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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk kindly confirm if we have a quorum.

(Lack of Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Clerk kindly confirm if we have achieved a quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to stop the bell.

Speaker: Hon. Nderitu, what is it?

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Mr. Speaker, I want to stand on matters of County importance. It is very painful that today we are here in this Assembly seated comfortably and our people in Laikipia especially Githiga, Olmoran and also Sosian the security is not good. Today when I sit here am not seeing Hon. Karuiru, Hon. Thomi and Hon. Jacob in this House. As Members of this House we should ask ourselves hard questions, where are these Members. We are asking these questions and we know these Members are there protecting their own people. As we speak today house are being burnt today…

Speaker: Order! Order!, Hon. Stephen Nderitu. This is a House of rules and order and no matter how emotional at times you can be, we have to be bound by the rules of the House. Standing Order No 34 (1) says *Any Member may at any time rise in his or her place and seek leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent county importance.*

Paragraph (2) says *A Member who wishes to seek leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly shall, at least two hours before the commencement of the sitting, hand to the speaker a written notification of the matter but the Speaker shall refuse to allow the claim unless the Speaker is satisfied that the matter is definite, urgent and of County importance and may properly be raised on a motion for adjournment of the Assembly.*

*(3) If the Speaker is satisfied in terms of paragraph two and not less than **Ten** Members shall rise in their places in support, the Speaker shall nominate a time on the same day at which such motion maybe moved.*

(4) No Members be speaking on a matter under this standing order shall speak for more than five minutes without the leave of the Assembly, except that the mover may speak for ten minutes.

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I believe we are guided therefore let us do what is right, Hon. Nderitu just hand that notice to the Speaker two hours before our next sitting. In the next sitting in the afternoon, the Speaker will give a time for that discussion, and Members will have an opportunity to air their voices on the issues happening in Ol-Moran. It is not a good thing at all, it is something that we all stand against, but we are also bound by the rules. Let us do what we are supposed to do.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Mr. Speaker, I have a request by your leave. I will beg if there is a way we can bend this law because we are the ones who make laws. If you have a room so that we can protect our people….

Speaker: Hon. Nderitu, I said you just do the necessary and bring a written notice of motion on that adjournment. It is good today we have two sittings today you can bring in the afternoon.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kwa kanuni ya hamsini na mbili, kifungu cha (f), Inaeleza kabisa kuhusu masilahi na mimi binafsi ukiangalia hamsini na mbili kifungu cha (f) *Hoja iliyotolewa kulingana na kanuni za Bunge zinazotawala utaratibu kwa miswada.* Mimi naamini hii masilahi mimi niko kwa sababu ya wanalaikipia zaidi ya laki tano.

Chochote ninachopata hapa napata kwa sababu ya wanalaikipia laki tano, nalala hapa nakuja napokea hizi pesa kwa sababu nitapata hio manufaa lakini kuna wale nawakilisha kutoka Olmoran, Githiga na pia Sosian. Wanakijiji wanaendelea kuhama na ndio walipa kodi wangu, sasa inaonekana hata kodi sitapata.

Wale wananchi walioko kule wacha hili swala nyumba zinapochomwa ni madhabahu inachomwa, masilahi yangu ile ninapata na pesa ninazopata ni kutoka na kodi ya Olmoran. Hili swala ni nyeti sana, watoto na nyumba zinapochomwa na watu wanapohama nafikiri kupitia kiti chako tukufu….

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi, kindly be seated. I wish to know that you understand that Members have privileges in this House. A motion that touches on privileges as much as you may try to connect that to privilege, it cannot get into that. This is exactly falling on what Hon. Nderitu is seeking, only that we also need to be procedural. We are saying we are not doing tomorrow but today.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, as a matter of urgency what Hon. Nderitu is seeking at the moment we will not be having two Members in this House. It is with Gods luck that they are safe, yesterday they were almost shot dead. If there is a way we can do it right now, please guide us on how we can be supportive to these Members. Two of our Members were almost shot yesterday, were it not for God mercy that they were able to escape. Let us be in solidarity with these Members.

Speaker: I think we can only allow Members to air views on the issues of Members because we would wish to know on what happened and transpired. I think I will give you this chance so that also you can elaborate to this House. I still stick with the fact that as a matter of urgency, and I am saying this because I was in the House Business Committee in the morning and a Member wanted to raise the same and I gave the procedure that is to be followed.

