REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 4th October, 2023

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

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

PRAYERS

PETITION

ADP FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. In petitions, there is a report on Finance and County Planning Committee on the ADP for the Financial Year, 2024/2025. Hon. Speaker, I am being guided by the Clerk that I have to go through the document so I am properly guided. There is a report of the Committee on Finance and County Planning on the petition to the Laikipia County Assembly on matters of Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

Committee Membership

The Committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following members;

1. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Chairperson
2. Hon. John Gichuki - Vice-Chairperson
3. Hon. Catherine Umija - Member
4. Hon. George Karuiru - Member
5. Hon. Mary Gathoni - Member
6. Hon. Samuel Mugambi - Member
7. Hon. Paul Leshuel - Member

Pursuant to Standing Order 202 (2), I am pleased to present and table the Report on the petition to the Laikipia County Assembly on matters of the Annual Development plan for the financial year 2024-2025 pursuant to section 15 of the County Governments Act, 2012 & the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker, we as a committee have our mandates and it comes from the Standing Orders and the County Government Act.

The petitioners submitted their prayers in line with Articles 37 and 119 of the Constitution and guided by the provisions of standing order 195 of the Laikipia County Standing Orders.

Acknowledgment

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Finance and County Planning Committee, I wish to extend my gratitude to the Members of the Committee for their dedication and commitment to their work. The committee also extends its appreciation to the office of the Speaker and Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia for their support that has enabled the committee to participate in this duty and steer it on the path to accomplish its mandate.

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Hon. Speaker, on page 5 there is background to the Petition, the Right to Petition and Committal of the Petition where Members can go through that page. You will find how the petition was brought to this House. On page 6 there is the petitioners' submissions. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the petitioners (Laikipia County Civil Society Forum) were invited to attend Committee meeting on 4th October, 2023 to give their submissions and were represented by the Vice Chairman of the group and two other members at the Assembly boardroom.

They were given an opportunity to present their petition and they informed the committee that;

(i) The Department of Finance, Economic Planning and County Development limited time frame notice during the public participation process for the draft Annual Development Plan for Financial Year 2024-2025.

(ii) That they were not able to access the draft Annual Development Plan for Financial year 2024-2025 on the County executive website.

The Finance, Economic Planning and County Development Department's Submissions

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Finance and County Planning Committee requested for a response on the petition from the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Economic Planning and County Development to enable the Committee finalize its report on the matter. On 29th September 2023, the County Assembly received a letter from the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Economic Planning and County Development Ref: CGL/CEC.f/Vol.1/154.

The committee noted the following from the submission;

- The County executive placed a public notice in the Standards Newspaper dated 25th August 2023 allowing the public 6 days to make their submissions.
- The County Treasury relied heavily on the public hearings done in March 2023 on the CIDP document where more than 200 public meetings were held. The time which has lapsed since the CIDP public hearings is four (4) months.
- The County Treasury envisaged that the County Assembly will still enrich the public involvement through public participation fora that forms part of the approval process.

Committees Observations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, having met the Petitioners, the Committee made the following observations;

- Although the County Executive undertook public participation on the ADP the timeline for submission of memoranda was short.
- The public participation on the CIDP which was conducted in March 2023 was wide and comprehensive. The time passed since then is just 4 months, the executive hence showed good intent in engaging the members of the public.

Committee Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir, having considered the Petition made by the Petitioners, Finance and County Planning Committee made the following recommendations that;

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- The County Government in undertaking public participation should always ensure that they follow the due process and check on appropriate timelines to enable the members of the public to effectively engage.
- The County Assembly to provide ample time during its public participation for the same document
- The petitioners to provide their memoranda to the County Assembly during the public participation exercise.

