REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 28th October, 2020

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 am.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MASS TESTING FOR COVID-19

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we are working on the recommendations we made from the informal meeting we had. Some of them have been confirmed but some I am hoping they will reach the right destination pertaining to the testing of Hon. Members. It will be on Tuesday but you will receive a communication on the exact time it will take place.

PAPER LAID

BUSINESS STIMULUS FUND REGULATIONS, 2020

Hon. Salma Zamzam: The report on Laikipia County Public Finance Management (Laikipia County Business Stimulus Fund) Regulations, 2020 by the Committee on County Delegated Legislation.

(Hon. Salma Zamzam laid the papers on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

BUSINESS STIMULUS FUND REGULATIONS, 2020

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion on behalf of the Chair;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Public Finance Management (Laikipia County Business Stimulus Fund) Regulations, 2020 by the Committee on County Delegated Legislation dated 27th October, 2020.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

BUSINESS STIMULUS FUND REGULATIONS, 2020

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

> THAT this House adopts the report on the Laikipia County Public Finance Management (Laikipia County Business Stimulus Fund) Regulations, 2020 by the Committee on County Delegated Legislation dated 27th October, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I will go page by page because Hon. Members, have this report. The Committee wishes to thank the office of the Speaker of the County Assembly and the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the necessary support extended to it in the execution of its mandate. I wish to also thank the Members of the Committee for their participation in the compilation of the report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Committee it is my distinguished honour and privilege to present this report of the Committee on Delegated and County Legislation for debate and adoption by the house. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee comprises the following Honourable Members;

1) Hon Jacob Endom - Chairperson
2) Hon Zamzam Salma - Vice Chairperson
3) Hon Joseph Kiguru - Member
4) Hon Chris Mark Said - Member
5) Hon Irene Wachuka - Member

Mr. Speaker, Sir, for any regulations to have the force of law, it must be shown that they are made pursuant to a provision of the Constitution, a provision of an Act of Parliament or a provision of an Act of a County Assembly (Laikipia County Assembly in our case) which expressly donates the power to make regulations to the authority that makes the regulations in question.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 is herein after referred to as" the ACT".

The Public Finance Management Act, 2012, under Section 116, confers powers to the county executive committee member for finance to establish public funds with the approval of the County Assembly. Subsection (9) of the same section provides that regulations may provide for the establishment, management, operation or winding up of the county public funds under this section.

Pursuant to these provisions, The Laikipia County Business Stimulus Fund regulation, 2020 was tabled in the County Assembly on 29th September, 2020 and committed to the committee on Delegated legislation for scrutiny.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, in scrutinising any Statutory Instruments this committee is guided by the provisions of the standing orders as well as the provisions of the Statutory Instruments Act of 2013. Section 11 of the Statutory Instruments Act requires that any Statutory Instruments should be forwarded to the Clerk for tabling in the County Assembly within 7 sitting days after the publication of that statutory instrument. Subsection (4) provides that if the Statutory Instrument is not so laid as stipulated, the Statutory Instrument ceases to have effect immediately after the last day for it to be so laid.

Considerations for the committee include whether the Statutory Instrument is defective in its drafting or for any reason the form or purport of the Statutory Instrument calls for any elucidation, among others.

Committee Observations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, these regulations seek to establish a public Fund and therefore will require the approval of the House. The fund sought to be established the (Laikipia County Business Fund) regulations, 2020 seeks to alleviate the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses across the County. The regulations further provide for the management and operation of the Fund.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, upon thorough scrutiny of the proposed regulation by the committee the following was observed:

1. The specific programs intended by the CECM for Finance and County Planning are not clearly stipulated in the regulations. The programs are outlined in other documents which are not part of the regulations. For purposes of proper oversight accountability and transparency the specific programs intended under the fund need to be outlined in the regulations. If this is not done we run a great risk of mismanagement, misuse and abuse of this Fund.

