REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 22nd May, 2024

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Thank you, Clerk, confirm whether we have got quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: I direct that the bell be rang for ten minutes.

(The quorum bell was rung for 10 minutes)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I think that we have got the quorum now.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we do have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CHANGES IN COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I am rising pursuant to Standing Order No. 1 and make the following communication on changes of committee leadership. Hon. Members, I wish to bring to your attention the following changes in the committee leadership. Committee leadership prior to the changes is that;

Transport and Public Works

1. Chairperson - Hon. Kanyutu and
2. Vice Chairperson: - Hon. Caroline Kihika

Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources

1. Chairman - Hon. Joseph Gitahi
2. Vice Chairperson: - Hon. Leila Hussein

Committee leadership changes

Transport and Public Works

1. Chairperson - Hon. Caroline Kihika
2. Vice Chairperson - Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki

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that happened on 15th March, 2024.

Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources

1. Chairperson - Hon. Leila Hussein
2. Vice Chairperson - Hon. Joseph Gitahi

The effective date was on 13th March, 2024.

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Morning) June 18th, 2024;

A. PAPERS- Report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the budget estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the budget estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

C. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Motion urging the County Government to develop a policy on child care facilities by Hon. Leila Yusuf.

D. MOTIONS- Report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the budget estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) June 18th, 2024

A. MOTION- Motion urging the County Government to develop a policy on child care facilities by Hon. Leila Yusuf.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) June 19th, 2024

A. MOTION – Motion urging the County Government to provide seeds to farmers by Hon. Salim Edung'.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative

business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) June 19th, 2024

A. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS - Response statement No. 001/2024 to the Chairperson County Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters committee (Hon. Mugambi Gatati) raised by the Member representing Mukogodo West Ward pertaining to the Status of cooperation for peace and development initiative on 15th April 2024.

Mr. Speaker, those are the businesses that we have. So, the Members should be prepared because when we resume, we shall be having a budget report. Therefore, the Members should liaise and familiarize themselves with the estimates so that when the report will come to the Assembly, all the Members should be in a position to defend their budget. Thank you.

MOTIONS

REPORT ON WATER TARIFFS

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

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report by the Committee on Implementation on reviewing of water tariffs downwards dated 2nd April 2024.

Mr. Speaker, I want to go directly to the report and I am sure that the Members have got this report in their gadgets. First, I want to start by giving the mandate of the committee;

The select Committee on Implementation of the Third Assembly was constituted on 26th October, 2022. The committee is mandated to scrutinize the resolution of the Assembly including adopted committee reports, petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine them. So, our main duties are to scrutinize the motions that come to this House and give beck the report to the Assembly.

The Committee on Implementation constitutes the following Members;

Mr. Speaker, I want to go direct to the report introduction.

1. The Water tariff is a cost recovery, this means that the Company recovers the cost of producing and distributing water and undertaking minor investments for the improvement of service delivery.
2. The water tariff is graduated, meaning that the less water you consume, the lesser amount you pay and vice versa.
3. The Water Bill is inclusive of the meter rent, water charges, sewer charges and conservancy fee, all approved by WASREB.
4. Attached, is an annex of the approved gazette notice to be found in the final report.

Mr. Speaker, I want to go to the main tariff cost.

Comparison of NAWASCO's current tariff with other water companies

Customer category	Consumption block	Nanyuki	Nyahururu	Murang'a
Domestic/Government institutions	1-6	54	55	55
	7-20	59	83	70
	21-50	65	95	90
	51-100	75	105	100
	101-300	102	130	110
	>300	124	150	135
Commercial/ Industrial	1-50	65	95	55
	51-100	75	105	70

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	101-300	102	130	90
	>300	124	150	100
Public Schools, Universities and Colleges	1-600	54	60	70
	601-1200	65	85	90
	>1200	75	95	100
Water Kiosks	Per W	35	45	35
Sewer Charges	75% of the Volume of water consumed at the specified tariff rate			

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the domestic and the commercial, you will see that Nyahururu is a bit higher than Nanyuki. Analysis of debtors, there are some areas with debts and they are pushing for payment.

The water tariff review process was necessitated by the following factors:

1. The existing tariff at the time had expired
2. There was continued rise in the cost of inputs such as water purification chemicals
3. There was an increment in the cost of electricity and fuel.

