consideration by the relevant authorities. Thank you.

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Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. we are not in a hurry to leave this place for today because from tomorrow, we are leaving. I also rise to support this motion because as the Members are saying, that is the whole truth; that these Members need to be treated with a lot of seriousness as Hon. leshuel has just said. If you look at the salaries of the MP, the President himself up to the Senator, it is well structured. If the President gets this salary, the Speaker of the National Assembly automatically gets a certain percentage against that of the President. The same goes for the MPs and Senators.

Hon. Speaker, we as county governments also have a president. We feel that the way the National Government has structured its salary is the same way the County Governments should have a structured way of giving salaries. The Hon. Speaker of a County Assembly gets a certain percentage of that of the county president who is the Governor, and to reciprocate the same on MCAs.

Hon. Speaker, what we are going through, and the war that we have just started, I am sure that we are going to succeed and win. Previously I met a friend of mine, by the name of Kagondu. This I must say in Kiswahili, I met him out there and he told me *hakuna boflo ngumu kwa chai*. It really made my day at that time because we just met and he told me that when there is tea, a loaf of bread becomes soft. There is no hard loaf when there is tea. So, even the journey we have started is a very soft one because we are here and ready for it.

Hon. Members, we must be ready to face this to the end. A Hon. Member some years back here used to tell us that if you step on fire, step in the middle of it. He used to remind us that way, and we are ready to step in the middle of this fire. All we are saying is that we are fighting for justice. We want what happens in the National Government to reciprocate to the 47 County Governments. If we go by that, that is the time the Hon. Members will get respect.

Every day in the morning I am guaranteed to find at least 10 to 20 people at my gate. MPs, Senators and all those, some of them go to their homes after one or two months. So, most of the problems are directed at the area MCA because there is that virtue that when you become a Hon. MCA, in one way or the other you reside with the people you represent. So, automatically the closest person to bring your grievances to are the Hon. Members you are seeing here. So, these Members should be treated with a lot of seriousness. They are supposed to be treated with a lot of dignity.

In fact, it is just that I do not want to say it, but it is the truth, they are supposed to be paid higher than the MPs. When did your people visit the MP to air their grievances, Hon. Speaker? They always go to the MCAs. So, MCAs should even be ranked higher because they are the ones who represent the people directly. When devolution came, it devolved not only the governments but also problems. All problems in Kenya were devolved to MCAs. They are the shock absorbers. They are the ones who get the heated grievances. So, when we say we are doing this, we are doing it for the betterment of the Members and the community, so that when the people we represent visit a Hon. Member, they are at least able to solve their problems before they reach heights which cannot be solved.

Hon. Speaker, we are serious and committed on this. We know what we are saying and what we want, and the direction is very clear; so now we must move on. I support this motion and I am sure that the Hon. Members who are here are ready to give their inputs to this House, so that you are not just here in the House but when benefits come you all enjoy. So, give us time. The

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Members want to say something. Let us have enough time. Let everybody say something. Let us give our comments on this. It is for our own good.

As Hon. Stephen has just said here, was it the ugly or angry Hon. Stephen who was here? He has just stated in this House that for this one, we must be united. So, this unity must be seen from all corners. Give us time, let Members give their contributions and inputs on this one so that as we are going home tomorrow, we go united. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Daniel Mugweru for your robust contribution. The floor is for the Deputy Speaker. Welcome.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nashukuru kwa nafasi hii. Mimi sina mengi nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Kwanini naunga mkono huu mswada? Kitu cha kwanza, tuko katika ulimwengu wa siasa na tuko Kenya. Ukweli usemwe. Katika dunia tunayoishi, wahenga alisema ya kwamba, mgala muue na haki umpe. Katika utaratibu wa siasa kama MCA, sisi ndio gumzo ya siasa za Kenya na msingi wa kila kitu.

