REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 4th March, 2026

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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

DELAY OF SITTINGS

Speaker: Hon. Members, I first want to give an apology for having come late because there are things that were not ready on time. Since all has been well done, now apologies for the delay.

CHANGES IN THE MAJORITY PARTY LEADERSHIP

The second communication is on the changes in the Majority Party leadership. Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 19 (1) provides leeway for the largest party or coalition of parties in the County Assembly to elect a member of the party or coalition of parties to serve as the Bleared of the Majority Party. In this regard and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 19(4), I wish to inform the House that I have received a letter from the Majority Party Whip communicating that the UDA Party held a County Assembly Party group meeting today 4th March, 2026 at the County Assembly premises.

The letter conveyed that the meeting which comprised the Members of the party and the County Assembly elected Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi as the new leader of the Majority Party, following the resignation of Hon. John Gichuki Maina.

Hon. Members, the Majority Party Whip has also attached the minutes of the proceedings. Subsequently, the change takes effect from today the 4th March, 2026 and affects all offices and committee memberships designated for the Leader of the Majority Party, this includes the HBC Committee, the Committee on Selection, the Committee on Appointments and the Liaison Committee.

Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi and wish him well in his new mandate. I also wish to sincerely thank Hon. John Gichuki Maina for diligently and effectively carrying out his work as the Leader of the Majority Party since 2022 and further wish him well as he continues to discharge his other duties a s a Member of the county Assembly. Hon. Members, the House is accordingly guided. Thank you, very much.

Hon. Mwaniki, kindly rise. I would like to give you an opportunity if you would like to say anything to the House.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Members for giving me this chance as their Majority Leader I this Assembly. I promise to serve them diligently and will adhere to their views. I will listen to them and serve them right. Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to congratulate my Members. I will serve them without malice or division and will serve everyone according to the Constitution of the Republic of Kenya.

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I will listen to both Minority and the Majority because these Members are referring to themselves as Sifuna. Therefore, I will serve them as their Majority Leader in the best way I can. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. We wish you well in your new assignment. Now we proceed with the business of the House.

BILL

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 FINANCE BILL, 2025

Chairperson: Members, you may take your seats and you are welcome to the Committee of the and Whole House as usual the rules are relaxed.

CLAUSES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

(Question proposed)

(Question of the Clauses put and agreed to)

(Clause 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 agreed to)

SCHEDULES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

Schedule 4,5,7,9 10, 11 and 12

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Cahir. I beg to move the following amendments to the Laikipia County Finance Bill to be amended as follows

(Question proposed)

(Question of the Schedule put and agreed to)

(Schedule 4, 5,7,10 11 and 12 agreed to)

SCHEDULES WITH AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Chair, I beg to move that the Laikipia County Finance Bill, 2025 be amended as follows;

FEES FOR MARKETS, SERVICES AND CESS

PART VI-CESS CHARGES ON VARIOUS GOODS

1. Page 13- Vehicle carrying between 3-6 tons (Lorry, FH, FRR, etc.)- Add a new row after the row titled flowers, to read sunflower with a charge of Kshs. 1,200/.

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2. Page 14- Vehicle carrying above 10 tons (Lorry 10-wheeler & above). Add a new row after the row titled flowers (row 33), to read sunflower with a charge of Kshs. 2,500/.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairman: Mover to reply

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to read the amendments.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule 1 as amended agreed to)

Schedule 2

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Chair, I beg to move that the 2nd Schedule be amended as follows;

1. Page 21- Amend the 11th row- Flushing/borehole cleaning to delete the figure 50,000 p/hr and substitute it with the figure 10,000 p/hr.
2. Page 23, add a new PART XX -SPECIAL BILLS

   Add a new row 17 to read disposal of assets with a charge to be calculated as per the auction.
3. Add a new row 18 to read salary recovery with a charge to be calculated as per the amount to be recovered.

(Question of the schedule put and agreed to)

(Schedule 2 as amended agreed to)

Schedule 3

(Question proposed)

Chairperson: The mover, Hon. Stephen Kamau to move the amendment.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Chair, I beg to move that the Third Schedule be amended as follows:

i. Page 23 – Amend the 22nd row- Change of the location of a business to delete the figure 20% of SBP fee and substitute it with the figure 10% of SBP fee.