The 2019-2024 tariff review process focused on balancing the social, commercial and ecological interests in water provision for all. WASREB evaluated the tariff application, made recommendations on the tariff conditions, approved and gazetted. The process, they must do evaluation and gazetting when they want to increase the tariffs. They normally go round and invite people for public participation when they want to increase the tariffs.

A socio-economic survey was carried out by GAMMA EHS Consultancy Limited to provide a comprehensive study on NYAHUWASCO customer satisfaction. That is the process when they want to increase the tariffs. They give notice to the public even though when we went to the NAWASCO, we realized that in some areas they do not reach the citizens properly. So, we recommended that they be going round instead of going to specific areas and omitting other areas.

The Committee observed the following:

1. The Companies availed copies of the advert that was used for notice of public consultation through the media.
2. The companies availed a copy of the minutes of the stakeholder consultation meeting that was that was carried out for the review of tariffs. Attached, was a list of all the participants who were present. However, it was noted that the

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participants were not a conclusive representative of the residents within the sub-county.

3. That due to the economic challenges in the country, the company has no intention or plans of reviewing the tariff downwards any time soon.

4. The consumers especially the government entities do not pay their bills in good time hence, leaving the company with no other option but to increase the tariffs and the penalties. That is a big challenge because if the institution does not pay money, those guys go with the option of increasing money instead of dealing with debts.

The Committee recommends the following:

1. The companies should always ensure that any notice to invite the public for consultation should be placed in diverse places i.e. county notice boards, SMS notifications and church announcements so as to reach a wide coverage of people.

2. The companies should ensure that any stakeholder consultation for a should have adequate representation of persons living in within the sub-county.

3. The companies should carry out more citizen participatory engagements, so that they understand the challenges facing the consumers.

4. The companies should institute proper measures to the Commercial debtors so that they reduce their debts, as they are profit making entities.

Mr. Speaker, those were the recommendations of the committee and also the gaps that we saw in the companies, that when they want to increase the tariffs, they do not consult properly. The other thing we realized is that the institution does not pay money but they opt to increase the tariff for the public. So, it is assumed that those who are obedient are the ones who suffer on behalf of the ignorant ones. Those are the recommendations from both companies. I know that most of the Members here are customers of NAWASCO and NYAHUWASCO and therefore they know better than me.

Those are the challenges we saw when we visited those companies. It was not our responsibility to know whether they are making profits or not because that lies with the committee of water. Ours was to know exactly what should be done when they want to increase the tariffs and the current status of tariffs as at now. This is the report that we are tabling today.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of one thousand, they are saying that those are penalties but when you pay within time, they do not charge you a penalty of 1,000 but when you delay is when you are charged. So those are the challenges and I want to tell the Members that I am going to give another report analysing the motion that we have already gone through but I have a challenge that is facing the Implementation Committee. Those guys are not responding because I have written several letters to them wanting them to give me the status of the motion but they have not responded.

I want to give them a letter to summon them but if they refuse, I will give a serious recommendation to this House because that is the process. Most of them are ignorant and want to run away by saying that they give quarterly reports to the committee concerned. Mine is just to know the status of motions, whether they are implementing or not and if they are not implementing, what the challenges are. That can guide this House on the challenges we are getting on the implementation of the motions.

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I want to urge the Members to support me in this. I want to bring several other reports to this House giving us exactly the motions that have been implemented, those that have not been implemented and the reasons as to why they have not been implemented. I am urging the Members to adopt this report and if there is a challenge because they might know internally better than me, they will just give me a recommendation and I will take serious action on that. Mr. Speaker, I urge my able vice Chairperson, Hon. Gatati to second me on this motion.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the report by Hon. Chair. That report is a very important report to all of us because we need to be taking care of our residents and the electorates that voted for us. I am more interested in Nyahururu where "*Mama yao"* is the MCA. We need to sit down with the area MCA and see what those people are doing. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I open the floor for debate and I want to start the floor with Hon. Stephen Ndiritu.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imeletwa na Mwenyekiti Mheshimiwa Paul Leshuel. Nimemsikia Mheshimiwa Leshuel akiita Mheshimiwa Mugambi "Mr. Mugambi". Nafikiria anafaa kusimama na kuomba msamaha na aondoe hayo maongeo kwa sababu katika Bunge hakuna *Mr.* Tuko tu na Waheshimiwa. Ni vizuri aelewe hivyo.