Hon. Speaker, I am through with the petition. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, is there anyone who wants to add input on the petition? If not next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I have a notice of motion on approval of Members to the Committee on Selection. Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 152(1), this House approves the appointment of the following members to the Committee on Selection in addition to the Members specified under paragraph 1 and those approved on 13th October, 2022;

1. Hon. Daniel Mugweru Muchemi
2. Hon. Catherine Nyokabi Kibue

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MOTION

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Bwana Spika, huu ni mswada ambao baada ya vikao vingi na Waheshimiwa kutoa maoni yao, tuliona ni vizuri tuwe na kuongeza Waheshimiwa kwa Kamati ya Uteuzi. Tumeongeza Waheshimiwa wawili ili waweze kufanya kazi katika hiyo kamati. Bwana Spika, kama vile nilisema, itakuwa ni jambo la busara Waheshimiwa kuuliza jambo na likafanyika.

Bwana Spika, kazi yetu ni kuhakikisha ya kwamba Bunge inafanya kazi na inaenda kama inavyofaa. Kwa hivyo, huwa nasema kila wakati ya kwamba mambo yote na nguvu zote ziko na Waheshimiwa. Waheshimiwa wanaposema wako na jambo, hakuna jambo lingine tunaweza kufanya. Bwana Spika, naomba Waheshimiwa waweze kuunga mkono huu mswada

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ambao umeletwa katika Bunge hili siku ya leo ili Bunge yetu iweze kuendelea vizuri. Kwa hayo Bwana Spika, namuomba Mheshimiwa Gatati aweze kuafiki huu mswada.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second this important business of the day on adding more Members to the Selection Committee. By what happened in the morning session, it is evident that we need more Members in that Committee. We shall be making sure that everybody who is assigned business in this House is taking seriously the business of this House. I second the motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate. Hon. Simon Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion and congratulate the Whip first. In the morning, I was very concerned and I raised the issue on the floor but I am happy. Sometimes he fails to whip me because he feels I am an Independent Member but today he has done it remarkably well. The work of the House must be done professionally. With the two Members who have been added to that Committee, they ought to hit the ground immediately and ensure we do our work as it is supposed to.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure all the other Members are eager to see the kind of work that will be undertaken by the Select Committee. I am sure with the two Members added to the committee, we will work together as a team for the benefit of this Assembly. Thank you. I support.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First, I want to put it clear that I oppose the motion on the addition of the two Members. Secondly, I want to be informed by the Whip on why we need an addition of two Members. If it's necessary, what are some of the things that the Selection Committee didn't meet to warrant the two Members. The Selection Committee has seven Members. What's the reason of adding these two? I oppose.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the addition of two Members. I want to congratulate the Whip for fronting this motion as it is. Being a House of order, the two Members that have been tasked to join the others in the Selection Committee; Hon. Catherine Kibue and Hon. Daniel Mugweru are equal to the task.

One of the best things is that it is gender sensitive. We have had a discussion as Members and we found that we cannot only incorporate one person because we need gender balance. For this House to be one of the best like it used to, having a Selection Committee of the aforesaid number which is sensitive in all avenues, the motions and leadership of the House will be well.

Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that when we join hands pertaining to this, this House will be better and we will task all the businesses that we will be giving and receiving from our electorate. Thank you, I request all Hon. Members to join and support.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a Member of this House, I oppose this motion because we need to look at the Standing Orders and what it states. Being a Member of the Select Committee, we have not even sat down to deliberate if at all we need an additional or not. We need to be furnished with the right information on why we need an addition from seven to nine. We also need to have a report as to why the two were proposed to be added to the committee. Thank you.

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Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to state that I am delighted this afternoon to have this opportunity and to also contribute to this important matter. Let it be clear from the start that I support this motion.

Hon. Speaker, you are passionate on matters of the Bible. You might be having an exact verse on where I want to quote. The bible says; 'it's only a fool that does not change their mind.' As the rubber meets the road, it is open for all Members of this House to see that there needs to have a few changes and addition here and there so that we are able to streamline the Business of the House.