We cannot be hijacking this House and yet we know what to do and we do not want to do it. We know we want to raise a motion on County Importance and the guidance is given and the Standing Orders are very clear. I do not want to do that as Member, I want to come again in the House then we bend laws where we do not have time before to do that.

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If I am very fair, Hon. Nderitu told me by 6.00 a.m. in the morning, he knew that he wanted to move that motion and we are already at 9.00 a.m. The two hours were available and if I could have received by 8.00 a.m. I could have allowed that. Hon. Kanyutu, I may allow you to maybe tell us a little bit of that because it is an issue that touches our Members.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I Hon. Kanyutu, I am a neighbour to Olmoran Ward. Yesterday it was an unfortunate day because having got the directions by the president that an operation would be done, a school was burnt. Our two Members Hon. Karuiru, and Hon. Thomi went to visit the scene; it is due to Gods luck because the arsonists who were burning the school were just guarding it to see the school burnt down.

When they arrived and even they were accompanied by Hon. Mariru, and the Senator it is due to God luck because the arsonist started attacking them. It is due to Gods luck that I learnt that were it not that our Members are a bit vigilant and were able to run away and crawl on their knees we would not be talking about it today.

If it is possible, I beg we can adjourn and have that motion as the Hon. Member is seeking that we adjourn the House and be in solidarity with our Members. It is really unfortunate because not only our Members even our relatives are there. If it is possible, let us have an adjournment and we seek how do we show comradeship with our Members.

Speaker: I wish we separate these issues because what we are raising now can amount to the privilege that Hon. Mutahi was talking about. When you raise and talk about the security of a Member of this House is threatened, then we do not treat that as a matter of County Importance that will require that we have two hours before the commencement of the sitting for us to do such a motion.

The issues you are raising concerning the security of our Members, that one we can raise even now Pursuant to Standing Orders No 52 (H) that Hon. Mutahi has just read. Now because you see Hon. Mutahi that the issue that Hon. Nderitu was raising of the people of Ol-Moran but that does not amount to the privilege of a Member of this House.

When you bring the aspect of security of a Member, then that one falls into that Standing Order which can now be moved without notice. With that one, I can give you a chance to move that without a notice, where it is strictly on the security of our Members. Go ahead Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to that move that we adjourn this House until we get to know the security of our two Members, Hon. Thomi and Hon. Karuiru. Yesterday as we were trying to get the report, I got to learn that they were unsafe, later on I tried to call them and they were out of reach even today morning. We need to get the security of the two members and I would urge Hon. Member from Thingithu to second.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of that motion, to know the status of the security of our Members. As I have said in this House, we are here representing the people of Laikipia when we are seated here. I said earlier in this House we have Hon. Jacob, Hon. Thomi, Hon. Karuiru and our new Member Hon. Loshimidi who are not in this House. That is why I am supporting what Hon. Kanyutu is saying, that we should postpone this sitting so that we can be told how our Members are doing.

We know very well that in Laikipia that there are those who are terrorizing our people and yet we do not know if our Members are safe. Today I will stand here in this Assembly and say that those clashes in our County, those are not herders but they are terrorists. We should join all other Leaders in that area because we have solidarity.

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Our Hon. Members who are not in this House are outside trying to protect their own people, we also represent Laikipians and we should be in solidarity. Even if it is possible, we take this Assembly to Ol-Moran where those terrorists are doing their bad things. What we are seeing in Laikipia where Hon. Thomi and Karuiru come from, those people are not safe.

I do not have any confidence that those people are safe, because maybe they are already dead. We must be told where they are and know where they are and we must stand with these people. For that matter this Laikipia belongs to the people of Laikipia, and the government of Kenya must stand with our people.

We must keep the government of Kenya on toes so that it can protect its own people, because our people are dying. The Governor is in that area and we are here comfortable pretending that Laikipia is safe. We are not safe and Laikipians are not safe and therefore I stand in support of what Hon. Kanyutu is saying we adjourn this sitting until we know whether those Members are safe.

