REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 5th August, 2026

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

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Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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Bwana Spika, kwanza nawashukuru Wabunge walio katika hili Bunge kwa sababu tunajua msimu ujao ni wa mvua. Tunajua mvua ikija, kiangazi kitafuata. Inafaa sisi katika Kaunti ya Laikipia tujue tumejipanga vipi. Iwapo mvua itanyesha tutakuwa tumejipanga vipi? Tunahitaji Serikali ya Kaunti iweke mikakati na ione kuwa mvua inakuja na madhara mengi yatatokea.

Ni vizuri sisi kama Serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia tuwe na mikakati. Hatujui mvua ikija, mambo yatakuwa vipi. Mafuriko yatakuwa kila mahali. Wanyama tulio nao, ni vizuri tujue Serikali ya Kaunti itanunua wapi nyasi na kuweka kwenye ghala ili kiangazi kikija au msimu wa La Nina ukianza, tujue kwamba mifugo wetu hawatapata shida. Mifugo wetu wapate nyasi na maji kwa sababu kuna mambo mengi yanaendelea siku hizi.

Mara nyingi kiangazi kikianza tunaleta ng'ombe kwenye sehemu kama Mlima Kenya kuwatafutia malisho. Kwa sababu tumepatiwa habari kuwa mvua itanyesha, ni vizuri tununue nyasi na kuweka kwenye maghala ili tusiwe na ukosefu wa malisho wakati wa kiangazi. Nimeleta huu mswada kwa sababu najua ni vizuri tuwe na mpangilio. Ningewaomba Wabunge wenzangu kuunga huu mswada mkono na tuweke mikakati itakayowasaidia watu wetu wakati wa kiangazi. Vilevile, tuweke mikakati ili mvua itakaponyesha watu wetu wasiadhirike kutokana na El Nino. Vilevile, El Nino ikiisha watu wetu watasaidika vipi kwa upande wa malisho?

Bwana Spika, nimeleta huu mjadala kwa sababu Waswahili husema, *'penye moshi hapakosi moto'*. Hii inamaanisha kuwa mvua ikinyesha, kiangazi kitafuata. Kwa hayo machache, nashukuru kuleta huu mswada kwenye Bunge hili. Nawaomba wenzangu kuunga mkono tuupitishe ndiposa watu wetu wasaidike. Bunge lipitishe huu mswada ili kuweka mipangilio ya kuhifadhi nyasi ya mifugo wetu kiangazi kikija. Nashukuru kwa hii nafasi. Ningemwomba Mheshimiwa Kagondu kuuafiki huu mswada.

Deputy Speaker: Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu, ni vizuri umwambie Mheshimiwa Salim kwamba unaitwa Stephen Ndiritu Kamau, mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Thingithu.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga huu mswada mkono ambao umeletwa na mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Segera, Mheshimiwa Salim. Huu ni mswada unaofaa kujadiliwa kwa kina kwa sababu unaleta mwelekeo baada ya El Nino kunyesha. Amesema ni lazima tuwe na chakula cha kutosha. El Nino inaponyesha, tunakuwa na nyasi na chakula, hamna njaa. Hata hivyo, El Nino inapoisha kiangazi kinafuata. Kuna mvua kubwa sana ilinyesha kutoka mwezi wa pili hadi wa tano. Hio mvua iliponyesha wakulima walitarajia kupata mavuno ya kutosha. Hata hivyo, mvua ilikatika na kuisha.

Bwana Spika, mswada huu unapofikishwa kwenye hili Bunge, unaona kuwa hiyo mvua ilipokatika wakulima walipata shida. Hakuna chakula wala nyasi. Kwa hivyo, kila mtu anahangaika. Hata walio mijini wanahangaika kwa sababu hata kupata maji ya kunywa au kuoga ni shida.

Bwana Spika, mimi nafikiri ya kwamba serikali ambayo iko kwa mamlaka inafaa kuwa na mipango kabambe ya kuhakikisha ya kwamba wakati mvua inaponyesha tunahifadhi maji ili iweze kutusaidia wakati wa kiangazi. Kwa hivyo, bila kuongea mambo mengi, naunga mkono huu mswada. Ni mswada ambao umeletwa kwa wakati unaofaa. Napongeza Mheshimiwa Salim kwa kuwa mwangalifu kama kiongozi ambaye anaona mbele.

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Kama unaweza kukumbuka wakati hayati Arap Moi alikuwa Rais, kuna Mheshimiwa mmoja kutoka Ukambani ambaye alisema Moi ni kama twiga ambaye anaweza kuona kesho akiwa leo. Mimi nimeona Mheshimiwa Salim akiwa kama twiga ambaye ameona kesho akiwa leo na hiyo ndiyo njia ambayo viongozi wanafaa kufuata wakiwa wanaona mbele na kutahadharisha na kuelekeza wananchi wanavyopaswa kukaa. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

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

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Hon. Speaker, I rise to support this motion brought forward by the Member of the County Assembly representing the people of Segera. On the special budgeting of this period of La Nina. I have been informed here as I was consulting locally that that is a climatic condition where we would have prolonged droughts coupled with other areas with wet seasons. Like any other climate phenomena, we need to have a lot of planning so that we cushion our people from the adversities that would come from that climatic change. La Nina causes scarcity of pastures. Whether it is us who do it on zero grazing, there is little pastures for our livestock.

Secondly, La Nina causes issues of unbalanced, weather where some areas are so dry and others are so wet that our animals are developing foot rot and foot and mouth diseases. Additionally, La Nina causes issues of weak immunity so that we have increased livestock disease. The County Government has to be proactive so that it saves our people from the harsh effects of the condition that we are talking about.

