REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 12th August, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Chris Mark: Sorry, Mr. Speaker for interrupting you. We know that when you are in the second part of Communication from the Chair, there is a communication that we have been waiting for as a House from last week. We would be lying to ourselves by sitting here to try and debate a motion and our minds are not here. Our minds and hearts should be in this House so that at least if a motion is here we debate from it.

I am not going into details on this issue because you know very much about it. It revolves around a circular. I thought you would tell us here at the Communication from the Chair, whether we can have the *Kamukunji.* The mood of the House is for a *Kamukunji* after this. This is so that at least the Members' hearts can relax and we can continue. Maybe a guidance on that, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Robert Maina: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama ili niunge mkono ndugu yangu Chris Mark. Kuna mambo ambayo yanahusu hawa Waheshimiwa walio hapa. Tulikuwa tunangoja pande ya mawasiliano utueleze mambo ya *Kamukunji* ili hawa Wajumbe waweze kufikiwa na malengo yao.

Ndivyo tukasema kuwa Wajumbe unaona hapa huja kuhudumia wananchi wa Laikipia. Kama kwa njia moja ama nyingine wanasikia ya kwamba hawajaridhika, tukaona ya kwamba ni vizuri tuwe na *Kamukunji.* Afadhali Bunge lisimame ili tuweze kuongea mambo ya watu wa Laikipia. Mheshimiwa Spika, tulikuwa na wewe asubuhi. Kulikuwa na mambo tuliyoongea asubuhi. Hayaridhishi kutokana na zile ofisi zilizo katika hili Bunge. Tunataka Bunge la Laikipia lisimame kwanza. Waheshimiwa wahudumiwe na mambo yao yasikizwe, kutoka hapo tutaendelea na Bunge.

Mheshimiwa Spika, wewe mwenyewe ulisema hapo ya kwamba hakuna biashara katika Bunge. Kama wale Karani wetu ambao wanatusimamia katika kamati zetu wanapoenda mahali fulani wanaambiwa kuwa hakuna pesa basi biashara itatoka wapi? Mheshimiwa Spika, wacha tukuwe na Kamukunji. Tuongee mambo ambayo yanatuhusu kama Waheshimiwa wa Laikipia ili tuwe sawa tukihudumia wananchi wa Laikipia. Asante.

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Speaker: Maybe just for clarification from Hon. Robert Maina. Are we talking of one *Kamukunji* or two *Kamukunjis*? From what Hon. Chris Mark is raising, to me it seems that it is about two different *Kamukunjis*. When I was here in the morning, before we left, I said that I had a meeting with the Clerk Assistants and I will be calling for a *Kamukunji* next week. It will be particularly to discuss on the issues of the Plenary and business.

The *Kamukunji* that Hon. Chris mark is asking for is a different one that would help us to discuss the issues that we had here in the morning and the issues of the circular. I do not think that it will be wise for us to go and discuss the issues of the circular together with the Clerk Assistants. The *Kamukunji* for business will be done next week because the Clerk Assistants are meeting on Friday. This is so that we can have one for the issues of the Plenary business. The one for the welfare issues is the one that Hon. Chris Mark is talking about.

Hon. Robert Maina: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Hiyo ilikuwa *just by the way*. Hiyo ni kuongezea kwa yale ya asubuhi lakini hii ambayo Chris amesema ndiyo tunayoongelelea. Asante.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker as you can read the mood of the House, when we were here last week there was an agreement that we talked and deliberated within a *Kamukunji*, we agreed that on Tuesday we are getting a feedback on a report that concerns the Members pertaining the circular. I am sure that there is nothing else that is concerning these Members only that.

Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nimesimama hapa kuongezea yale ambayo Mheshimiwa Chris Mark amesema. Wiki iliyopita tulikuwa hapa na tukaongea kuhusu ile *circular* iliyotoka. Hata tukija hapa kesho na kesho kutwa bila kuwa na *Kamukunji* tuelewane, hakuna kitu kitaendelea. Ninaunga mkono vile Mheshimiwa Chris Mark, Mheshimiwa Kanyutu na Mheshimiwa Robert Maina wamesema. Wakati unaona mhemko wa Bunge sio sawa, wacha tukae chini na tuongee kidogo ili tujue mahali shida iko.