Speaker: Hon. Members I wish to open or rather propose that we do suspend the sitting for thirty minutes, so that we can get to know where our Members are if they are out of reach. I would let the Serjeant at Arms to also make a call and find out where the Members are then i will be reporting to this House on the whereabouts of our Members.

On issues of County importance we can discuss it in the afternoon, but as well do suspend because we are supposed to know where our Members are. If they are out of reach from yesterday evening, then I think that is something that should worry us because we need to know where they are. We cannot just ignore that since a Member has just raised that because we all know this is a House of serious business and I think it is important we cannot take that lightly. Serjeant at Arms to follow and in the next thirty minutes I will be reporting to this House the where about of our Members.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nilikuwa na sababu kwa sababu huo mswada umeungwa mkono, utupe dakika mbili tuangalie hilo swala kabla hujatoa uamuzi wako. Umesema utatupa dakika thelathini ili kujihakiki yanayosemwa na Wajumbe hawa kama iko sawa. Kama utaniruhusu, swala hili ni nyeti sana na wewe kama Kiongozi wetu hili swala la usalama tunaweza kuwa na mali lakini hatuna usalama. Kama ndugu zetu hawafiki hapa na sisi tunasema sisi ni Bunge lililokamilika.

Wakati tulipoingia katika hili Bunge umeuliza msaidizi wa Katibu kama idadi ya Bunge imefika lakini akajibu haijafika na kama haipo, wengine ndiyo wamewasili. Hatungejua kama kuna wengine walienda kusimama na wale Wajumbe, hili swala kama ulivyotoa maagizo ni swala nyeti saana unapowaona wananchi wanapotoka kwenye makao yao.

Hili si swala fiche tena ambalo liko kwenye taifa na linajulikana wazi chenye kinaendelea katika Laikipia. Kama Wajumbe wetu hawapo kwenye mawasiliano, lakini hali yenyewe hata ikibidi sisi kama Bunge kupitia busara lako ikiwezekana hata sisi utoe maagizo tuwe na hema kwenye ile eneo.

Tuwe na hema ukituongoza wewe ili hata sisi kama watunga sheria tunapoongoza hawa wananchi, ionekane hata sisi umetuongoza. Hata ikibidi tutoe kidogo kwa sababu hawa watu wanaohama hawana chakula, watu hawana mahali pa kulala, dawa na pia mambo mengine…

Speaker: I do agree with you Hon. Mutahi but I do not know whether Members realize the issues that have been raised by Hon. Kanyutu. We have two of our Members that are out of reach and we do not know where they are. It will not be kind to progress with the business of this House unless we get to know where our Members are.

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I would even suspend any other business until we know the Members where they are, because that is the key issue that have been raised. We need to know where they are and we need to make urgent calls because it is my responsibility to report to this House where these two members are. It is my sole responsibility to make sure where the Members are and report to this House.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka pia kuungana na Mheshimiwa Kanyutu, kwa kujua ya usalama wa ndugu zetu ambao tumesikia hawapatikani kutoka jana. Tukiangalia kwenye Runinga na tarakilishi tunaona ndugu zetu ambao wametoka Laikipia Kusini na Kaskazini, Mheshimiwa Loshimidi na Mheshimiwa Jacob pia waliweza kuwa huko.

Ni vyema Mheshimiwa Spika kwa mwelekeo wako wa kuhairisha Bunge kwa dakika thelathini ili mwanzo tujue pahali wako. Tukirejea kwenye hili Bunge ni vyema tujumuike na viongozi wengine kule Olmoran kusisitiza mambo ya usalama katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tunaona tunaelekea wakati wa siasa na tunaona mambo imeharibika, na nimemwona Mjumbe Kagondu amegutuka leo lakini ni siku tatu zimepita mambo sio kawaida katika yale maeneo.

Ni vyema sisi na tuko na Kamati ya Mshikamano katika hili Bunge, tungekuwa huko na tuamuru serikali inayoongozwa na Rais Uhuru Kenyatta na Waziri Matiang'i tuweze kupewa haki kama wakaaji wengine. Tusifanye Laikipia kama Kismayu kwa sababu tunaona huu mwelekeo ni wa Kismayu pahali watu hawalali, wanalala kwa shule, hospitali na Kwa polisi ilhali siyo wagonjwa. Ni vyema kwanza tujue ndugu zetu wako pahali wako turejee kwa Bunge ili tuweze kuhairisha Bunge na kama ni vyema tuwe pale Olmoran.