2. Regulation 6(1) provided that the CECM Finance and County planning may be the fund administrator contrary to the provisions of the PFM Act. The PFM Act expressly requires the CECM to appoint another officer as the Fund Administrator.

3. The Reporting structure in the regulation is not clear. For instance, it is not clear how the office of the Fund Manager relates to the office of the Fund administrator and /or how the office of the Fund administrator relates to the advisory committee established under regulation 7. It is also noteworthy that some of the roles given to the advisory committee such as preparing annual financial accounts should be undertaken by the Fund administrator as provided by the PFM Act 2012.

4. The committee took issue with the overall composition of the Fund advisory committee. Particularly it is recommended that the co-opted members of the committee be sourced from outside the Public Service. It was further recommended that the co-opted members

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have equal voting rights as the rest of the members.

5. The use of the term County Executive Member is used interchangeably to refer to the CECM Finance and County Planning and the CECM Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives. The roles of the two offices are therefore not clearly distinguished. This needs to be rectified so that the responsibilities of the two offices are clearly outlined.

6. Regulation 9 provides that the committee will enter into partnership with financial institutions. It is recommended that a responsibility of this magnitude should be undertaken by the office of the CECM Finance and County Planning rather than the committee for proper accountability. The committee being advisory in nature could advise the CECM, Finance and County Planning but the ultimate responsibility should remain with that office.

Committee Resolutions

Mr. Speaker, Sir, whereas the committee appreciates that the COVID-19 has had adverse effects on the country's economy and of interest to this house the economy of Laikipia County, and further appreciating that it is the responsibility of the County Government to find ways of alleviating this negative effects, it is impossible to ignore the errors and omissions in the regulations as pointed above.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, while establishing a public fund it is the responsibility of the CECM for Finance and County Planning to provide for that proper mechanisms and structures to ensure efficient management of the Fund. It is the responsibility of this House to ensure that, this is done to safeguard public funds. This regulation is therefore fatally defective, as they do not observe basic principles of good governance such as efficiency openness and transparency. They are also defective in drafting

In view of the above this committee resolves as follows:

1. That the Public Finance Management (Laikipia County Business Stimulus Fund) Regulations, 2020, be revoked.

2. That the CECM Finance and County Planning publishes the revocation of this regulations as stipulated under section 19 of the Statutory Instruments Act,2013

Bwana Spika, nimeweza kuelezea kama naibu mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Sheria katika Bunge letu. Kama mnavyojua tumekuwa na mikakati kadhaa na tukasema pesa ya umma ilioko kwa bajeti isaidie walioadhirika katika Kaunti yetu. Tuliweza kuwa na kikao na Waziri wa Fedha na tukajulisha Bunge nzima ili wakuje kwenye kikao. Wajumbe wa Laikipia hawakuweza kufurahia hizo fedha. Waliokuwa kwenye mkutano walikuwa na maswali kadhaa na tukaona kwa sababu ni pesa za umma na bila sheria watu watachukua hizo pesa na kufanyia kazi wakirudisha hiyo pesa.

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Bwana Spika, tuliona hili litapitwa na muda na sisi kama kamati ni jukumu letu kuhakikisha pesa ambazo zinatumika katika Kaunti ziko chini ya Kamati ya Sheria. Tuliona tufanye usawa na haki kila mjumbe aweze kuchangia. Tulikataa hii sheria ili watilie mkazo kile ambacho waheshimiwa walisema siku hiyo. Tuliona hii siku ndiyo inafaa kujadiliwa kwa sababu ikipitwa na muda itakuwa ni balaa. Tulichukua jumu na kuikataa na najua Wabunge wenzangu wataunga mkono.