Bwana Spika, huu ni mswada ambao unaongea kuhusu kampuni ambazo zinapatiana maji katika miji yetu ya Nanyuki, Nyahururu na miji mingine iliyo karibia. Hizi kampuni wakati mwingine zimekuwa kero kwa mwananchi. Nimesikia vile mwenyekiti amesema na yale ambayo amesema, amesema kulingana na vile kampuni ilielezea kamati. Kamati inategemea habari ambayo wanapewa. Hiyo ndio habari ambayo Mheshimiwa Leshuel ameleta katika Bunge hili.

Bwana Spika, jambo ambalo niko na shida nalo ni kwamba wakati wanaanza kuongeza pesa, hawa watu wanakuwa wajeuri. Hizi kampuni zimejaa wajeuri watupu kwa sababu wanasema wanafanya ushiriki wa umma ilhali wanachukua wananchi kutoka kila kona. Mimi ni shahidi ya kwamba hawa watu sio wajinga. Wanajua wakiita mtu fulani, ataongea vile wanataka. Wakienda sehemu nyingine wanachukua mtu fulani ili aongee vile wanataka.

Wanapofika hapo Bwana Spika, huwa wanapatiwa pesa. Mimi nimewahi enda kwa mkutano fulani na nikasema sitaweka sahihi kwa sababu mambo ambayo wanasema hapa ni ukora. Wakileta watu kumi, hao watu wanaongea vile wanataka. Mwishowe wanapatiwa elfu moja na mia tano ambayo ni ya kwenda nyumbani. Hiyo ni hongo. Kama ukweli ni kuwa wanataka kuwasaidia wananchi, waende Baraka na waweke hema hapo waketi chini kwa sababu hizi kampuni ziko na pesa.

Wawaite wananchi hapo na wawambie wamekuja na tunataka tuwaombe kuongeza ili mwananchi ambaye ndiye mtumiaji apate nafasi ya kutoa maoni yake na kusikizwa. Yeye akisema iongezwe ni sawa kwa sababu ni kulingana na vile yeye anajiweza. Bwana Spika, kwa hii wanaita watu kwenye hoteli. Yule mwananchi ambaye anaitwa hoteli ya *Sport Man Arms* ama klabu, wengine hawajawahi kuingia.

Akiambiwa tunataka kufikisha maji shilingi elfu mbili, anakubali tu kwa sababu amefurahishwa na hayo mazingira ambayo ameingia kwa hiyo hoteli. Yale mambo ambayo ataamuliwa pale ni mambo ambayo yatawadhuru wengine ambao hawajaingia. Mimi ningetaka kamati ambayo inahusika na maji wafanye upelelezi na wajue ni kwa nini maji inaongezwa

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kiholela. Kama ni ushiriki wa umma, ufanyiwe Nyahururu katika Kijiji cha Maina. Hao ndiyo wananchi ambao wako chini na hao ndio wanajua uchungu.

Wakitoka hapo, waende Manguo na wakitoka huko waingie Likii. Wakitoka Likii waingie Baraka, Nturukuma na mahali popote ambapo kuna hiyo maji ili mwananchi aweze kupata haki ambayo anakusudia. Mheshimiwa Spika, kisheria hizi kampuni hazifai kupata faida yeyote kwa sababu wakipata faida wanafaa kufungwa jela kwa sababu ni dhidi ya sheria ambayo ilitengeneza hizi kampuni.

Bwana Spika, tukienda kwa hizo kampuni, ile pesa wanapata, wakati wanafanyiwa ukaguzi, kuna vile wanafanya. Wanajaribu kukarabati na hao wakaguzi mpaka wanahakikisha ya kwamba kampuni haijapata faida kwa sababu wakitangaza faida yeyote, ni kinyume cha sheria. Bwana Spika, ile pesa inabaki kama ni ile ambayo iko juu kuna vile wanapanga na wanakula. Watu wanaendesha magari makubwa kama Prado. Wengine ni matajiri na wanakula mifuko ya masikini.