It is important that even as we budget for livestock and for other value chains that are related to the issue of livestock. Whether it is for dairy or whether it is for crop production, all these are issues that should be within the scope of the department of disaster preparedness.

As I end, there is also issues of water harvesting. There is a lot of consultations and I am not sure whether I am addressing you, Hon. Speaker. There's a lot of public and open consultation and I am telling them they are making...

Deputy Speaker: Order, order, Hon. Gatati! Hon. Leshuel, you are out of order. Hon. Gatati, you have been out of order since you entered the House and it is not procedural. So, that is the first warning. Continue.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Hon. Speaker, thank you for your intervention. Even in other platforms when I was debating in the university, they would always ensure that I am not distracted because my point get lost. As I was ending, I was saying that this County Government has to be proactive so that we have issues of water harvesting.

You realise all the climate reports that have been issued by all state and non-state actors are speaking to the issues of unpredictability of climate. It is therefore important that we harvest enough water so that we can have a sustained production of food, whether in crop production or in livestock production. Having said that and I'm also happy that you gave me the first opportunity, I can see other senior Members and I know they have a lot to say. I'm so much appreciative and I support.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I stand to support the motion. I don't know why the Members are so happy today. I think they woke up on a better footing. I also want to join the other Members. You know, Hon. Gitahi is my junior in terms of age but in terms

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of other things, maybe he is my senior. So, I respect him so much. When he says that we keep silent, I went silent so that he submits his point.

On the provision of animal feeds in lateness for the La Nina following El Nino rains, this is a very timely motion brought by Honourable Salim. Most of the time we get some problems because of lack of planning and I can see the Hon. Member is talking about preparedness for feeding supply during climatic shocks, food insecurity, and livestock mortality.

Therefore, that's the reason why he talks about strategic reserves of animal feeds. This is a very good motion because our county, Laikipia, is one of the vast counties in Kenya. I don't think we should be talking about reserves since we should be having some scientific way of making the already grass to preserve the already God-given grass. Now that we are here, we need to do some planning. So, this is a very timely motion and I strongly support.

Hon. Speaker, I was not out of order when I entered. You know, when you tell me I'm out of order, that means I was on a microphone. I was not out of order. What I did, I did not follow the procedure of this House and I apologise. I think it is because we have been staying at home so we have forgotten some of the rules. So next time, I promise it will happen.

Deputy Speaker: You are pardoned.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, very much Hon. Speaker. I also stand in support of this motion. I want to appreciate the Member who came up with this motion because it is a very nice motion. Even though sometimes things are very hard to implement, we don't want to be like our governments of the day that promise heaven and give very little. I am also a pastoralist and so, I know the challenge that we are facing during the drought or the dry season, including now.

Mr. Speaker, apart from the government looking at ways of how to preserve or to have storage for grass, we have other people that we want to engage them during the dry season. We have so many settlers. 58% of Laikipia is occupied by 38 whites. So, they hold big tracts of land. Apart from the government looking at those ranchers, they should also take care of some of the animals because our animals or livestock are our key economy.

So, the moment we allow those animals to be taken away by drought or by hunger, we will go back to the poor community. I want to support this and I want also the government plus leaders to engage those settlers so that in every corner. We urge them to accommodate some animals during the dry season, so that we can have a county that has everything, where farmers, pastoralists and even business people are comfortable.

The business people are surviving because of their farmers and their pastoralists. Without those two pillars of life, even the business people from this town cannot survive in economy. Therefore, let us support people from the ground so that we can produce and give a very good economy to our people. I stand to support. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed)

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

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

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THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Order Number 29(4), This Assembly resolves to alter its calendar as adopted on 24th February, 2026 so as to have a short recess break from Wednesday, 5th August, 2026 from 2.30 p.m. to Monday 17th August, 2026 and to resume on Tuesday, 18th August, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Hon. Speaker, this motion is about altering the calendar so that the House proceeds to a recess of one week which will enable the Members to interact with the members of public and to listen to the ground. Hon. Speaker, we were brought here by the people. We need to visit the people who elected us Speaker, we need to visit them, to listen to them and also have the way forward on the development agenda of this county.

Mr. Speaker, it is a very healthy break and this should be allowed by this Assembly and also should be approved. Therefore, without much contribution on this one because this is a self-explained motion and Members are aware of the same. I request my neighbour here, Hon. Gatati who also understood the meaning of this alteration of calendar and the meaning of it, to support this motion so that you can proceed to the other motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion on the alteration of the calendar so that we get time to go and listen to the ground as the mover of the motion has said and also do some more activities concerning development in our respective wards and also to get a break to breathe and come back with more energy. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: I now call the mover to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I thank the Honourable Member for supporting this motion. I would like the House to approve this motion as it is. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

SHORT RECESS

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

THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Order Number 29(3) this Assembly do adjourn until Tuesday 18th August, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Hon. Speaker, I am on this motion for adjournment until the day that I have read in this paper that is on 18th August. Following the approval of altering the calendar, we are now proceeding to the adjournment and I have already debated on the same. The reason why we are altering, this is now the adjournment of the same. I am requesting the House to agree with me and also to support this adjournment until that day so that we interact with the members of public and the electorate so that we can forge the way forward in this county on the issue of development and other things that may concern the public.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I now call upon Hon. Mugweru to support this adjournment until the day of 18th August. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I stand to second and support the motion brought by Hon. Stephen on behalf of the Assembly. Hon. Speaker, some of these things

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that we do are so much important to us and the people of the community at large. So, I second and support. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Members for considering this motion. I am requesting the Members to approve the way it is. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, guided by Standing Orders 29(3);

"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."

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: This House stand adjourned until Tuesday, 18th August, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 11.07 a.m.

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