Wakati tulikuwa tunapitia hiyo ripoti waliona kuna shida . Hatujakataa wananchi wapatiwe pesa lakini pesa zipeanwe kwa mikakati ambayo haitanyanyasa wanalaikipia. Naomba Ndugu yangu Kiguru kuweza kuniunga mkono.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga hii sheria mkono kwa sababu ya vile naibu mwenyekiti wa hii kamati ameelezea. Sioni haja ya kurudia mambo mengi lakini hili wazo ni nzuri sana kama vile kamati walipitia lakini njia ambayo inatumika inaweza tuweke kwa shida. Wakati naunga mkono ripoti hii nitasema kutoka mwanzo siku ambayo hii nakala ilifika katika Bunge hili, sheria ni wazi kuwa ilitakiwa kuwa tayari kwa siku saba na kuletwa katika Bunge hili.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ukifuatilia nakala zetu inaonekana kwamba hii nakala ilichapishwa tarehe nne, Septemba. Kutoka tarehe nne, hii nakala ilikuja katika Bunge hili tarehe 29. Sheria ni wazi kwamba ikichapishwa isimalize zaidi ya siku saba. Inaonekana kuna shida ilitokea kutoka mwanzo na ni kupuuza hili Bunge. Ninapounga mkono hili nitasema wazo hili ni nzuri kufufua biashara za watu wetu lakini pasipokuwa na sheria ya kuhakikisha ya kwamba pesa za kaunti zitaangaliwa kwa umakini na dhibitisho ya kuonyesha tuko na majukumu, kazi yetu ni kuhakikisha hakuna uporaji wa mali ya umma.

Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba wajumbe wenzangu waipitie na waone ya kwamba wazo ni nzuri lakini sheria ambayo tunapitia itakuwa makosa tukipitisha sheria vilivyo. Ni vizuri tupitie njia ipasavyo kwa sababu majukumu yetu ni kuhakikisha ya kwamba kuna uajibikaji na uwazi katika matumizi ya hela za kaunti.

Mheshimiwa Spika, naunga kukataana na hii sheria mpaka sheria nzuri itakapokuja ambayo itapatia wanabiashara kazi na pia ilinde fedha za Kaunti ya Laikipia. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report from the Committee on Delegated and County Legislation. Mr. Speaker, I also wish to recommend the work well done by this committee because sometimes we have a task but we intend to hide our head in the sand. Mr. Speaker, this committee has raised up because of the people of Laikipia and for the good image of this House.

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Mr. Speaker, when things go wrong we as an Assembly are sure and I can confirm this that the Executive will rise and say that the Assembly did that and passed. Now all the blame lies on the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, this committee will redeem the image of this Assembly by rising above the likes of the seniors. Mr. Speaker, they made the correct observations to save the image of this House and also to save the money of the people of Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker, when it is termed as government money, you will find people out there taking it lightly saying *pesa ya serikali ni ya bwelele na sisi ni serikali*. Those are the terms that people out there use. So government money is not taken seriously and if we do not have proper regulations, we shall find ourselves losing a lot of money in the name of government money. I support this report because the regulations are defective.

They have a lot of errors and loopholes which automatically brings negative effects as a House and the people of Laikipia. Having said that so that we may not be found just saying that there are negatives and they have loopholes yet we are not able to identify where the loopholes are. If the committee went through they saw what I have also seen, even I not being the Member of the same committee. Mr. Speaker, to start with, is that this House is composed of representatives of people. Anything going to the public, nobody should undermine this House because we are directly responsible. We are the ones who speak for the people, we are the ones who stand for the people and we were brought in this House to speak on behalf of thousands of people who are not in this House.

Mr. Speaker, we also have a responsibility for the billions of money that are brought in this county. We have a responsibility to protect and to do a proper oversight and so we need proper guidelines to help us ease the work of oversight. Mr. Speaker, in the regulations, you will find the composition of the committee. In page 7, Funds Advisory committee, says we are going to establish a committee to be known as fund management committee which shall consist of the Chief Officer for Trade, Chief Officer for Finance, the Fund Manager who shall be the secretary, Chief Executive Officer for Revenue Board and I don't know where she is coming from and the County Attorney.