Page 23 – Amend by deleting the entire Part II.

Thank you, Hon. Chair.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: The mover to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Chair.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

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(Schedule 3 as amended agreed to)

Schedule 6

(Question proposed)

Chairperson: Hon. Stephen?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Chair. I beg to move that the Sixth Schedule be amended as follows:

Page 50 – Amend the 7th row- Commercial video shooting at Thompson Falls per day to delete the figure 10,000 and substitute it with 5,000.

Thank you.

(Question of the amendment proposed0

Chairperson: The mover to reply?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Chair. In this one, we are trying to attract tourists to Thompson Falls. That is why we are reducing that huge amount to 10,000.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule 6 as amended agreed to)

Schedule 8

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Chair. I beg to move that the Eighth Schedule be amended as follows:

A. PART IV – LAND RATES

Page 55, amend the clause after section A-Rate Struck (Valuation roll) by deleting it and replacing it with the following clause: "A proposed rate of 0.2% will be applied to the new Valuation roll (2022), and any increase in the amount payable will not exceed twice the current rates of 2025.

In this one, Hon. Speaker, according to our valuation roll, 1% of the current rate is a very huge amount. We are trying to moderate the amount so that our people can pay what is supposed to be paid because you cannot increase the payment by 300%. Therefore, that is why we are moving this amendment.

i. Page 57 – Architectural Plan Approval: Amend the 39th row- Agricultural; to delete the figure 10 and substitute it with the figure 20.

ii. Add a new 46th row *(after the row titled alteration and addition of approved plan)* to read Penalty imposed for non-compliant development(s) with a charge to be calculated at double the current approval rate.

iii. Page 58 – Structural Plan Approval, add three new rows, the 25th, 26th and 27th *(after the row titled Application for hoarding/scaffolding)* to read as follows:

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Application for development permission (Form PLUPA/DC/IC)	Per application			1000
Agricultural – greenhouse	Per greenhouse (16M by 30M)			5000
Penalty imposed for non-compliant development				Double the current approval rate

C. RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS/EXTENSION

Page 58 – Add a new 42nd row *(After the row titled regularization of buildings)* to read Penalty imposed for non-compliant development(s) with a charge to be calculated at double the current approval rate.

D. PART XIV – BUILDING OCCUPATION PERMITS

i. Page 59 – Internet Service Providers (ISPs) TIER on page 60, amend the 1st column titled unit, of the 4th row- Renewal of underground fibre optic cable to delete the words "per meter per year" and substitute them with the words "flat rate per year."

ii. Amend the first column titled unit, of the 5th row- Renewal of overhead fibre optic cable on poles to delete the words "per post per year" and substitute them with the words "flat rate per year."

E Page 67, add a new PART XXII -PROPERTY TAX

Add a new row 46 to read Penalty charge for post-subdivision and land amalgamation approval, with a charge to be calculated at double the current rate of approval for subdivision and amalgamation.

Thank you, Hon. Chair.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: Mover to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Chair and thank you, Honourable Members for listening to those changes and agreeing with the committee amendments.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Schedule 8 as amended agreed to)

INTERPRETATION

Clause 2

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

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LONG TITLE

(*Question proposed)*

(Question put and agreed to)

SHORT TITLE

Citation

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Chairperson: Mover.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Chair.

REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2025

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Chair, I beg to move that;

The Committee of the Whole House do report to the Assembly its consideration of the Laikipia County Finance Bill, 2025, Laikipia County Bill No. 5 and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

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

Speaker: Take your seats. Thank you, Hon. Members. We are back to the House. I will now take this time to ask the Chair of the Whole House to report to the House.

Chairperson: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the Laikipia County Finance Bill 2025, Laikipia County Bill No. 5 and its approval thereof with amendment. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: I invite the mover.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move that;

The House do agree with the committee on the said report.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THIRD READING

THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2025

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131(2) I beg to move;

THAT the Laikipia County Finance Bill, 2025, Laikipia County Bill No. 5, be now read at that time.