Ni aibu kwamba wakati sisi ndio tegemeo kubwa katika jamii, lakini hatupati mapato ambayo inaandamana na kazi tunayofanya. Ingekuwa aibu zaidi... na yule mtu mwerevu na sijasema mtu ni mjinga, lakini ni vizuri tuangalie mahali ulipo, mahali ulipokuwa na mahali unaelekea. Bunge lililopita, saa hii tungeweza kuwaita kwa kikombe cha chai au mswada wowote Bwana Spika, utaaibika na kujiuliza kama kweli hiki kiti ulikuwa unakitaka? Niliingia katika kazi ambayo nilikuwa najivunia nitumikie mwananchi sababu hawa wenzangu kama si asilimia mia tisini na nane, ni tisini na tisa wote; ni fukara hohehahe.

Sisi ni binadamu na waweza kusema utajikaza kisabuni au kwa lugha ya mtaa, kusema *nitakuwa ngati.* Useme ya kwamba ukipata pesa ni yako na bibi yako na kama umebahatika kama mimi ama watu wengine hapa, kuwa na mpango wako wa kando ni sawa tu itakubaliwa. Lakini ni aibu, mimi nimechelewa leo nikija Bunge kwa sababu nilijitayarisha mapema na ninapeana hii kama kesi; nimefanya makosa ila nitaendelea tu. Ningeulizwa kama ningeanza na Kizungu ingekuwa ni vyema lakini nitang'ang'ana nimalize kwa Kiswahili.

Niliamka mapema sana, niliamshwa... Kijana ambaye ameishi na ugonjwa kwa zaidi ya miaka kumi, juzi na shetani hana aibu, huyu kijana hana wazazi. Ameishi na babu yake kwa miaka mingi kutoka kidato cha kwanza na amekufa akiwa na umri wa miaka thelathini. Amekuwa na ule ugonjwa tunaita *paralysis*. Alikufia hapa hospitali tunayoita *General Hospital* wiki iliyopita.

Mimi ni mzee na sisi hatuogopewi. Kitu cha kwanza, niongee kama tunazungumza na wewe bila ya kuifanya rasmi. Tuzungumzeni kama ile gumzo tunaita kikao ya wazee ili uelewe ninachosema. Sisi ndio watu wa kwanza pale. Mtoto akifukuzwa shule, MCA. Magonjwa yakipatikana, MCA. Juzi nilisimama pale nikasema, MCA anakaa profesa wa kila kitu. Sasa hata mama anaweza nipigia usiku aniambie mtoto ana joto, sijui analia namna hii. Mimi namuambia kama daktari, uko na *Piriton,* wekea yeye chumvi kidogo, geuza yeye pande hii.

Kama bibi amepotea, namuuliza mara ya mwisho ulitoa pesa lini. Kama sasa unajua wanahitaji. Mvua tuko nayo, viazi ndizo hizo zimeanza kuchomeka, namuambia tafuta dawa hii. Sababu hii ndio kazi yetu. Nikirejelea kwenye ujumbe wangu ni kwamba familia ile walihitaji zaidi ya shilingi elfu kumi na moja ili waweze kuzika yule mtoto. Hospitali yetu ni mzuri sana na hio tutazungumza hapa kwa sababu tumewapea bili kubwa sana.

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Kwanza nashukuru hawa wenzangu wote na wajipigie makofi. Kwa sababu mara ya kwanza Msimamizi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni alipo nipigia, niliuliza, una uhakika tutapata wawakilishi Wodi? Sisi tumekuwa watu wa aibu sana ati hatuwezi kufikiria kivyetu. Kama si Gavana anasema, ni Rais anasema. Akaniambia wewe ukinishikilia, hili jambo litapita. Unajua hii dunia huwezi jua vile kesho itawa. Tuko pamoja kwa hii.