Because we know those names, we can read between the lines. This is five persons in one. Mr. Speaker, we should ask ourselves questions because the money is going to the public. Who is the representatives of public in this committee? Because the money is going to the business people, who is the representative of the business people. Somebody who understands what the business people are going through. Mr. Speaker, being a CECM for Finance doesn't make you qualify to understand what the business people are going through.

There is that person who is touched by this COVID-19. We as an Assembly cannot tell what they are going through and maybe we are in a better position because we meet those people regularly. We need somebody who is representing those people in such a committee. Mr. Speaker, when we find that there is nobody, it raises concerns to we as the representatives of people. Mr.

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Speaker, if you go to part 2 *the committee may co-opt any other person within the County Government as it desires.*

If the committee may, then it will get another County Government Official. It is still pushing the people who are getting money out and far away. They are saying they may but they are the same people, the co-opted members who are flower girls and flower boys. They cannot vote so they are just there for ceremony. The five membership committee remains standing and the sole decision makers.

Mr. Speaker, if you go down part 8, b on functions of the committee. *They are evaluating and vetting prospective partnering financial institutions in line with the public procurement Disposal Act, 2015.* We are going back to the same problem we had before of us as an Assembly waking up going to Faulu Bank or the institutions that are friendly to them. As representatives of those business people we are supposed to say even if the committee evaluates, there must be a clause with the approval of the Assembly.

There must be approvals of the representatives of people. If we do not approve, they can choose the likes of the banks that collapsed some years back. We find ourselves being in problems. Most of the things need to be approved by this House because we are here to represent those people who are not in this House. Mr. Speaker, if you go down to the same page on part 2, the fund committee shall be answerable to the Executive Committee Members responsible for Trade in the Discharge of its functions.

Mr. Speaker, the CECM for Trade, is set somewhere to be the supervisor of the committee. I just wonder how things are going to be when we have a butchery somewhere yet we have slaughtered a goat where the Leopard is the waiter, the person collecting money is the cheater and a dog is there serving the customers. What will reach the customer? The customer will go with nothing.

If you go to the next part, *the Committee on behalf of the County Government, will competitively enter into partnership with Financial Institutions licensed to operate within the country for the same institutio*n. The committee also needs an approval so that we may not find ourselves in the banks that collapsed some years back. Maybe the solicited money from other counties. We as an Assembly, we must have a hand in this in the approval.

Mr. Speaker, if you go to the same page, part h on the committee function. *The committee functions is to advise the committee as regards the funds as any attendant issues*. Mr. Speaker, I don't understand why the committee is advising itself. The same committee advises us because these are functions of the committee. I don't understand how you are advising yourself. If you go to part 2, *the quorum of the meeting of the committee shall be the person presiding and any other two members other than the co-opted members*.

That is why I said that the co-opted members are just there to earn their per deim's but they are of no help in that committee. They are just there because they have clearly said other two

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members other than the co-opted members. If you go to part 4, *a decision of the committee shall be by a majority of vote of the members present and voting at the meeting and in case of equality of vote, the person presiding shall have a deliberative vote in addition to the original vote.*

Mr. Speaker, if I vote yes today and I am told to vote another time, I will still vote yes. This means it will be biased because having somebody voting twice and you will vote the same way, you cannot vote the opposite of what you voted at first Mr. Speaker. We need to be very careful with this money because it is our money. If you go to part 11, *the Executive Committee Member for Trade shall in consultation with the County Secretary Appoint the Fund Manager amongst the senor business development officers.*

Mr. Speaker, if you read the functions of the fund manager, this fund manager is the one who will control everything and if the fund manager will be brought in by CECM for Trade with the consultation of the County Secretary without the Approval of the committee and the Assembly, the fund manager is the senior person in that committee. He is the one who carries almost every function in this committee and such a person needs approval from this House.

Mr. Speaker, we should not take things for granted. If we are bestowing power on you, let the representatives of people give that power to you because we shall have ourselves blamed. If we approve the wrong person we shall be blamed because the public will say they were misled in presence of Hon. Members who they believe represent them.