Mr. Speaker, more brains are better than few. I am not insinuating that the current Members of the Selection Committee do not have enough brains. What I am saying is that addition Members bring addition ideas and addition strength to the scene. Seated here, I am only asking myself a question. Why should somebody be against more people? I think numbers are better when people are many than few. They will add experience in matters of selection and placement of different people in different places.

Let it not be lost to us that we have observed as a House and decided so in its own wisdom. There is a lot of literature that comes from that region. I hear the reasoning behind the dissenting views but you see Chinua Achebe says in one of his books that; 'when deciding power has more strength, you have no otherwise than to support it'. Otherwise let me say in verbatim that; 'the frown of the goat does not prevent it from being taken to the market'.

(Laughter)

I have seen the reasoning of the Members, and for me I stand to be counted for supporting this motion. I don't have much to add. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Just for clarity, the exact verse you were looking for must be Proverbs 12:15. Hon. Member from Segera?

Hon. Salim Edung: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa nafasi hii. Kwanza ni pongezi kwa mwenye ameleta huu mjadala. Katika hii ripoti, walipendekeza tuongeze wanachama wawili na asubuhi tukaketi na tukajadili na ndiposa tukaleta huu mswada. Nataka kuambia Wabunge wenzangu kama kazi inafanyika kwa sababu tuliongea asubuhi, inamaanisha kwamba yale tunaongelea katika Bunge hili linajadiliwa na kutekelezwa. Naunga mkono huu mswada ya kwamba wanachama wawili wawe katika hii Kamati ya Uteuzi. Wenzangu pia nawauliza waunge mkono.

Bwana Spika, Waswahili husema, 'asiyekuwepo na lake na lake halipo'. Kama hukuwa katika ule mjadala wa asubuhi, mahali tuliongelea utafuata sisi ambao tulikuwa mahali pale. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Lempaira I am aware that you know the Standing Orders and I hope you are standing on a point of information or clarification. The floor is yours.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to seek clarification from Hon. Gitahi. Some of us have independent thinking whether people sat somewhere and decided this, I also have my mind to think and decide what is fit for me. I want to put records straight. I don't have anything personal against Hon. Nyokabi or Hon. Mugweru. When a Member insinuates that even if we make more noise, it will finally land in the market. I want him to come clear and clarify to us whether adding these Members to this Committee is a way of taking other Members to the market.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Lempaira, I think he was speaking figuratively.

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Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: No! Hon. Speaker, I think I was seeking clarity from Hon. Gitahi. If you come to his defence then, I'll have to question impartiality in you.

Deputy Speaker: No, Hon. Joseph is on the floor to clarify.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Literature does not mince words. I was just saying as it is quoted by Chinua Achebe. I didn't not call anybody a goat and you are all my witnesses. What I said is this, reading the reasoning between Members supporting the motion and those opposed to the motion, I was just pre-empting. You see, we have liberty of thinking.

I was pre-empting that the way I see things, I see them as if more Members want more Members in the Selection Committee. As it is said in Swahili; *'aliye na nguvu mpishe*.' So, Chinua Achebe about the frown of the goat. I'm sorry if it actually offended some people but you see, that's the language. It has been written. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can see some people are doubting whether I'm supposed to talk. I only seconded the motion and I have a leeway to stand and support the motion. Standing Orders are clear on that. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the motion. Early in the morning, there was some gap in the House. That is what led the Whip to make sure we are also whipped in those areas. Anything that will deter the functioning of this House, we shall oppose with the highest terms possible.

I remember when I was a small boy, my grandfather told me that I can joke with my mothers' breasts but you cannot joke with your father's balls. So, anybody who is messing with the function of the House, we will not joke with them…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Samuel Gatati, as much as we want to be directive in a speech, was it necessary or a parliamentary language?