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Mr. Speaker, on the Committee of the Whole House, we have made some changes on this bill and all Members have agreed with the changes. We also agree with the schedule without amendment and we have done it together. Therefore, Hon. Speaker, I beg Hon. Leshuel, who sits second to me and who happens to be very active in this House in all avenues to second these amendments. Thank you.

Speaker: Welcome, Hon. Leshuel.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the amendments and also the bill without amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

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

MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE CALENDAR OF THE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The Members are very happy because Members missed something. They have just missed the changes in this Assembly but today we will move on as it is. Thank you, Hon. Lekopien. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, notwithstanding the Resolutions of the House of 24th February 2026 and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29(4) (Calendar of the Assembly), this House resolves to alter its Calendar;
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> (i) So as to commence the short recess on Thursday, 12th March, 2026 and end it on Monday, 30th March, 2026; and
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> (ii) Resume Regular Sittings on Tuesday, 31st March 2026 to proceed with the First Part of the Session.

Mr. Speaker, as we proceed for recess this motion is to alter the calendar because we were to move on recess this week but still, we have altered it so that we can move on next week. We have pending businesses in this Assembly that we need to expedite with so that we will be able to serve our people right in this county.

That is why we have altered this calendar so that we can be able to finish up the business and polish up the works that are pending so that we can be able to move to recess when we have done away with the Business of this House. I call upon Hon. Leshuel to second this.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand to second. We have altered the calendar for just one week, so that we can be able to finish our pending issues before we go for recess. Mr. Speaker, that's the reason why we decided. We have another one week so that we can be able to finish all those pending issues. I second, thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I open the floor for the Members who may need to contribute to this debate. Hon. Stephen.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada ambayo imeletwa na Kiongozi wa Wengi, Hon. Muturi. Ni vyema kukubali yaliyomo,

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kwa kweli kalenda yetu inatupa muda wa kwenda mapumziko. Lakini, ukiangalia vile hali iliyo na vile, kazi yetu inahitaji kufanyika kila wakati, tumeonelea ya kwamba tujinyime ndio tuweze kufanyia wananchi kazi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hata kama inawezekana tungeongezewa wiki zingine, ndiposa tukae hapa kufanya kazi kwa maana tulichaguliwa tufanye kazi. Tumetoka hapa juzi na tukaongea na wananchi, na wakatueleza yale ambayo wanataka ifanyike. Sasa tumekuja hapa ile tuweze kuyatekeleza. Tukiweza kufuata hiyo kalenda ya kwenda nyumbani tukapumzike, hiyo ni kunyima mwananchi haki yake ya kuwakilishwa kwenye Bunge hili. Hata kama ni kufanya usiku na mchana, kweli tutafanyia wakaazi kazi kwa sababu hiyo ndiyo lengo letu tulipochaguliwa. Naunga mkono kuongezwa kwa muda ya kufanya kazi, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion on the alteration of the calendar. Actually, it got me by surprise because, mentally I was prepared that by the next week, I will be busy working for the people of Sosian. Now that there is a new leadership in the House, I actually want to say congratulation Honourable Majority Leader, because for the first time, we feel there is some leadership in the House. Mr. Speaker, the alteration on the calendar got me off guard. We should get notified first before things happen. For once today, there is a feeling that there is a proper Majority Leaders in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I stand to support and I wish to reiterate that, it is good that we have the leadership. I hope we are changing the calendar for the next week, and I hope it is for the benefit of this House rather than the fights that have been happening around. I want the Majority Leader to put his energy into the development of the people of Laikipia rather than fighting. There is a Swahili or Kikuyu saying that says "*Ukitaka kula mtu, lazima upake mafuta ndiyo anuke mbuzi ama kondoo"*. Hon. Speaker, I just to say, thank you to the leadership and hopefully for the next one week that is ahead of us, it will be of peaceful, and all about development and not just eating the next sheep. Thank you, I support.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise in the support of the same and I also want to encourage my brother Hon. Lekopien. Yesterday, we had a very good debate here and we got the Chair of Implementation and I remember quoting Hon. Gitahi saying the guilty ones are always afraid. So, do not worry my brother, there is nothing that is cooking, it was done after a consideration in this House. After sitting down, we saw we had a lot of business especially, from the committee that is CPAIC. So, you have a lot of time to present the reports here.

