REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 26th June, 2024

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.45 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION(S) FROM THE CHAIR

APOLOGY FOR DELAYED SITTING

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I have got two communications to make. One, is to apologize for the delay of sittings as there was some errors that occurred somewhere. There was some work that had to be articulately done and hence the delays.

INVASION OF THE ASSEMBLY BY ANTI-FINANCE BILL PROTESTORS

Secondly, Standing Order No. 31 provides that not unless the Speaker for the convenience of the Assembly otherwise directs that the Assembly shall meet at 10.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but more than one sitting if directed during the same day.

Hon. Members, I regret to inform you that yesterday 25th June, 2024, the scheduled sitting of the Assembly at 2.30 p.m. was suspended. The County Assembly premises was invaded by the protestors who were large numbers at 2.00 p.m. that necessitated the evacuation of both Members and the staff. The demonstrations after accessing the premises of the Assembly, caused untold damages to the Assembly buildings and stole computers, servers and tampered with Assembly documents that rendered impossible to proceed with our session in a manner that ensures the safety of the Members and the staff.

Hon. Members, the Assembly recognizes the importance of like to peaceful and unarmed to assemble, demonstrate, to picket and to present petitions to public authorities as stipulated in Article 37 of the constitution of Kenya, 2010 and values the voice of residence. However, the level of chaos experienced yesterday posed a serious threat to the orderly conduct of our proceedings and to the safety of all Members and staff.

Hon. Members, the views aired by the public remains a National Government issue. This is a reminder to all of us that we need to be committed to addressing the concerns of our residents and communicating the decisions of the government in a manner that promotes understanding and cooperation.

Hon. Members, from the aforementioned, the Speaker involves the provisions of |Standing Order No. 1 owing to the factor that for the convenience of the House, it was not possible to have yesterday's sitting scheduled.

Hon. Members, the Speaker as at present assures the Members and the staff of their safety as we proceed with our normal legislative process. I thank you, all.

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, Hon. John Maina, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly approves the exemption of Standing Order No. 116 to reduce the number of days required after publication of the Laikipia County Appropriation Bill (Laikipia County Bills No. 2 of 2024) from seven days to one day.

Bwana Spika, siku ya leo nataka kuomba kuweza kupunguza siku kulingana na vile Mswada anavyosema. Kisheria, mswada unafaa kuwa hapa siku saba lakini ikizingatiwa vile hali ilivyo, nchi ilivyo, ile joto iliyoko hapa na vile tunataka, angalau tuhakikishe ya kwamba tumepitisha *appropriation bill* ndio Serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia iweze kulipa wafanyikazi na kuweza kuanza mikakati ya maendeleo ambayo itafuata kutoka mwezi ya Julai hadi Juni, 2025.

Ndio maana tumepunguza hizi siku kutoka siku saba hadi siku moja kumaanisha ya kwamba *appropriation* ambayo tuko nayo hapa, tutaweza kuipitisha na kupatia serikali nafasi ili iweze kutumia hizi pesa. Kwa hayo machache, nataka kuomba Mheshimiwa Salim aweze kuafiki huu mswada. Asante.

Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I open and allow the Members to debate.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: I support the motion.

Speaker: I wish to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and thank you, Hon. Members for seeing the importance of reducing the publication days from seven to one. Thank you and God bless you.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILLS

First Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Speaker: The Laikipia County Appropriation Bill, 2024 which has been called for the 1st reading is committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Second Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

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

THAT the Laikipia County Appropriation Bill, 2024 (Laikipia County Bills, No. 2, 2024) be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to request Hon. Stephen Ndiritu to second.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second that the bill be read a second time. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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

IN THE COMMITTEE

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

LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Chairperson: Good morning, Members. You may all have your seats. Members, this is the Committee of the Whole House and as they usually say, desperate times calls for desperate measures. So, I would request that as we go through this committee, as usual all rules are relaxed. Welcome.

CLAUSES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

(Question proposed)

Question put and Clause 2,3 and 4 agreed to)

SCHEDULES WITH AMENDMENTS

(Question proposed)

Chairperson: Mover to move the amendments.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that;

THAT Schedule D-4521000000 be amended as follows;

- By deleting the row named 'Urban Institution Grant' of Kshs. 35,000,000.00
- By deleting the amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2024 for other loans and grants for Rumuruti municipality Kshs. 112,214,879.00 and substituting it with Kshs. 77,214,879.00

Chairperson: Seconder?