Hon. Samuel Gatati: In fact, that is an African proverb Mr. Speaker and it is very important. So, anybody who is bringing some dysfunctional activities in the House, he will be faced with the highest force in the area. Thank you.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Mheshimiwa Spika, nashukuru kwa kunipa hii nafasi. Nikiunga huu mswada, ningependa kusema ya kwamba wakati tulikuwa mkutano wa chama chetu cha UDA, tukiwa na Rais, Naibu wake, Gavana, Seneta na MCA's simu yangu iliibiwa mahali pale. Sasa kile kitu ambacho kinanishangaza, je, ni MCAs', Women Rep ama ni kina nani. Hiyo inanishtua sana. Nikiunga mswada ambao umeweza kuletwa katika hili Bunge na Mheshimiwa wa Thingithu…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mheshimiwa kutoka Sosian aelezee vizuri. Simu iliibiwa ama aliwekewa. Unajua kuna mambo mbili tofauti. Viongozi hawawezi kuuiba simu na hakukuwa na watu wengine huko ndani. Nilisema hapa ya kwamba nilikuwa katika hicho chama na ni chama kizuri. Hata labda sasa hivi akirudi pale Bomas atapata hiyo simu lakini asiseme ya kwamba ni viongozi ambao waliiba.

Deputy Speaker: Mheshimiwa Kamala, naomba uelezee kuhusu kupotea kwa simu na huu mjadala wa leo unahusiana vipi kwa sababu naweza kuona njia ambayo Mheshimiwa Kanyutu anaelekea ni kana kwamba anataka kusema chama chetu ni cha wezi.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Mheshimiwa Spika, mtu huwa ananena ambayo ako nayo kwa roho na fikira. Kwa sababu ninatumia *kabambe*, ni lazima niguzie na sio chama.

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Nikiunga mkono uteuzi wa Daniel Mugweru, ni ya kwamba mjeledi mkuu ni kitu ambacho ameweza kutafakari kwa umakini na undani kuona ya kwamba hii kamati ikiongezewa, kuna kazi nzuri ambayo itafanyika. Tusije tukapata aibu kama ile ambayo tuliweza kushuhudia. Naunga mkono nikijua ya kwamba Catherine Nyokabi Kibue ataweza. Asante.

Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the mover to make a reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nataka kushukuru Wajumbe kwa kuchangia huu mswada. Vilevile, nataka kuhuzunika pamoja na Mheshimiwa Kamala kwa sababu simu yake iliibiwa wakati wa mkutano wa chama. Namwambia pole sana, huenda iliwekwa vizuri kama vile Mheshimiwa Kanyutu amesema. Ni vizuri Mheshimiwa Kamala aelezee ya kwamba Chama cha UDA huwa na kauli ambayo husema 'kazi ni kazi pesa mfukoni'. Huenda simu yake iliwekwa ndio ifanyike pesa mfukoni na ndio maana lazima aelewe vile mambo huenda.

Bwana Spika, nikishukuru Wajumbe kwa kuchangia huu mswada, nimesikia Mheshimiwa Lempaira akiuliza haya yaliwafikia wakati upi? Unajua ni vizuri wakati mkutano unapoitwa anahudhuria na ukihudhuria, ndipo utaweza kuelewa kama kuna mambo ambayo yalijadiliwa. Mkutano ulifanywa lakini yeye hakuweza kuhudhuria. Kwa hivyo, itakuwa sio jambo la busara kuja hapa kunung'unika na kulia wakati imefika kwa Bunge. Ni vizuri kuwa makini kwa sababu wakati unakosa kuwa kwa mkutano, kuna ajenda ambazo zinapitishwa.