Ni lazima tukae macho na tuangalie hawa watu. Bwana Spika, nimesikia Mwenyekiti akilalamika kwamba unawaandikia barua na hawakuji. Bwana Spika, hii ni Bunge la kutunga Sheria na ndiyo iko na nguvu yote. Ningeomba Waheshimiwa na kamati tufanye kazi yetu inavyostahili kwa sababu Bunge haifai kuita mtu kisha akuambie hakuji. Kama hakuji anafaa kuandika barua na akuambie hataweza kuja siku fulani na sababu fulani.

Bwana Spika, kwa kusema harudishi, hafai kuwa kwa kazi kwa sababu Bunge hili hutenda kwa niaba ya mwananchi. Sheria yetu ya Kenya inasema nguvu yote iko mamlaka ya mwananchi. Sisi hapa tunawakilisha mwananchi. Kwa hivyo, mwananchi anatumia hiyo nguvu akijificha na anatumia na sisi. Wakati tunamwita mtu ili atuambie yale ambayo yanatendeka katika hiyo idara, anafaa kukimbia kama mtoto ni kama hatuna nguvu ya kuuma.

Sisi tunafaa kutenda vilivyo na tuhakikishe ya kwamba wale ambao wamepewa kazi wanafanya. Usipofanya, funga virago uende nyumbani. Hawa watu wasipofanya kazi Bwana Spika, sisi ndio tutaumia. Niliomba kura na kuambia wananchi na hata wakati Gavana alikuwa anaapishwa nilisema vizuri sana kuwa mambo ya kuweka penalti ya elfu moja iondolewe lakini hawa watu wamekuwa wajeuri.

Gavana anawaambia lakini hawatoi na mwananchi anaendelea kuumia. Umesikia vile amesema hapa kuwa taasisi kama Bunge kama hii ambayo inapatiwa bilioni za pesa, wanajeshi na wengine ambao wanapokea pesa nyingi kutoka kwa serikali hawalipi maji. Kama hamlipi maji, badala ya hizo taasisi kuchukuliwa hatua wanaongezea mwananchi pesa. Hiyo ni kutokuwa na uwezo. Huwezi kuchukua mzigo wangu na uwekelee yule mwingine.

Tumia sheria kwa kukata maji, kama ni Bunge kwa sababu kila wakati huwa tunasoma bajeti ya maji. Hakuna wakati unafaa kukosa kulipa maji isipokuwa tunapeana bajeti na pesa inawekwa kwa mifuko ya watu. Hiyo ndiyo shida ambayo tuko nayo hapa. Saa hii, kila mtu hapa analia. Waheshimiwa na wafanyikazi wanalia hakuna pesa. Bwana Spika, nilisimamishwa na wafanyikazi wengine hapa wakaniambia kuwa huu mwaka wote, pesa ambayo wamelipwa ni elfu thelathini.

Bwana Spika, elfu thelathini kwa mwaka mmoja ni madharau na tunatenga pesa. Isipokuwa tuambiwe hii pesa inaenda kwa mfuko ya nani kwa sababu tumepitisha pesa zaidi za milioni ishirini na tano. Bwana Spika, hii pesa inakulwa na nani. Hii ni kumaanisha kuna watu wanakula. Wengine hapa wamenona kama *Mulmulwas* kwa sababu wamekula pesa na ni lazima tujue ni akina nani wanakula. Hatuwezi kukaa hapa na tunatengeneza bajeti lakini pesa inaenda.

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Hawa watu tu ndio unaona kwa hizi kampuni. Tunaweka pesa na taasisi inakataa kulipa kisha wanaenda kwa mwananchi. Kwa hivyo, mwananchi ndiye anaumia. Waheshimiwa nawaambia waziri asipofanya kazi mwananchi hajui waziri. Ananijua mimi ambaye nilipigiwa kura. Anajua Mheshimiwa Gatati, Mheshimiwa Wachuka na wengine wote ambao tuko hapa. Pia wanajua Waheshimiwa walioteuliwa na vyama.

Mwananchi anajua katika Bunge hili kuna mtu anaitwa Mheshimiwa Gathoni. Hata kama hakuenda kwa debe, alichaguliwa awakilishe. Ni kwa nini hao watu wanakosa maji. Bwana Spika, Januari na Februari utakuwa shahidi wangu kwamba watu huwa hawapati maji na bado tuko na hizi kampuni. Wanafanya nini ili kuhakikisha ya kwamba Januari na Februari tutakuwa na maji na maji ya kutosha?