Kwa hivyo, nawaambia asante kwa sababu ya kukubali. Nirudi kwenye hoja yangu, wakati tunapea hospitali pesa mingi bila kupinga Gavana. Wakati tunasema sisi tunaunga mswada wa Rais wa tukatwe kodi kabisa watu wasaidike, sisi hatukumbukwi. Ukienda kwenye hospitali na sitaki nitoke kwa hoja yangu, kwa ufupi hawakuweza hio bili. Nani alirudi mfuko? Kawambui hapa. Hawa wakikubali kufungua roho zao, hawa wakubali waongee kama wewe baba yao au kama wewe ni mwenzetu. Wako na madeni kubwa kuliko mshahara wao. Wengine wamelipa karo na hawajalipa zao.

Wengine wao hapa wamejengea wale watu hawajiwezi na mambo mengine na wao nyumba zao zimesimama. Ikifika ni kuangalia mambo yetu, sisi tunafinywa. Na unajua siasa ni kitu cha aibu sana. Wanatarajia kazi unayofanya iandamane na wewe. Mungu atusaidie ikifika 2027 na iwe sijabadilisha gari langu, kujenga maghorofa au kupeleka watoto wangu shule mzuri, watasema mimi ni mjinga. Sisi hatutaki kuchagua mtu ambaye hakujisaidia, tunataka kuchagua mtu ambaye ana maono. Na wao ndio walikula pesa yetu.

Sasa nauliza kama hauwezi kumshibisha yule ng'ombe ambaye analima, unatarajia kuvuna nini? MCA amekuwa kazi yake ni kulima shamba hili ngumu la Kenya. Kenya ya ufisadi, Kenya ya unyanyasaji, ya watu hawajiheshimu na ambayo tunatusiwa. Huwezi pata mtu anasimama pale anatusi Mbunge. Tukiongea hapa, tumepata ripoti ya kwamba mmoja wetu kutoka magharibi mwa Kenya ambaye ni MCA, aliuawa na wananchi. Niambie ni nchi gani tangu tulipo pata uhuru na sasa tuko na miaka sitini, Mbunge aliuawa na wananchi? Hakuna.

Hatuheshimiwi. Ukifika pale unaitwa majina yote yaliyomo duniani sababu hauna kitu mfukoni. Kesho wasipo kurudisha ... mimi nimefanya kazi ya kuchomelea na ile kazi ya mjengo inayodharauliwa. Huwezi fanya na hii suti. Kama hamtanipatia pesa mzuri, kama sitaweza kujipanga... Kagondu mwenzangu hapa hawezi rudi pale kwa viatu, watamcheka. Leshuel pale mzee wangu wa heshima hatachukua rungu arudi kuchunga uko kichakani, itakuwa ni aibu. Rafiki yangu Kanyutu hapa hatarudi kwa ile tunasema kwa kikuyu *kumiria mara* pale *butchery,* haiwezekani.

Bwana Spika, nimeshangaa sana ndugu yangu ambaye ametoka hapa nimepata akiongea. Ukiwa mwenzetu mkiwa katika CAF, mmekua wanyanyasaji wakubwa. Nyinyi mnakaa yule msichana anaachiwa mtoto na mwenye kazi. Anakunywa uji yote, mwenyewe akikaribia anapaka mtoto uji apa na hata muosha. Anaambia mwenye nyumba huyo mtoto ameshiba sana lakini ni uji alimpaka hapa. Yeye ndiye alikula chakula. Halafu anaenda anaflash choo haraka ili aonyeshe kwamba mtoto anakula vizuri na tumbo lake linafanya.

Mko hapo kututetea. Mshahara ya Spika hauwezi ukalinganishwa na wa Naibu wa Spika ama na ya hawa MCAs. Na ili serikali ione kile tunamaanisha, naomba wenzangu hapa na wengine kote nchini... na ninasimama bila uwoga sababu Mungu ndiye huchagua na yeye ndiye huchuja. Nikiongea hivi ni mapenzi yangu kama Mungu angependa nirudi nitumikie tena, nitarudi. Kama nitaenda Ubunge na vyeo vingine vya juu nitaenda.