Kwa hivyo ukikosa kuhudhuria mkutano halafu uje hapa, huenda tukawa na shida na hii labda ndio ile shida ambayo sisi huwa nayo kwa sababu mahali ambapo huwa tunamtuma huwa haendi. Kama haendi basi tunaweza kupata matatizo kama yale tunapata sasa hivi. kulingana na Kanuni za Bunge, hafai kunisumbua wakati ninapojibu na asome vizuri ili aweze kuelewa ya kwamba…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Lempaira, I think you should be conversant with the Standing Orders. When the mover is replying, as the Speaker I am supposed to protect him. So, Hon. Stephen continue.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kunikinga kutokana na mwadhiriwa ambaye anataka kunishambulia. Mswada huu ni kulingana na maoni ya Wajumbe. Mimi naona ya kwamba nasumbuliwa na ningeomba…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Speaker, you are out of order. Switch off your microphone as Hon. Stephen is replying.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Mr. Speaker, as the mover is replying, he should not mention peoples name as he speaks.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa Lempaira hafai kuongea na akizidi kuongea hata uko na nguvu hata kumtupa nje kwa mwezi mzima. Ile nguvu ambayo umepewa na sheria. Mheshimiwa hafai kusumbua mwenye mjadala wakati anapotoa majibu ya mwisho. Bwana Spika, naomba umchukulie hatua ya kisheria na mimi kwanza niketi.

Deputy Speaker: As I am consulting my Standing Order here, I am requesting that you switch off the microphone as I consult on the punishment you deserve because you are punishable by the law of this House. I call upon Hon. Stephen and assure you that you are fully protected.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kuweza kunilinda kwa hili jambo. Naomba Wajumbe tuweze kuelewa ya kwamba wakati tunapofanya kazi, tunafanya kazi kwa

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niaba ya wananchi wote. Hakuna wakati hili Bunge litakaa hapa liweze kujadili mtu binafsi au kuumiza mtu yeyote. Sisi tuko hapa kuhakikisha ya kwamba kazi inafanyika. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Lempaira huwa anafanya, akitumwa na Wajumbe kwa Bodi la uajiri la Bunge La Laikipia, anafaa kwenda kuwakilisha vile Wajumbe wanavyotaka.

Vile vile, aelewe ya kwamba ninapoleta mswada hapa, huwa naleta kulingana na vile Wajumbe wamesema. Kwa hivyo, huu ni uamuzi ambao Wajumbe wamefanya na naamini ya kwamba ni uamuzi ambao utahakikisha ya kwamba hili Bunge limesimama na kazi itafanyika kulingana na wajibu wa sheria na kama vile tulivyochaguliwa na wananchi tuje tufanye hii kazi.

Kwa sababu sitaki kupoteza muda na Wajumbe wako tayari kuunga huu mswada, naomba kumalizia hapo. Niwaombe Wajumbe kwa sababu hawajawahi kunituma kazi ingine na hii ndiyo ya kwanza, ninakuomba Mheshimiwa Spika kwa *leave* yako unikubali kuongea kwa lugha tofauti ya kwamba for this one Hon. Members, let us remain united and let us pass this motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF ASSEMBLY'S CALENDAR

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(3) and (4) to allow it alter its calendar by adjourning its sittings from Thursday 5th October 2023 to Tuesday 10th October, 2023 and to resume on Wednesday 11th October, 2023.

Bwana Spika, huu ni mswada ambao tumeleta ili tuweze kuahirisha vikao vya Bunge na ili kuweza kubadilisha kalenda ili kupatia wajumbe nafasi ili waweze kufanya biashara zote siku ya leo ndio kesho, waweze kuwa na biashara zingine. Unajua sisi ni Kaunti ya Laikipia na huwa tunadhamini amani. Katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia, huwa tunapenda kutangamana na Kaunti zingine. Tuko na majirani ambao ni Samburu, Nyandarua, Isiolo, Nyeri na Meru.

Hao wote ni majirani wetu na kwa sababu majirani wetu kutoka upande wa Samburu wakati mwingine tumekuwa hatupelekani vizuri, wakati mwingine ng'ombe huwa zinaibiwa upande wetu na kupelekwa huko na tunakuwa na shida kama hizo. Sasa kwa sababu tunataka tuwe na uhusiano mwema, kuna shughuli ambayo itakuwa huko Samburu, Maralal, ambapo tumealikwa.