Ni mikakati ipi wamepanga ili mwananchi asiteseke mwezi wa Januari kwa sababu hiyo ndiyo jukumu la hawa watu ambao wako na hizo viti? Bwana Spika, naomba tuunge huu mswada mkono ili tuweze kuangalia hizi kampuni na tujue ni kazi gani wanafanya. Kama kuna wale ambao wamekaa kwa viti kwa muda mrefu, waondolewe kwa sababu watu wengine wakizidi kukaa kwa hizo viti na hawaombi kura hawana shughuli maji ikikosa ama ipatikane. Bora apokee mshahara mwisho wa mwezi.

Tuko na kazi ya kuza na Mheshimiwa Leshuel aelewe hili. Wale wote ambao ni wenyeviti tusimame kidete. Juzi nilisema tusije hapa kulia na serikali ikifanya vibaya na tunasimama kusema wamefanya vizuri. Sisi sio *sycophant,* sisi ni viongozi. Ama niko kwa serikali au upinzani, kama mbaya ni mbaya na kama nzuri ni nzuri. Tusiwe watu wa kupiga makofi wakati wananchi wanaumia.

Juzi nimeona MCA mzima amechaguliwa na mamilioni ya watu akipigia simu afisa mkuu na hawezi kushika. Huyo mtu alikuwa amekuja hapa kutueleza akipata hicho kiti atatusaidia katika wadi zetu. Wanaposema haya mambo yote hapa, unaona kama hao ni malaika. Wanapopata hizo viti wanakuwa wajeuri. Hawa watu wameona kama sisi ni wajinga. Unapiga simu na hawapokei na sisi ndio tuliwapatia kazi.

Mheshimiwa Spika na Waheshimiwa, tunafaa kusimama kidete na kama kuna Waziri na Afisa Wakuu, nilisema jana haya majina tunawaita ndio inawafanya wawe na vichwa ngumu. Wacha mtu aitwe jina lake ama Mwanachama wa Kamati kuu ambayo inaongozwa na Gavana. Hapo ndipo ataona ukweli yeye si mkubwa lakini ukiita mtu waziri unapompigia simu, atachukua kama nani na umembatiza majina makubwa.

Kwa sasa mkianza kuniita mtukufu, nitaanza kuzima simu zao. Nitaona kama mimi ni tajiri. Ni lazima tujue mtoto uleavyo ndivyo akuavyo. Waheshimiwa nawaomba, *on this one let us be united so that we can face those people who are not working well*. Bwana Spika, pole kwa kuvuja Kanuni za Bunge na kuongea lugha mbili. Asante na Mungu awabariki.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, thank you very much. I am still opening the floor, but let us take cognizant that we have three motions today. This is the first one, so we still have other two.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the report by Hon. Leshuel, the Member for Mukogodo East but I pity myself if not you because in between his speech, he said that he is helpless. He has been calling people, he has been writing letters yet they are not responding. Mr. Speaker, as much as we have been following the Standing Orders, in the spirit of diversity, there is a saying in French that says and I hope it is going to be translated because they are the majority *Muthuthiri wa mwana angirira angikirio nu.*

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It is simply saying if you are the nanny and the baby is crying then you start crying, who will help the other. My whole hope is on him. This is his third term, so he has all that is required. I am looking upon him now. Mr. Speaker, if he is crying and we are crying, where are we heading. Mr. Speaker, whatever he needs we are going to equip Hon. Leshuel. Hon. Leshuel, I will say this speaking to you as a Moran, in whatever capacity whoever is not picking your call, bring him here.

That is arrogance of the highest order. I am going to deal with them the way they are going to be dealt with and it should be noted in this House. We are Honourable Members at the back, so I will continue to urge this House that it is the high time we know our priorities that our work is oversight. I echo what Hon. Stephen has said here that we are not going to baby sit anyone. Those big names are making people lazy and arrogant. Mr. Speaker, we shall be calling them by their names.

Whoever is not responding to this House is not worthy to be earning from the citizen's money. Those who made this Constitution should be ashamed of themselves. When we will have time to sit with them, we are going to tell them to consider. As you are seated here Mr. Speaker, you are the leader. You are the man in power and if you cough, we will have to answer you.