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Ninasimama na haki. Nyinyi ndio mumekuwa wanyanyasaji wakubwa wa MCA. Hata Kimondo hawezi tulipa kwa muda akikimbiza apeleke CAF. Nyinyi mkienda huko mnaongelea maneno ya maspika na vile mtakaa vizuri. Nao wale ng'ombe wanaitwa MCAs wanagangana na kazi ngumu wanazidi kufinyika.

Haki lazima itendeke. Kitu cha kwanza ni kumuomba Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni na sisi katika miungano yetu tuhakikishe huyu Firauni ambaye anaitwa CAF amenyongwa, amefinywa, ameshindwa, amekanyagwa na asahauliwe. Tukae chini tujue huyu mtoto anaitwa MCA yuko na mama na baba. Kwa nini anakaa kama yatima na kazi ngumu ni yake? Hio itakuwa ni haki? Kila mwaka mwalimu, askari na Wabunge wanaongezwa pesa. Wanjiku anaongezewa ushuru. Sisi tulilaani nani?

Mimi kama kasisi mkuu, nitavua haya mavazi na kuvaa magunia nikamlilie Mungu atuondolee laana hii ili tuishi kama wananchi wengine. Tumenyanyaswa na kuaibika ya kutosha. Tuko mahali pabaya na hatuwezi kutetea wengine kama sisi wenyewe hatuwezi kujitetea. Bwana Spika, kama unatupenda na kama utatuhitaji kesho, kama uko na watoto ambao ungetaka wakae vizuri katika nyanja za kisiasa, na unapenda hii nchi na ninajua ya kwamba wewe ni mwenye haki na pia mkumbwa wa CAF, enda huko uwaambie ya kwamba sisi tunalia ya kwamba tunalia kwa sababu tumefinika na hatutaki kutumiwa tena. Muangalie mambo yetu kwa sababu hata Petro aliuliza Yesu kama watapata kitu mbinguni baada ya kuhubiriwa hapa duniani na akamjibu ya kwamba ni mia kwa mia.

Hata sisi tunaomba kwa niaba ya hawa Wajumbe na wale wengine kote ya kwamba kwa sababu hapa hakuna UDA, ODM au Independent. Sisi wote tuko katika nchi moja na kilio chetu ni kimja kwa sababu uchumi umezoroteka na unga ungo kwa bei ya juu, hakuna dawa. Tunaongea kama sauti moja kila mahali. Mimi naheshimu Rais na ninamuunga 100% lakini yeye alinituma katika hii darasa ili niweze kutetea wananchi wangu wa Nanyuki. Hapa ni lazima nisikize watu wangu na yeye pia arudishe mkono kwa sababu hauwezi kutuma wanajeshi wako waende wakapigane bila viatu na wako na njaa na wengine wako tayari.

Hapa tunasimama kama wajumbe na sita aibika na sitaogopa bali nitasema ukweli. Tuheshimiwe na njia ya kuheshimiwa ni kulipwa vizuri na kuhakikisha ya kwamba tunakaa kama viongozi. Isikuwe kama msemo wa huko kwetu ambapo husema ya kwamba "*ngwaci ya mwana wene niyo ihoragia mwaki"* kumaanisha ya kwamba tukienda mbinguni, tutakaa karibu ili tuwe tukikumbuka hii siku. Mungu awabariki.

Speaker: Thank you very much Anthony Theuri.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I start by thanking God because we have got another chance and session to make changes. It has been long since I stood on this floor and I thank you for this opportunity. Because I have listened to these Members while I was sitting here, I want to start by saying that these Members, we are not pushing for a paralysis of County Government or leadership, but for justice.

Mr. Speaker, the renumeration of employees is an important aspect in ensuring that they are effective in whatever they are doing. That is why I stand on this floor saying that we should renumerate the MCAs better so as to facilitate them to go on with their jobs. I listened to the Deputy Speaker and there is one thing he stated and I would like to add my voice in it.