Kualikwa hapo tutakuwa na wakati mwema wa kuungana na wale watu ili kutangamana na wao na kuweza kuona ya kwamba ile amani ambayo imezorota upande wa Laikipia Magharibi imekuwa sawa. Mswahili husema ya kwamba kuongea ni kupendana na kwa hivyo, tutakapokuwa tukiongea na viongozi na wananchi wa sehemu hiyo, tutapata kupendana. Tukisha pendana, yale matatizo ambayo ilikuwa ikikumba sehemu ya Magharibi, ambapo Mheshimiwa Lempaira, Leshuel na Salim wametoka, tutapata kuongea na hao watu. Mimi mwenyewe nitakuwa mstari wa mbele kuhakikisha ya kwamba nimeongea na wao ndio kina Mheshimiwa Lempaira wakae kwa amani bila kusumbuliwa.

Mimi najua Lempaira hatapinga hili kwa sababu anataka amani. Mbuzi wameibwa kwa hivyo tunastahili. Kwa hivyo kwa ajili ya mambo ya amani, najua chama cha ODM hakitaangusha huu mswada. Najua wataungana nasi twende huko Maralal tuongee nao na tukae pamoja. Wanaotaka kuingiliana kabisa nao tutatafuta mahali wanapoweza kupeleka mbuzi wao. Hiyo inahusiana na wale ambao hawajapata haya maneno ila naona hawa wote

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wamehusika. Huko sasa ni kuongea, kutafuta amani na kuhakikisha ya kwamba kila kitu kiko sawa. Naomba huu mswada uafikiwe na Mheshimiwa Kanyutu.

Deputy Speaker: The floor is yours.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this motion by the whip. I appreciate because lately, the Whip is really taking into consideration matters concerning Members. I am sure that some of us might wish to travel even today. We might head out of here and head straight to Maralal to start waiting because the town is not all that big and we might be lacking rooms as from tomorrow.

So, I might go early to book a room and watch how the camel derby is. I have not been able to be in that function previously but I appreciate. The Whip has really done it well and that is why I second. I am sure that all the other Members will support because the work that we had for the week is already over. We have been able to congest it together and do all the work that is ahead of us; so, it is good that we also rest. I am sure that we will enjoy being in that area, so I wholly second.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: The floor is open for debate.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this motion for adjournment. There are Members who have gone to this event previously. I have never done so, so maybe I would have nothing much to say about it but the little I would say about it is what I heard from the people who went there. They came with a good message and exciting information and that information which they brought to this House previously is what is attracting me to go and see what they are talking about.

I only heard it but now I want to go and see, touch, feel and probably also come back with the stories they came back with at that time. Hon. Kanyutu has just said that he wishes to travel today. I do not know what I wish to say but he has told us there is a probability of us missing rooms there.

I have decided that I will be there from the first day to the last and probably add a single day for the same. So, I am joining Hon. Kanyutu in travelling today so that I may get myself a room because I do not want to miss any information. I want to see, hear and feel all the stories that I heard and I will probably be able to join you whenever you are giving such stories; I will also be part of them.

Currently they talk of that event but I have no comment because I have no idea, but if I go there this time, I will be able to participate in the discussion that they will be having, being one the people who have benefitted from that good event that happens in Maralal, Samburu County. Thank you and I support.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me first say that I am overjoyed by this procedural motion. It is very unimaginable. Let me just state that from my own perspective, from somebody who not so long ago was branded for wearing a single shirt, now I will be attending a camel derby in Samburu. That is why I am telling you that I am overjoyed.