This is a very powerful person, on interest, there is the not exceeding 3% which automatically we know they will automatically put 3. They cannot put 2% because when we say not exceeding 3% and the other part not exceeding 7% goes to 10%. My question is, having read all the regulations what is the bank doing on behalf of the County Government. All the people who are there are people of the County Government. Why is the Bank getting the interest and it does not have any responsibility?

We are responsible because we are giving out our money. Why are we giving bank these interests? Mr. Speaker, we must ask ourselves these questions. 10% being said is money for sensitization, where is the bank coming from in this. Mr. Speaker, in all these regulations, I didn't hear anywhere what is the security of our money. You cannot just give out money with no security. Who will pay? I as a representative if you tell me that you will give the people of Umande money and there is no security, I am the one to go and tell them not to pay that government money. They will get you nowhere.

We are the same people who we are going to tell them not to pay because it has no security, no guarantees and we will take it as if we have given out money. We need to either have the guarantors to be security of our money. Mr. Speaker, in future we cannot just give out money, this money should be revolving. Today there is COVID and tomorrow there will be something else. Shall we go back to our funds and give out money just like that. The money should be revolving and we need to be very careful. How will that money come in because tomorrow and the day after

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tomorrow after this Assembly, the county will remain and problems will be there. So the money should remain revolving.

Mr. Speaker, if we blindly pass these regulations we are going to find ourselves into problems. Sometimes back we had enterprise funds which was around Kshs.60 million. If Kshs.60 million went to business people in the best way, that money could have done wonders. Mr. Speaker, why are we not giving out Kshs.70 million today comfortably as a county without going to financial institutions?

Let us not hide our heads in the sand, when we start saying a turnover of not exceeding 3 million, we are going to have rich people in this county getting millions of money only to find people in Umande shopping centres getting 0 shillings and senior business people getting money because they are sure there is no security. Nobody likes paying debts. We pay debts because we are forced. Nobody voluntarily pays debts. If there is nothing that ties you, you cannot pay.

Mr. Speaker, I support the committee's report and congratulate them for the good work and proper insight in these regulations. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity to contribute to these regulations. First I would like to thank the Committee for the job well done. I appreciate that these regulations come before this House because it is a noble thing to do so that businesses in Laikipia can continue to run. Mr. Speaker, I will echo the same words an honourable colleague said on the time of publishing these regulations and the time of bringing it to this House. Clearly there has been time lapse for reasons unknown to us.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to repeat what my colleague has said but if you look at the composition of this fund it is very wanting and we shall not stop to say that it lacks inclusivity. It does not include the common person in the village, the people who represent the things that we are trying to awaken the business people. Having them as people who have no say in the committee is honestly not the right to do and clearly it lacks inclusivity.

Just like the enterprise fund, I believe the same will happen here. If you look at 13(2) *the regulations says that quarterly reports will be brought before this House by the CECM for Finance.* I don't remember seeing quarterly reports for the same enterprise funds. I believe this is a different vehicle being used to ferry the same work the enterprise fund did.

Mr. Speaker, I also feel the thought of competitively vetting banks and including banks that run in the country openly denies such as one Sacco that was denied an opportunity to be able to disburse funds to the people of Laikipia. If we must build Laikipia and buy Laikipia, then we must be able to competitively give to the Sacco's that are home-grown so that they can benefit from this opportunity and give them first priority because they belong to us and that is our motto.

I also have an issue with the 3% and 7%. If I look at the role that the bank will play, 9(b) the bank will offer training and other forms of economic advisories services to business

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development officers and enterprises. That is the same role which the 3% and 7% have set in code of business development support 19. They said they will offer training, sensitization and legal services.