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Being an MCA, you must be a professor of everything. I heard him talk about health and I will speak about something else. Since election and my assumption to office, I have been working more as a chief than an MCA. At my age, I have practically qualified to be a chief because of the things which we are handling on the ground like even divorces. When the divorce comes, we are also handling the payment of fees for the children's victims. Besides that, I have got other roles. You and I understand that the place I come from, I have also been forced to be a security expert.

I am talking about all these things so that as the one who was evaluating the work which is done by MCAs, they should a be a little practical to understand the scope of the things which we are handling. We are not creating a political tide but all we are saying is that collective bargaining is enshrined in the constitution and I don't see why the MCAs should not be given that opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, as we do this let us also remember that we are making laws for posterity and future generations. It is so unfortunate that such an important institution like the County Assemblies which are legislative bodies, we can live at the mercies of individuals. What can prevent a future of the SRC from sitting and depriving us of even the whatever little that we have. We must therefore set a legal mechanism that can guide how an MCA should be renumerated.

I will also talk on behalf of other youth who would wish to get into politics as a career. Leadership as an MCA level is career damaging. Sometimes and allow me to be a bit practical and I am not getting personal. The way I was elected, I cannot get poorer but I am listening to some of these Members. I can practically tell you that by the time we are reaching the five-year mark, some of them will be poorer than they came into this House if we do not legislate or have a good political force, that sets things straight on how the MCAs are paid.

Mr. Speaker, the lack of fair renumeration has cascaded to other things. If you listen to the dailies, not long ago an MCA and I heard it quoted by another Member who spoke before me, an MCA was stabbed to death. That is a reflection of how the citizens are viewing us. So, it is not so much to ask that we be fairly renumerated, it is not so much to ask that the privileges of such bodies and Houses are enshrined in good laws. So, as I sit down, I want to say that I am ready to join others in this entire country to do whatever it takes to protect what is mine.

Mr. Speaker, right from the wisdom of our traditional cultures, we have said times without numbers that there cannot be peace without justice. Unless I am fairly renumerated, I will not be at peace and I will not keep anybody at peace. So, I will join others like I have said in the whole country so that we can march for our own justice and the justice of leaders who will come after us. Having said that, I wish to thank the whole House for their contributions, I continue to listen to and also for the opportunity to pass the same. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the adjournment. On my part, I would have wished for the duration to be a bit longer. The shorter the duration we make, maybe these people will change their minds. I like making a decision that once you make it, you feel that the solution has been found. I support because the Majority Leader had really proposed and also promised that within the next two weeks, that is when the best next action will happen. I am ready and eagerly awaiting.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of this House, let us also be a bit keen because I don't know whether it is because I was a bit late because we might also be oppressed even in the vicinity of this Assembly. You might lack a place to park as an Honourable Member of this House. The

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parking was almost full and we have realized that there are vehicles which have been parked here but are not mobile.

They are permanently parked here ensuring that there is no parking. That is your work Mr. Speaker. Even if we start fighting from the top, we should also try to iron our issues on the ground. Being an MCA here and when you come in the Assembly you lack somewhere to pack, that should be looked at. We need to look at it and in case the parking is not enough, we should have a proper parking arrangement.

Pertaining to the renumeration of Members, it is fortunate because now the Members are enlightened. Mr. Speaker, being a Member of the CAF, also try and throw your stones at the top. From how the Members are reacting, they are not happy with the organization. I was elected party-less but that does not mean that I should be oppressed. It is very unfortunate because I got to see Members from a certain party being intimidated through a letter. If they were even intending that letter, they ought to have called those Members if they have any courtesy with the elected Members and even the nominated. The intimidation might cost the party more than they think.

Mr. Speaker, I am shocked because before I came here in the morning, at my home I always get visitors. I am aware that you know the cost of sugar at the moment and you know that when they come for any acquirement, they must be given a cup of tea. So, I go deeper into my pocket. on this one, we need to join hands and work together. I can attest to you that we have had a case where a student from my ward who had flourished and was nowhere to be seen, unfortunately, he was found dead. I am the only person who was able to go to the mortuary when the post mortem was being done yesterday because he was recovered and the post mortem had to be done.