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: I do request Hon. Gitahi to second.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: I second.

Chairperson: Any debate arising? Mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chair for the support and the approval of the amendment.

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(Question of the amendment put and agreed)

(Schedule D-4521000000 as amended agreed to)

Schedule D-4521000000

(Question proposed)

Chairperson: Mover to move the amendment.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that;

THAT Schedule 4521000000 be amended as follows;

- The description for D-4521000000 to read; "The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2024 for other loans and grants for Laikipia County Municipalities."

I do request Hon. Stephen to second.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Chair. I stand in support of the said amendment.

Chairperson: Mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Chair and the Members for support.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule D-4521000000 as amended agreed to)

Schedule D-CLASS SUBTOTAL (CONDITIONAL GRANTS-DEVELOPMENT)

Chairperson: Mover to move the amendment.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chair. I beg to move;

THAT Schedule D-CLASS SUBTOTAL (CONDITIONAL GRANTS-DEVELOPMENT) be amended as follows;

- By deleting the figure 931,406,736.01.00 and replacing it with the figure 896,406,763.01.00

I do request Hon. Salim to second.

Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Chairperson, I second.

Chairperson: Mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chairperson, for the support.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule D-CLASS SUBTOTAL (CONDITIONAL GRANTS-DEVELOPMENT as amended agreed to)

Schedule D (CONDITIONAL GRANTS-RECURRENT

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(Question proposed)

Chairperson: Mover of the amendment.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chair. I beg to move that Schedule D (CONDITIONAL GRANTS-RECURRENT) be amended as follows;

Page 6 (CONDITIONAL GRANTS-RECURRENT) Introduce R4521000000 Urban Institution Grant of Kshs. 35,000,000.00.

I do request Hon. Gathoni to second.

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Mr. Chair I second.

Chairperson: Thank you, Hon. Mary Gathoni.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: Mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chair for the support of the Members.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule D (CONDITIONAL GRANTS-RECURRENT) as amended agreed to)

CONDITIONAL GRANTS-DEVELOPMENT

(Question proposed)

Chairperson: Mover to move the amendments.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chair. I beg to move that;

The clause class subtotal (conditional grants-development) be amended by deleting the figure Kshs. 931,406,736.01.00 and replacing it with the figure Kshs. 896,406,763.01.00.

Thank you, Hon. Chair. I request Hon. Salim to second.

Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, I second.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: Mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Chairperson. Thank you for the support and the changes.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule as amended agreed to)

CONDITIONAL GRANTS-RECURRENT

(Question Proposed)

Chairperson: Hon. Nicholas, move the amendments.

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chairperson. I beg to move that; Schedule D class sub-title Conditional Grants-recurrent be amended as follows;

On page 6 (conditional grants-recurrent) introduce R-4521000000 Urban Institution Grant of Kshs. 35,000,000.00.

I request Hon. Gathoni to second.

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Hon. Chair, I second.

Chairperson: Thank you, Hon. Mary Gathoni.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: The mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chair for the amendments and the support from the Honourable Members.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule as amended agreed to)

R-4521000000

(Question proposed)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that;

Schedule R-4521000000 be amended as follows;

The description for R-4521000000 to read;

"The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2024 for other loans and grants for Laikipia County Municipalities."

I request Hon. Parleto to second.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Chairperson. I second.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: Mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chairperson for the amendments and the support.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule as amended agreed to)

CLASS TOTAL

(Question proposed)

Chairperson: Mover.

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that Class total be amended as follows;

On Page 6 class total that the clause, be amended by deleting the figure 69,165,000.00 and replacing it with the figure 104,165,000.00.

I call upon Hon. Lempaira to second.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: I second.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: Hon. Nicholas.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Chairperson for the support of the amendments.

Chairperson. Thank you, Hon. Nicholas for job well done.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule as amended agreed to)

LONG TITLE

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Long title agreed to)

SHORT TITLE

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Short title agreed to)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chair, I beg to move the Committee of the Whole House do report its consideration of the Laikipia County Appropriation Bill, 2024. Laikipia County Bill No. 4 and its approval thereof with amendments. I call upon Hon. Kuria to second.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Hon. Speaker, I second.