Having said that, let me say that events are events. It is a very jovial and big event which I have only read about in magazines. So, I am happy that we will be attending and want to ask all the Members that we lose ourselves into that. In saying that we lose ourselves, I do not mean that we become loose. I am just saying that we lose ourselves to the event. There is such a description, that we fully get absorbed into the event so that it can serve as a good

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vacation and cultural exchange. We will be able to understand how people from that part of the world view life and we also inform them how we view life.

It will be a very great event. I stand to be guided because I do not know how it happens, whether we climb on camels with shoes or without, but it is a whole new event. I cannot even sleep because of how much I am looking forward to that event. The adjournment will also serve to prolong the period so that Members do not have other roles. You know we take our roles very seriously. If the Assembly was going on I would not dare to attend that event but with the adjournment, I am now allowed to attend that event without other things disturbing my mind. I fully appreciate the Majority Whip for moving this motion and I thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nicholas Lempaira, and you should know that you are on a yellow card.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand guided. The lucky thing is that people get two, three or four yellow cards these days, whatever it is. I want to appreciate the opportunity that you have given me, and I stand to support the motion. As my friend Kagondu has said that I should support this because we are going to talk about peace and whatever. It is an event where we will go and learn more about culture but I want to invite you for a peace meeting in the next coming weeks, that is on 11th, 12th and 13th in my ward.

When you go to Maralal for the camel derby you will go to enjoy yourself. You will not be talking there; you will go to lose yourself as Hon. Macharia has said. Just make sure that because it is a bushy area you will not get lost in the bushes. At least you should know the roads to town or where you can spend. So, I stand to support the motion. We need to honour the invitation from our colleagues from the other county. Those who will manage to go will get some time to interact with them. We wish them a safe journey and may they represent us in the best possible way and they should at least not create a bad image. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: I will now call upon the Mover to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuwashukuru Wajumbe kwa kuunga mkono huu mswada. Kama ambavyo Mheshimiwa Lempaira amesema, kule hakutakuwa na maneno mengi. Ametualika kwenye mkutano wa amani nami nitajitolea kuwa mmoja wa watakaoenda huko kuweka amani kwa sababu ndugu yako akikosa amani nawe pia hutakuwa na amani. Kwa hivyo, litakuwa jambo la busara kama sisi sote, Laikipia Mashariki, Magharibi na Kaskazini tutaungana kuhakikisha ya kwamba wakaazi wa sehemu ile wanakaa kwa amani. Nawashukuru pia Wajumbe kwa kuona umuhimu wa kusafiri kuenda kutembea Kaunti ya Samburu kuungana na wananchi wa sehemu hiyo.

Kama vile Mheshimiwa Gitahi amesema, watu watafurahia. Nafikiri ukitaka kupanda ngamia, walio sehemu hiyo ukiwa na viatu unakubaliwa. Ukitaka pia kupanda na mguu mmoja unakubaliwa. Itategemea ule mtindo unaopenda kwa sababu pale mitindo itakuwa huru, kwa hivyo ni hiari yako kuchagua mtindo unaotaka. Wale wengine wanaotaka kujiburudisha, nawatakia kila la heri. Wakienda kujiburudisha wajue ni kujiburudisha kwa kuendesha ngamia, sio kwa mambo mengine. Nikikupata ukijiburudisha kwa mambo mengine, mimi kama Mjeledi Mkuu, nitawapiga viboko kama ambavyo Yesu alifanya alipokuta mambo mabaya yakifanywa kanisani.

Hawa ni viongozi na najua wataenda kuonyesha mambo mazuri na watakuwa viongozi wenye heshima ya hali ya juu. Najua masajini pia watakuwa hapo pamoja na makarani. Naomba kuwa wakati huo tuwe na masajini kama Karimi, ambaye akiwa hapo una amani kwa

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sababu unajua hakuna mtu ataweza kukufikia kwa vile yeye ni mtu ambaye ana nguvu na anaelewa kazi yake. Asante na naomba Wajumbe waupitishe huu mswada.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Wednesday, 11th October, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.51 p.m.

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