Hon. Speaker, as I have been saying before that this House is here for the interest of Citizens. Citizens supersede everything else. We have a lot of business to do and a lot of pending issues that cannot be done. Hon. Stephen, usually reminds me when I stand to oppose the alteration of the calendar, he tells me that I should always prepare myself as the days go by, Sin Die is coming. So, it is part of warm up to know that time is not on our side. I believe that this House will support this motion for the benefit not only for this House, even as we rearrange the leadership of this House, I support the motion and I believe the Members are of the same opinion. Thank you.

Hon. Dennis Kaniaru: Asante sana Mstahiki Spika Kwa nafasi hii ambayo umenipa, Kwanza nataka kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Nicholas Mwaniki na kumpa kongole kama mwanachama wa chama kinachoongoza cha UDA. Tuna imani sana na Mheshimiwa Mwaniki, na tuna imani kuwa kazi tumempa kama Kiongozi wa Wengi katika Bunge hili ataweza kutekeleza kazi yake ipasavyo. Tumeona kwa vile alileta mswada wa kusema ya kwamba tukose kwenda likizo siku ya leo, hiyo ni jukumu kubwa linaloonyesha kwamba, kazi lililo mbele yetu ni kazi kubwa. Mstahiki Spika, kazi lililo mbele yetu ni nyingi na kila mmoja wetu

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ana jukumu ya kufanyia wananchi kazi. Kwa hivyo, mimi naunga mkono pendekezo ya kwamba tuendelee kufanya kazi. Naunga mkono zaidi ya kwamba twendeni likizo tarehe kumi na mbili mwezi wa tatu, Asante Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. Allow me to invite the mover of the motion to reply. Sorry! Sorry! Hold on Majority Leader, Hon. Daniel Mugweru, I did not see your light. Welcome.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: It is very okay; eyes are very good in seeing new things, you know. Honourable Majority Leader, for the past 3 years that seat has not been occupied properly. So, it is very new and eyes are very good in seeing new things. Probably your eyes were in that direction and I think it is good. We should appreciate and celebrate that we now have proper leadership in the House.

It's a great day, and I love the spirit. I love the spirit that today, now that we have the new leadership, the spirit is that we are not even going home. We want to work more. I pray that the House will keep the fire burning, and that will really help us to move ahead. We have started well. Let us, in between, go well, and we finish well. Let this journey be the sweetest. We finish well. We don't care about how you started. What matters most is how you finish the race.

Let us finish this race in the best way, best style. As a House, I know we are going to move with speed, and maybe from time and again. This is the high time; I'm really supporting the motion without starting by saying I want to support a motion that was brought on behalf. So, even the choice of words, you need to choose words properly. I really support that we alter the calendar because of the benefit of the people of Laikipia.

We work hard. Maybe you we wasted a lot of time there before and now let us now work. Let us work extremely hard. When it comes to business of this county, when it comes to the business of the people, not personal business, anything personal, sometimes I don't care, and I don't mind about those personal things. But when it comes to the business of the people of Laikipia, we need to be very serious, committed, and very active.

It is unfortunate that my good friends had an urgent call. I would have reminded them that among the businesses that is ahead of us, I wish they can wake up and see how committed we are to the people of Laikipia and the cases that relates to the people of Laikipia. They just wake up and go and withdraw so that we may serve the people of Laikipia in the best way. Those things that are touching the people of Laikipia.

I wish my brother was here and see how it is so important for us to start planning and finishing the work of the land in Rumuruti and Sosian. We can distribute those lands to the squatters and many people who will start maybe improving, growing industries and the town. It is unfortunate that now we are stagnant. We can wake up and say today, because I've seen that we are headed in the right direction, we won't work for the people of Laikipia. We wake up and say that from tomorrow, we are now clear and clean. We move on, Honourable Speaker. The same way to my brother here.