Chairperson: Hon. Benson, this is my first time to hear you responding in English. Well done.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

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

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

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REPORT AND CONSIDERATIONS

LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I now invite the Chairperson of the Committee of the whole to give the report to the House.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole House has considered the Laikipia County Appropriation Bill, 2024 Laikipia Bills No. 4 and its approval thereof with amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: I now call upon the mover of the motion to proceed.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that;

The House to agree with the Committee on the said report.

I request Hon. Salim to second.

Hon. Salim Edung: I second.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nicholas and Hon. Salim.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Mimi ningetaka kushukuru kwa kuendeleza huu muswada kwa haraka na ambayo inafaa. Ni vizuri nieleze Waheshimiwa ya kwamba mabadiliko ambayo yamefanyika ni wakati hii sheria ilikuwa inatengenezwa. Kwa hivyo, siyo mabadiliko ambayo yamefanywa na kamati nyuma ya hema. Ilikuwa ni hitilafu wakati wa kuandika na ndio tunarekebisha siku ya leo.

Speaker: Thank you very much. I now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you Members for the support of the amendments. I also thank the Chairperson for the support of those amendments. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

Third Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Speaker: Hon. Members, I now invite Hon. Mwaniki to move the amendments.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order Number 131(2); I beg to move that the Laikipia County Appropriation Bill, 2024, Laikipia County Bill Number 4 be now read a third time. I request Hon. Daniel Mugweru to second.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Thank you. Allow me to ask the mover of the motion to reply.

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the Members for the support of the bill. I also thank the Committee on Budget for the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF CALENDAR

Hon. John Maina thru' Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly approves the Standing Order Number 29(4) to allow it to alter its calendar by adjourning its sitting from Thursday, 27th June, 2024 to Monday, 22nd July, 2024.

Bwana Spika, ninaleta huu mswada ili kuweza kubadilisha kalenda ya Bunge ili tukubalie Waheshimiwa kuwa na nafasi nzuri ya kupumzika. Tunabadilisha kalenda kutoka tarehe ishirini na kuweza kusikiza GEN-Z na malalamiko ambayo inaendelea ikizingatiwa ya kwamba tumepatiwa majukumu na raia. Wakati raia wanataka tuwasikize, ni lazima tuwasikize. Bwana Spika, jana hapa kumekuwa na wageni ambao hawakuwa wamealikiwa na walikuwa wamejialika.

Bwana Spika, wakati raia wanafanya mambo mawili matatu, ni lazima tuwasikize. Jana kulikuwa na wageni hapa ambao hawakuwa wamealikwa kwa sababu pia hao wako na nguvu. Itakuwa ni jambo mwafaka kama tutaweza kubadilisha kalenda yetu ili tupate nafasi ya wiki tatu ili tuweze kusikia hawa Gen-z ni kina nani na tuweze kuwaona macho kwa macho. Ikishindikana macho kwa macho, tuwaone mapua kwa mapua ili tuweze kujuliana hali na tusalimiane huko. Wakija kunisalimia hapa, haitakuwa njia mwafaka kwa sababu itabidi nijipeleke ili tusalimiane kule nje. Asante na ninaomba Mheshimiwa Gatati aweze kuafiki huu mswada. Asante.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Asante, sana Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono na pia kusema ya kwamba ni muhimu tuende likizo ndogo ndio pia nasi tupate nguvu nyingi ya kuja kufanya yale ambayo yalituleta hapa. Vile Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema, tusikize wale ambao wako na matatizo kidogo kwa sababu ni Wakenya na Watoto wetu.

Bwana Spika, jana ndio nilijua ya kwamba Kagondu huwa na mbio. Ile mbio ambayo aliyotoka nayo hapa, hata nilikuwa nasikia ya kwamba alikuwa na shida ya mguu na kumbe ni uongo. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono kama vile Ndiritu Stephen amesema, mambo ya kubadilisha hii kalenda. Ukiangalia hili Bunge letu, ile kazi ambayo ilifanyika jana haiwezi kurekebishwa na mafundi tukiwa hapa ndani na pia sisi twende mashinani ili tukasikize Gen-z. Ni Watoto wetu na ni lazima tuwasikize. Kuna vile hawaoni nchi ikiendelea vibaya na wako na haki kwa sababu ni Wakenya. Wasikizwe na pia hao wajue ya kwamba serikali ni lazima ipewe nafasi. Wakati wanapewa nafasi, wasiharibu mali ya watu kama vile waliharibu mali hapa.