Even the cost of fuel which we incur, we spend a lot doing for the community but the renumeration which we get cannot sustain. So, I wholly support the adjournment and in case it requires an extension of two months, I wholly support on the same.

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Asante sana, Bwana Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Kwanza nishukuru Maulana kwa kuturejesha kwenye hii Nyumba sote tukiwa wazima na tukiwa na afya. Nimesema niseme jambo ijapokuwa sote tu Waheshimiwa, kuna sauti haijasikika humu. Tumesikia tu sauti za wanaume na itakuwa hatia wakisema kwamba Wanawake wa Bunge hili hawako pamoja na wao. Nataka kuwahakikishia kwamba tuko pamoja na nyinyi na tunasimama pamoja.

Ningependa kuwaelimisha kidogo. Nilikuwa kwenye hili Bunge wakati uliopita. Nikiketi na kuskiza malalamishi ya Waheshimiwa wenzangu, kwa kweli nahuzunika sana. Nilikuwa kwenye hili Bunge kama Mbunge wa kuteuliwa. Bwana Spika, heri wakati huo. Sikuwa na majukumu na nilikuwa nikipata pesa nyingi kuliko pesa ninazo pata sasa. Majukumu sasa ninayo. Vijana wakitaka kutahiri au watoto wafukuzwe shule, wote wanakuja kwa boma yangu ilhali mshahara ambao nilipata wakati uliopita sio ambayo napata sasa.

Bwana Spika, MCAs wakiongea hawana fujo na mtu yeyote. Hatuko hapa kupinga ajira yeyote au mapendekezo ya Rais wetu ambaye tunampenda na kumheshimu. Wala hatuko hapa kupinga ajira ya Gavana wetu ambao tulisimama na wao na kuwatetea huko mashinani. Tuko hapa ili pia tusikizwe. Hawa watu Bwana Spika, kila wakati nikiongelea ya kwangu bila kusema ya wenyewe. Kila wakati Jumapili Harambee au maombolezi kwa MCA. Hata pia niko karibu kuwaambia watu wa kwangu waandamane na kusema hata kama ni kwa radio. Waaulize hawa watu tuliowachagua walihama au walienda wapi? Juu majukumu yote ni yetu.

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Bwana Spika, nimesikia kwenye hili Bunge tuna mhubiri, sijui kama nitamuita Askofu au tumuite vipi. Nimesikia yale amekuambia. Tungeomba hata sisi kwa unyenyekevu kama baba yetu, na ninajua nikikuita baba sijakosea sababu najua uko na msichana ama kijana wa umri wangu. Tungeomba hii CAF kabla izikwe na kabla mazishi itayarishwe, simameni na sisi. Kulingana na waliyosema Waheshimiwa wenzangu, ni kama CAF maombolezi yamefanywa. Mtu aliyebaki hapa ni wakurudisha shukrani juu mchanga isharudishwa.

Ningeomba mtusikize na msimame na sisi. Kwa hayo machache, naunga jambo hili mkono. Nasema hata kama ni kuandamana, sisi sio watu wa maandamano na sisi sio watu wa kina Lekopien watu wa sufuria. Tungeomba kukaa chini na Rais wetu na atuskize. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Catherine. Reading the mood, I would like to take this opportunity to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon John Gichuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Hon. Members for standing firm in supporting the motion. This is for a better future of the Members and the coming Members in the next elections. Thank you, Mr.Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, very much Members. We have been debating on the motion on Adjournment. Reference is made to standing order No. 29(3) I would like to read the standing order in question. It says:-

"*On a day where the Assembly schedules to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the assembly calender, the Leader of the Majority party or the Leader of the Minority party or another Member of the House Business Committe shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than 3 hours. After which the assembly shall adjourn without question put."*

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Tuesday, 20th June, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.47 p.m.

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