This one that relates to the budget that touches the entire people of Laikipia, including the people of Rumuruti who don’t even know him, Hon. Speaker. We want to say that now, now let the budget move on. We start working for the people of Laikipia. It's a prudent idea. That would be very, very wise for them. They can be counted as heroes of this county if they start for the people of Laikipia and especially at this time when the Assembly is willing to work even on recess.

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It is so sweet and may this spirit keep burning. Let us keep making this good direction, we move to this, let no one distract us. Let us have this good cause until we finish, we will be celebrated for finishing well. You cannot be celebrated for starting well. You can only be celebrated for finishing well. Let us finish well to be celebrated by the people of Laikipia and be remembered now and forever. Thank you, I support.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante, Sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii. Kwanza nimpongeze ndugu yangu Nicholas Mwaniki kwa hicho kiti ambacho amepata. Kwa uhakika, niseme asante kwa Maulana kwa sababu tulianza kwa mwili lakini sasa tunamaliza kwa roho. Naona ya kwamba tutafanyia watu wa Laikipia kazi na kwa hivyo, naunga huu mswada mkono.

Ningetaka niambie ndugu yangu ya kwamba ushupavu na moyo ambao ameanza kazi nayo, tusahau hata shinda iliyoko na tufanyie wana Laikipia kazi ili wapiga kura ikija 2027, wasisahau vile wamefanyiwa kazi. Hapo awali katika hili Bunge hatukuwa hata na *Quorum* lakini sasa hivi, hata watu hawachoki na hata wanauliza kama kuna mswada mwingine. Kwa hivyo, nauliza Waheshimiwa wenzangu tufanye kazi na huo moyo bila kuchoka na tuweke wananchi mbele na tuwafanyie kazi. Asante.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi nasimama kuunga mswada mkono kwa sababu nilikuwa na matarajio makubwa nikielekea kwangu. Kwa sababu tumepata Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi, ameweza kutoa amri kali na kubwa ili kuonyeshana ya kwamba kazi tutainyorosha na kazi tutaichapa. Ukiwa baba wa hili Bunge letu Bwana Spika, najua ya kwamba mabadiliko ya uongozi na kazi na mfuko yataletwa na Kiongozi wa Walio wengi hapa Bungeni.

Najua ya kwamba kuna kazi nyingi ambayo ametekeleza nikiwa shahidi, ndiposa nasema ya kwamba wale ambao waliteuliwa wako kwa hili Bunge kwa mapenzi ya Mungu na wale ambao wako hapa kwa kuchaguliwa ni wakati wa kufanya kazi kwa sababu tumebakisha mwaka mmoja na miezi kadhaa ya kujua kama utarudi hapa ama utaenda kwenu.

Lakini kwa sababu tuko na Kiongozi wa walio Wengi, Nicholas Mwaniki, Mjumbe wa Tigithi, najua atafanya mrudi katika viti vyenu. Ni vyema tumshikilie na tuhudhurie vikao vya Bunge na tuweze kutii na kuheshimu. Nashukuru Mola na nakutakia kila la heri Kiongozi wa walio Wengi. Nakuombea Mwenyezi Mungu ili nafasi yako uone kama utarudi tena tukifanyia wana Laikipia kazi. Barikiweni sana.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Benson. Now, Hon. Members I don't see any other light. I want to invite now the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, congratulations to the Members for the debate that we have had, and for them putting Laikipia first. Laikipia is our business, and the Members have portrayed the same.

It's their business, and they are conducting this wholeheartedly and full of energy. They are committed to this, and we are also committed as a leadership of this county. As the Hon. Mugweru stated, if at all we put Laikipia first, we'll serve our people right. If at all we love Laikipia, it's time we withdrew the cases in this Assembly, on matters of budget, so that we can be able to serve our people right.

We have money that is committed there in the budget, and if at all we are able to withdraw those cases, maybe we can be able to commit those funds to projects so that we can move to elevate Laikipia and Laikipians will be served right. Also, those words of unity, I'm a person of unity. I will try my best to serve these people right as their Majority Leader so that

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we can be able to unify this Assembly and work towards just one goal of serving Laikipians the best way we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2026 at 10 a.m.

The House rose at 3.18 p.m.

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