Whoever drafted this Constitution brought us to the Assembly, so the Speaker should be the head of this House. Mr. Speaker, even the salary and the privileges say so. You are living well and we are not envious. In fact, we are supporting you. How comes a CECM who came the other day almost crying, we vetted them and gave them jobs yet they are earning more than us. That is why they cannot respect us Mr. Speaker.

This House has agreed that we are going to work on them. I know this is being captured in the HANSARD so whoever comes here, is going to be a lesson to others. We are going to sack them regardless of what is going to happen. We are going to recommend the sacking of CO's. We are going to impeach the CECMs until the value of the money of the people of Laikipia is felt on the ground. Let this be the last time Hon. Leshuel is saying that he is helpless. You are not helpless. We are going to deal with them inside and outside.

Give us the names we deal with them because they are bringing shame and pity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker I support. I am going to echo the question that have been asked by Hon. Stephen that we let the relevant water bodies tell us how they are preparing themselves because we are expecting drought early next year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anthony Theuri. Before I give other Hon. Members, I want to take you to our Standing Order Number 189; Hon. Leshuel who is the Chair should listen to this carefully;

Committee on Implementation

(1) There shall be a select committee to be known as the Committee on Implementation.

(2) The Committee shall scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly (including adopted committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine;

(a)whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented; and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary; and

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(b) whether or not legislation passed by the Assembly has been operationalised and where operationalised, the extent to which such operationalisation has taken place within the minimum time necessary.

(3) The Committee may propose to the Assembly, sanctions against any member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.

This calls upon the Chair for implementation, kindly act on the complaints of Members, for those Executive Committee Members who are not responding to the summon or calls by Hon. Members and Committees. Thank you, very much. The floor is still open and I am glad our Standing Orders have given us appropriately apportioned power to various committees. Remember in the sitting of a committee, you exercise all the authority of the Assembly. Thank you. Hon. Gatati, are you planning to speak?

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: I think that I only seconded and I stand guided. I want to contribute also because the Implementation Committee is the only one that can save us now. It is very bad to hear from a Member that they are calling the Chief Officers and the CECM who are not picking their calls. In my opinion, we are the ones who have resulted to such cases because in this House, we stand in different groups. These different groups, we usually group ourselves in certain interests.

There is a saying that those animals which eat grass, the time they realize how powerful they are, they can even chase those animals that eat meat. So already, we have been grouped as this group or the other and every time that we are divided, fighting you is very easy. So, I would like to ask the House to first unite because we are not doing this one for our own interest.

Speaker: Hon. Mugambi, Hon. Anthony Theuri, what is it?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: I want to stand on point of clarification because I only know that we have two groups here and not three. I want to classify them into two. The Ruling Party which I am a proud member of it including himself, and the opposition. The opposition are the minority, we only have two. In fact, I think we have bought them. I want him to clarify the two groups, if it is female and male.

Speaker: Hon. Mugambi, a clarification is required to define the groups you've mentioned.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Okay, there is something we call good group dynamic. Anywhere you place people in one area, people must group themselves in their own groupings. In simple terms it's called social loafing, people put themselves in different groups with similar thinking having same interest. Hon. Speaker, you know when we were in school, we were taught about group dynamics. I am just mentioning it's not about Government or the opposition.

I am just saying how normal human beings will behave. I am saying these Chief Officers are taking advantage of the dynamics of the groups we have. Hon. Deputy Speaker, you are one of them who are crying. The other day you told us that someone who was calling the Chief Officer of Health who is not picking your calls. How? How can it happen and you are the person who was elected together with the Governor.

Those people are only practicing something called Delegated Power. I would urge this House to come together for heaven's sake for the sake of the Laikipians and we shall be

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objective and we shall achieve what we were elected and nominated here to do. I want to remind you one thing; remember you are not only working for the people of Laikipia.

You are also working for the sake of the person who is above us and any action you will do here, one day you will be charged. That is why we were created and God brought us here to take charge of what he created and also to take charge on behalf of God. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Samuel Mugambi. Please allow me now to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I want to thank all the Members for the support and for the healthy contribution. I want just to confirm to them I am firm I am not crying. I just want to study the moods of the Members, whether they affirm because when to want to step on hot soup, you must have a gumboot or you must prepare for the pain. I am not crying and I will never cry. I know for you to take action; it must have consequences.