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Jana walikuja kwangu na kung'oa mlango ya Kaunti ya Laikipia na kuipeleka kuiuza kwa *scrap metal* na ikauzwa na wakapiga gari ya polisi. Wale watu ambao walikuwa wamekuja kwetu hawakuwa wametoka Laikipia.

Tunampakana na Nyandarua Institute. Jana kama ungesimama *supermarket* ambayo inaitwa Jamaa, walikuwa wanateremka kama nyuki. Kwa hivyo, walikuwa wanatoka Nyandarua wakija kuharibu. Nasikia ya kwamba kesho wako na nitakuwa huko. Siogopi na nitakuwa na kaptura na viatu za mpira. Mimi sitawauliza. Wafanye kazi yao ambayo wanataka kufanya kwa sababu wako na haki na hii Kenya ni huru.

Mimi ningetaka wafanye vile wanataka lakini kuguza mali ya serikali. Gatati akienda kutupa mawe sio vizuri. Waambiwe ya kwamba waandamane kwa amani lakini wasiguze hiyo mali. Sasa hiyo mali imeharibika mpaka huku. Hii ni mali ya serikali na sio ya Spika au Waheshimiwa. Ni sisi tu ambao tutatoa kutoka kwa mifuko yetu ili tuendelee kujenga. Kwa hivyo, naunga mkono watu waende likizo na sisi Wabunge tusing'ang'ane na hao watu. Tufanye kazi ambayo inatakiwa na kama ni kamati tuendelee kufanyia wananchi kazi. Hata vichwa zetu zimejaa mambo nyingi sana.

Jana nasikia ya kwamba walikuja hapa na kugonga magari. Leo nasikia hapa na fununu ya kwamba leo saa sita wanasema ya kwamba watatokea. Wacha sisi tumalize kazi yetu na hiyo ingine tuwachie serikali. Hata jana Rais alitoa ujumbe na hakuwa amefurahia lakini hao watu wako na haki yao. Ubaya waliofanya ni kuenda mahali Mzee Jomo Kenyatta huwa amezikwa na kujaribu kung'oa hiyo kaburi na hayo ni makosa kubwa sana. Wengine huja wakiwa na nia nzuri lakini wengine huja na nia mbaya kama hao watu wa Nyandarua.

Kesho ngoja niwe pale Nyahururu. Wakinipiga mawe ni sawa, hata mimi najua kutupa mawe lakini ningeomba amani. Watu wafanye kazi ambayo inastahili kwa sababu hii Kenya sio ya kabila moja lakini ni sisi wote. Kwa hivyo, tuombee nchi yetu, tujiombee na tuombee viongozi wenzetu. Kila mtu hata yule Wanjiku ambaye anashindana na Mwaniki, hata wao wako kwa kile kikundi. Wanjifanya ya kwamba wanaandamana kwa amani lakini wako na nia ingine. Kwa hivyo tuombee Waheshimiwa wetu. Ukikaa unapigia mwenzako na kumjulia hali. Kwa hayo machache na mengi, Mheshimiwa Lempaira nipe muda…

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to support this motion. You the old people have failed to speak up, therefore let the young generation speak for you. I support what they are doing, if you try to cross them, unlucky you. This finance bill is bad for all of us and that is the truth. Let the Gen-z do what they have to do. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Hon. Speaker, I am concerned when a Member stands and says that he supports what the Gen-z are doing. The destruction of property and loss of life in this country and there is anarchy. The same Member is telling us that they support what they are doing standing on a red carpet as an Honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker, these are the reckless statements that we are not supposed to come and utter in this House. So, we want a clarification. They even support the violence that is happening. Personally, I don't have a problem with the Gen-z. I was their role model somewhere but you see, the violence, anarchy, the abuses and destruction of properties. These are the things which we would want the Member to clarify what he means when he says he is in support. I was rising on a point of clarification.

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Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to make it clear to Hon. Gitahi that…

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira was just responding to…

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Mr. Speaker, no Members should speak until you give them the permission to do so. Hon. Lempaira just woke up and started speaking without any point of order. Kindly let us follow the order of this House. He should sit down until you give him the permission to speak.

Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Lempaira, Hon. Anthony is correct. Everybody who wants to speak must get the leave of the Speaker. I now authorize you to talk.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When you go and joke with the Gen-z, what I am in support of is what they are rejecting. I want to make it clear that I am not in support of the killing of the young people who were demonstrating. I also want you to know that it is illegal for the government to start shooting people anyhow.

It should be made clear that the demonstration is stipulated in our constitution. The destruction of properties including buildings, roads, bill boards and looting is wrong but the main agenda must be listened to. Those of us who are here, must listen to what these people are saying. You cannot overtax us and then expect us to keep quiet.

Therefore, I am saying that I am in support of the demonstration and if there will be a demonstration tomorrow, I will also join. So those who think that we are not supporting those people who are demonstrating, personally I am supporting it. The thing that I am not supporting is looting and destruction. The government must also come clean and protect the lives of these young generation, thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Members, I am not going to allow any other debate on that because we are time bound. We have got few minutes to be over. This meeting will be an illegality after some few minutes. For now, I want to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nashukuru kwa vile Wabunge wamechangia. Ni haki ya kila mtu kutoa maoni yake. Nashukuru vile Mheshimiwa Gitahi ametoa mchango wake lakini mwabie ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Lempaira ni wa upande wa upinzani na ni lazima akatae kila kitu kiwe kizuri au kibaya na hiyo ni haki yake. Ninaunga mkono vile ameunga hao vijana lakini sio kuwaunga kufanya mambo ya mauaji.

Bwana spika, kulingana na vile Mheshimiwa Gatati alisema. Jana kulikuwa na shida na kwa hivyo ni vizuri kumweleza vizuri ya kwamba imeandikwa kwa biblia ya kwamba kutakuwa na nguvu ya Roho Mtakatifu ambayo itafanya viwete watembee na vipovu waone. Jana ilikuwa ni wakati wa Roho Mtakatifu kuingia ndani yangu na nikaweza kutembea nikiwa na chuma. Asante kwa vile mmechangia.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURALMOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF ASSEMBLY SITTINGS

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Majority Leader, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29 (3) to allow it adjourn its sitting from Thursday,27th June, 2024 to Monday, 8th July, 2024 and to resume on Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024.

Bwana Spika, ni kama vile nilikuwa nimeomba hapo mbeleni tuweze kurekebisha kalenda ili Wabunge waweze kwenda kuongea na wananchi na vile vile kuangalia boma zao na familia ndio tuweze kuja hapa na nguvu mpya za kutetea Laikipia na kuhakikisha ya kwamba maendeleo yanapatikana. Kwa hayo machache, naomba Naibu wa Spika aweze kuunga mkono.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. On the same, I know that we have closed the debate but I would like to encourage the Members that as we go, we go for soul searching. Yesterday was just an eye opener that we as leaders need to represent our people.

Mr. Speaker, it should also serve to all Governors in Kenya and especially the Governor for Laikipia. It is the high time they listen to us the elected leaders and the nominated in this House. Whenever we speak out, it should be noted that we not only speak our mind but we speak for our people. Whatever is being cooked, let the decision and let the views of the Hon. Members be respected.

If they don't want money for water but want that money to be devolved to the youth, let it be done. I they speak of employment, let no Governor come to a level of making the decisions that the village elders are making. On this, I support that we go and be with and speak to our people and when we resume again, I am sure that the country will be fine. Thank you and I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Thank you, Members. I will now call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Nashukuru vile Wabunge wamechangia huu mswada ili tuweze kuondoka angalau kwa wiki tatu ili tuende tukasikize Gen-z. Kabla tuende, ni vizuri hata sisi tusikizane kwa sababu kwa hizi wiki tatu, tutakuwa tukisikizwa vipi? Ni vizuri tukae chini na ninajua ya kwamba wewe ni kiongozi. Utupeleke mahali ili tujue tutawasikiza namna gani. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Allow me to refer you to Standing Order No. 29(3) which states as follows;

"On a day when the Assembly is 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 of Adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put."

Speaker: Before I go to the next order, As Hon. Stephen Kamau has said who is also the Majority Whip, is that we remain behind as we end our sitting today, so that we can have our deliberations as a House in a small *kamukunji*.

ADJOURNMENT

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Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Tuesday, 23nd July, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 11.55 a.m.

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