Watu wengi husema ya kwamba mimi huongea siasa sana ilhali nililetwa hapa na siasa kwa sababu hii sio kanisa. Mimi nilikuja hapa kutetea wanjiku. Wacha tukae chini kama Bunge moja ili tuangalie kila mahali palipo na dosari hata kama tutapigana tupigane kama Bunge moja kisha tusikizane na kuendelea na kazi. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika nakuuliza tafadhali uwache tukae *Kamukunji* sasa hivi ili tuongee tujue mahali shida iko halafu tuendelee na Bunge. Ni heri yule mtu ambaye anaongea kushinda yule ambaye ananyamaza. Wacha niambiwe ya kwamba ninapiga makelele lakini nipewe haki yangu. Asante.

Speaker: Allow me to give some three Members to also give their views. I get to understand it clearly that we were also given an opportunity because when we came here we did appoint three Members to represent the Members here. As we come together for that discussion I will give Hon. Matunge, Hon. Nyawira and Hon. Mugweru so that we can see the progress that they have made so that when we go for the *Kamukunji* we will be able to see the information that we have.

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Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, as much as I agree to what you have said. I believe that this House is not a House to discuss issues of *Kamukunji*. It is true that we were given a task by the Hon. Members to be follow and if you see the Members agitating over something, definitely there is nothing that have come out of that discussion or maybe what came out of that discussion did not satisfy the Members. For the sake of this House and issues of orders and HANSARD, I wish to stop there.

Speaker: Then I want to believe that the other two Hon. Members do concur with what Hon. Matunge has said and so there is no need of giving them an opportunity. We must agree here so that if we are adjourning the sitting, then we are adjourning as a whole so as not to continue with the business. When we say that we are adjourning to go to *Kamukunji* and back, then we don't know how long the *Kamukunji* is going to take. Therefore…

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, the motion that is here today is a very serious one. It is church adherence to guidelines and this needs the Members to be sombre and fully here to be able to debate this one. If we go ahead to debate this motion and our minds and hearts are not here, we will not be doing justice to this motion. The Member who is bringing this motion is a noble Member of this House and I know that if she were to speak she would say that the motion be adjourned to tomorrow morning when the minds are sombre and clear so that we can debate thoroughly and do justice to this motion. That would be my point Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Then what I would suggest that we do and I wish that the Members will agree with that, let us go as per the order paper, the mover of the motion raises the notice and when it comes to the motion then he can differ that motion. Tomorrow again we can be able to continue because it is not good that we came to the House, had business lined up in the order paper and we did not conduct that business. It would not be right.

NOTICE OF MOTION

CHURCH ADHERENCE TO GUIDELINES DURING THE COVID-19 PERIOD

Hon Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT, AWARE THAT the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the COVID-19 virus as a global pandemic;
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> FURTHER AWARE THAT Corona Virus has claimed more than seven hundred thousand lives worldwide with confirmed cases being over twenty million;
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> NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT the pandemic continues to pose grave danger to all populations particularly those in Sub Saharan Africa where overburdened health systems continue to struggle with scarcity of human and financial resources;
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> APPRECIATING THAT the churches were opened allowing congregants to visit places of worship but with strict guidelines put in place;

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FURTHER APPRECIATING THAT religious leaders, faith based organizations and faith communities can play a major role in saving lives and reducing illness related COVID-19 since they are primary source of support, comfort, guidance and direct health care and social services for the communities they serve;

This Assembly URGES the County Government in collaboration with the National Government to ensure strict adherence of the ministry of health guidelines in all places of worship countywide through the following:

1. Sharing evidence-based information about COVID-19, preparedness and response
2. Avoiding large group gatherings and conducting crucial and faith-related activities remotely/ virtually as required whenever possible
3. Ensuring that any decision to convene group gatherings for worship, education or social meetings is based on a sound risk assessment and in line with guidance from National and local authorities
4. Ensuring safe faith-based gatherings, ceremonies and rituals when they do occur
5. Strengthening mental and spiritual health, well-being and resilience, through individual contact (while observing appropriate physical distancing) and through social and other communications media.
6. Addressing stigma, violence and the incitement of hate
7. Promoting ecumenical and interfaith collaboration and peaceful coexistence during the COVID-19 pandemic

Thank you, Sir.

MOTION

CHURCH ADHERENCE TO GUIDELINES DURING THE COVID-19 PERIOD

Hon Judy Lukio: Mr. Speaker, at this point I would wish to request for adjournment of this motion until tomorrow, if you can allow.

Speaker: The deferment is agreed until tomorrow morning. The mover will move tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, you may rise. This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 13th August, 2020 at 9.00 am.

The House rose at 2.47 p.m.

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