If Members are not ready for that, things will never be achieved. I am happy energetic Members are here, very able so if that is where it will force us to go then we are ready for that. Let's hope they will respond; they will work and if they refuse, we have all ways to handle them. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank them and I want to appreciate them for their contribution, for their advice and for their information, all these are very important to the committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am standing on behalf of The Majority Leader, Hon. John Gichuki Maina. I beg to move the following motion

> THAT this House approves the Standing Orders No. 28 (2) and 29 (4) to allow to alter its sitting by calendar by adjourning from Thursday, 2023 May 2024 to Monday, 17th June 2024.

Huu ni mswada ambao tumeleta Bungeni kuweza kubadilisha tarehe za kalenda ambazo zilikuwa zinatukubalisha tuweze kurudi hapa Juni tarehe mbili lakini, sasa tunataka kubadilisha kalenda tuweze kurudi tarehe kumi na saba mwezi wa sita mwaka wa 2024. Kwa kufanya hivyo, tutakuwa na nafasi ya kuweza kuweka siku ambazo zinafaa ndio tuweze kurudi hapa na tuweze kufanya biashara ambazo zinafaa kuingia hapa Bwana Spika.

Kwa hayo machache na mengi, naomba Wabunge tukubaliane tubadilishe kwa sababu tutakuwa na wakati tutakaporudi hapa na kuweza kupitisha bajeti ambayo tukichelewa kupitisha, tutakuwa kwa hatari na tutaanza kulia lia tukisema hakuna pesa. Pesa sijui iko wapi kama vile Mheshimiwa Paul Leshuel amelialia hapa lakini amesema sio kulia lia. Ni kuongea ukweli.

Mimi ningetaka kuwaambia hapa siku hiyo tukichelewa kubadilisha kalenda turudi mapema, tutaanza pia na sisi kulia lia tukisema hakuna pesa na tuko na shida. Naomba Mheshimiwa Anthony Theuri ambaye pia ni Naibu wa Spika na anaelewa mambo ya kubadilisha kalenda. Bwana Spika, wakati hauko, yeye husimama kwa kiti yako na kufanya kama Spika, aweze kuunga mkono huu mswada ndio tuweze kubadilisha kalenda.

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Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support on the same. I want to assure him that we are intelligent people and we know our mandate very well. It is just the lapse of things have not been the same way. We are going to promise the Chair of Finance that things will be okay and I am of it, we work on that day. It is not about the day Mr. Speaker, it is about the job we want to do for our people and it is okay that things go in order.

If we miss by one day or hour, it will cost us big time because it is time to be understood. In Kenya we have 47 counties and all of us are running against time. I support this motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I stand to support this motion. I am sure even with the situation, I can see all Members are tired except me because I was just hanging around. Its only that I have got some very good plans after we go to recess. By the time we are meeting, I will have gone to another level. I am very eagerly waiting for the adjournment and I am happy I will have a few weeks whereby I will be able to relax well, after I have accomplished well whatever is ahead of me. So, I fully support.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Simon Kanyutu. Reading the mood allow me to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Bwana Spika, nashukuru Wabunge kwa kuona umuhimu wa kubadilisha hizo tarehe. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RECESS

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, I am standing on behalf of the Majority Leader and I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT pursuant to Standing Order No. 28(1), the County Assembly do adjourn until Tuesday 18th June, 2024.

Bwana Spika, pia huu ni mswada ambao unazungumzia kuhusu kuahirisha hadi tarehe kumi na nane Mwezi wa Sita na ambapo Bwana Spika, Wajumbe wa Bunge la Kaunti watakuwa na wakati wa kutembelea wananchi ambao waliwachagua.

Watakuwa na nafasi ya kusikiliza vile ambavyo wananchi wanataka. Najua wakati wa uchaguzi kuna yale mambo tulikuwa tunaona kwa mitandao ya kijamii na kule kwingine na watu wakisema ya kwamba ni kusikiza mashinani. Tunataka tu watume kwa muda huo waende wakasikilize mashinani. Wasikilize vile wananchi wanasema na vile wanataka ndio wakirudi hapa, wafanye kazi kulingana na vile mwananchi amemweleza.