Mr. Speaker, there is a mix up and overlapping roles within the 10% that will be given and what the bank will offer. The committee takes money away yet puts the responsibility on the bank to do everything. I fail to understand what 10% is for. I remember when we were taken through in a meeting, the government said that they will guarantee the defaulters. People will not pay. How does a government give money to the bank and tell the bank that if people do not pay we will pay?

Essentially why are you giving them the sole mandate to vet and ensure that these people meet the evaluated and then come on board and say if they don't, I will pay. I find that mixed up and not in conformity with the PFM Act.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the committee for the job well done and I also want to support the decision by this committee to publish the revocation of this thing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to shed light and contribute to this committee's report. I recommend the Committee on County Delegated Legislation for coming up with this report. Mr. Speaker, I am only concerned with the last paragraph by the committee that they have recommended this House to adopt the report on the revocation of these regulations.

Mr. Speaker, I know we are approaching the campaign period and there might be some people within the government that are promising youth and business community in the county with the public funds. These regulations are crucial in regards to the issuance of these public money to support the businesses in the county. Previously we have seen the Executive sneaking the bills and the regulations in this House without following the required timelines as per the Constitution.

These regulations should have come before the Assembly for us to have enough time to go through it. Previously I was not in the consultative forum between the Assembly and the Executive but today I got time to go through the document. I found a lot of anomalies and loopholes in this document. Number 11 that talks of *Executive Committee Member on Trade in consultation with the County Secretary appoints the fund manager to manage the fund.* This automatically shows that there are two people with their own interests because the person who is going to be appointed will only work according to the instructions of these people.

Mr. Speaker, the regulations should have been put clearly that the Assembly should also approve the person to manage the fund. Number 3, the County Secretary is also given another mandate to deploy the personnel. This will bring the conflict of interest because if it will be done by a single officer, this will bring a lot of problems. In these regulations we also want to see the structures on how the County Government will follow the defaulters. The county cannot be a guarantee of public money because there is no surety.

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In case a person fails to pay the money what else can the government take in order to recover the money? These regulations should be taken back to the Executive to come up with a concrete and a complete one. Mr. Speaker, if you go to number 23, *the committee may in consultation with the County Executive Member develop guidelines for proper management of the funds*. This proves this document wrong because it shows we can pass these regulations today and the Executive can have a leeway to develop another document to guide them in the issuance of these funds.

I support we revoke this document and support the committee. I thank the Members because this shows that they have gone through the document. I commend them and this should be our tradition that before approving any document by the Executive, we have to relook it. We have seen this Assembly approving documents that allow the Executive to spend a lot of public money. After approving the document, you will never see those people bringing reports on how they have spent money.

This is an eye opener and I hope the Executive will know that the Assembly have done their mandate according to the Standing Orders and the PFM Act. With those few remarks I support the adoption of the report by the committee. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: May I call upon Hon. Chris Mark to stand in for the mover to reply the motion.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the vice Chair I would like to commend the committee for the good work and I am proud to be associated with the same committee where I am a member. I thank everybody who has contributed to this. It is our mandate and fundamental duty to make sure that any fund that is created in this county is prudently used because at the end of the day we are the law-making House.

The Executive will always say the legislator gave us a go ahead and that is why we did this and that. This is a commendable job and I would like to encourage my colleagues to vote on the adoption of this report. It is a good beginning because we will do our work fearlessly and prudently without any biasness and favouritism but at the end of the day is to make sure that every single coin in this county and taxpayers' money is safeguarded. Nobody is above the law but we are operating within. With that said I would like to urge my colleagues to support this. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of the Majority party I beg to move the following motion;

PURSUANT to the provision of Standing Order No. 31,3(b) this Assembly resolves to change it's sitting for Thursday 29th October, 2020 from 2.30 p.m. to 9.00 a.m.

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will call upon Hon. Ndiritu to support the motion.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support this motion we change the sitting from 2.30 pm to 9.00 am. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Chris Mark: I support.

Deputy Speaker: The Leader of Majority party to give a response.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 29th October, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3:26 p.m.

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