Tutakuwa na nafasi bora kwa wale ambao hawajapata nafasi ya kukaa na familia zao waweze kukaa na familia vizuri. Waweze kuangalia maboma zao vile zinakaa Bwana Spika. Waweze vile vile kushirikiana na familia hasa mama ili kujua mambo yanaenda namna gani. Mashinani iko namna gani maana wengine wanaingia hapa wanakaa karibu miezi mbili bila kuweza kupata nafasi ya kuenda kusikiza vile mama anavyotaka.

Unajua sisi wengine ni binadamu na ni lazima kuna majukumu ambayo tunafaa kutimiza. Wengine wetu ni Askofu na atakama sisi ni Askofu, kuna mambo hatuwezi epuka.

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Lazima tutende vitendo kulingana na vile Mungu alivyo tuumba kwa hivyo, mimi naomba muwe na wakati mwema. Mkae na familia vyema mzungumze vizuri.

Wale wako na nguvu, Naibu Rais alisema tunataka kuongeza kura, kama uko na nguvu za kuongeza kura, enda uongeze. Ukitoka huko ukija Bunge uje na kura, iwe moja ama mbili ndio pia nchi yetu iweze kukua. Kwa hayo machache, natakata kumuita kijana barubaru ambaye huwa anajiita kijana mkubwa kutoka Marmanet, Mheshimiwa Kimani kuunga mkono hoja hii. Asante.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second as the Honourable Member has stated. I am sure he is very keen though I am a senior youth, but by the time I am eating again he will confirm now I have gone to another stage. I will attest to him within that duration that we are going to recess, I will have accomplished and, I am certain.

I have a very good friend of mine; Bwana Karuiru. I will show him the tricks on how to accomplish some of the issues that he does going for a resolve. On listening to the ground, that one I am not a bit concerned because we are able on the ground. On this other recess, maybe they have sections but this one, I will just concentrate on my own personal issues that I am ready to accomplish.

I second and I am happy with the Honourable Member, we are ready to accomplish all that is necessary except one that one he has stated on increasing of votes. If he has decided on that, now to continue increasing them, they might be excess. So, we are satisfied with the ones that we have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to support this motion on adjourning up to Monday 17th June. It is important to mark the date so that on that day, we may have the full House in attendance. When we make amendments on something, like today, we have decided to appear in the House on 17th is so important that when we say we want something, we mean it from our hearts.

Recently, we amended the standing order to be coming in the House at 10:00 a.m. but I don't know what is happening and everybody was celebrating to be coming at 10:00 a.m. only to find that most of the 10:00 a.m. sittings, we don't have quorum. It's unfortunate, very unfortunate. Now that we have agreed to be here by 17th, let us put it at hearts that on 18th everybody will be present in the Assembly. Hon. Speaker I support, Thank you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rest in support and I want to remind the Honourable Member sometimes not to take too seriously the things said by Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, especially on addition of the votes. He needs to clarify by the time whatever he is saying that we increase our votes, it is a process. I understand it is on a lighter note.

On a very light note, it is also sad to be noted that members be reminded just as Hon. Daniel Mugweru has said that we have a program ahead of us. We are not only going back to our places; we are not going to add votes as he is saying. We have a program for us that it is tied and made especially on these standing orders. There are some things that we need to be reminded especially on our powers and our advantages.

I urge all the Members that they should divide their time very well. We have a program. We are going to Nairobi, we are going to Nakuru, Nyeri and we are not going as a tourists Mr. Speaker. We are going for a refresher course. We need to be well trained because we need to

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be well equipped for the sake of others. I want to remind the Honourable Members here, oversight is the key and secondly which is the most important thing, legislation.

When we stand here, we are here to make laws that are friendly to our people, that are going to help our people and also for the generations to come. We are going to be in the Guinness World of Records if not in this County. Thank you, I rest to support we need the adjournment as soon as now. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members allow me now to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to thank the Honourable Members who have contributed to this motion. I want to remind them that when we resume, we have a business in this House so we should go and rest and also be prepared to come from recess and pass this budget so that the county can continue with its development. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. Allow me to refer you to Standing Order No. 29(3) that states as follows: *'On a day the Assembly scheduled to adjourn, to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the Assembly calendar, the leader of the Majority Party or the leader of the Minority Party or another Member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion on adjournment which shall not be debated for not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put.'*

Hon. Members, we are at the end of this motion and therefore, we need to move to the next. Without any other order, may we all rise.

ADJOURNMENT.

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Tuesday, 18th June, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.35 p.m.

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