Speaker: Hon. Robert Maina, then Hon. Mugweru followed by Hon. Wachuka.

Hon. Robert Maina: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Mwanzo niungane na wenzangu na niseme ya kwamba swala tunalojadilia hapa ni swala nyeti. Kama hawa Wajumbe wenzetu wangekuwa wameuawa jana ama juzi, hatungekuwa hapa. Kupitia kiti chako hizo dakika thelathini unapeana naona ni kidogo mno kwa sababu hatuendi tu kujua hali ya wenzetu.

Tunataka serikali ya Kenya ijue na Vituo za Habari tumesitisha vikao vya Bunge ili tuweze kuambia serikali mambo sio salama katika Laikipia na hatutaendelea na Bunge tena mpaka Serikali ya Kenya iwe pale. Sisi kupitia kiti chako tuwekewe hema kule ili tuweze kutangamana na watu wa Laikipia Magharibi na Laikipia Kaskazini.

Mambo ya Wajumbe wetu ambao hawapo hapa sio hao tu, ni watu wengi wako katika yale maeneo. Wengine wamehama wako katika Wadi yangu ilhali sisi tuko hapa na hakuna usalama. Hao wajumbe, ile maeneo walikuwa jana na juzi ni mungu tu aliwalilia, leo wangekuwa wameaga.

Hakuna Mjumbe angekuwa kwa hili Jumba na ni vizuri tuchukulie kama swala nyeti utoe mwongozo wa masaa mawili. Tuambie Rais wetu Uhuru Kenyatta, Laikipia sisi salama tena na Bunge ya Laikipia imefunga kwa muda wa siku mbili ama tatu ili tuweze kuwa katika ile maeneo.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For giving me this opportunity to air my views on the same because the issue of security should be taken seriously. It should not be dramatized, we must visit the way it should be. The reason why am saying this is because whatever we are discussing is very important.

I would like to air that yesterday night at 11 p.m., I called you on the same and I told you that I have talked to Hon. Thomi and Karuiru and this morning as you are saying they are

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not available; I have received their calls in the last ten minutes. So we must face things the way they are. What we are required to do is exactly what we are supposed to stand for. As we are talking, Hon. Thomi, Hon. Karuiru, Hon. Jacob and Hon. Lochimidi are facing a different challenge from what we are talking about.

Mr. Speaker, what we are supposed to stand for is asking ourselves on how we are supposed to help them in such a time as this when they need us the most. The Hon. Members who are there, every day they are representatives of people who have been sent away from their homes and we expect that the people who have been sent away, expects the Hon. Members to feed them. So as we are seated here as Hon. Members, we are supposed to be asking ourselves, whether we have an emergency fund.

If we had an emergency fund, at least we could support them with finances. Yesterday Natembeya was saying that the G3 rifles that the police have are inferior and the rifles which the criminals have, the M16 are superior. Hon. Maina from Ngobit is saying that he wants to go there with his club, that is ironical and sarcasm. We must face things the way they are supposed to be.

Today if we speak up and say that Olmoran has been declared as a disturbed area, how do you expect the members to go there in the name of solidarity? How do you tell us you want to speak to President Uhuru Kenyatta whereby we know that the President is not in Olmoran. We are supposed to go out here and air our views through media and the message is home. So we must face reality.

Mr. Speaker, in this House we have the Committee on Cohesion and it is sponsored by this Assembly. They are supposed to stand up and say that the security of our Members and the people of Olmoran is at stake. From there, we should ask ourselves how we are going to support them. On the same, as an Assembly we need to think about how we are going to support those four Hon. Members. Yesterday as I was talking to them, they were surrounded by thousands of people who don't have food and they expect that their leaders are the ones to support them…

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, ningetaka kufafanuliwa na Mheshimiwa Mugweru kama yale ambayo tunafanya hapa ni sarakasi kwa sababu nimesikia akisema ya kwamba hatutafanya mambo kama sarakasi. Mimi ningetaka aweze kutuelezea ni mambo yapi tumefanya kama sarakasi ilhali watu wetu wanaendelea kuumia. Hata kama ni hiyo sarakasi, wacha tuifanye na tuweze kupea watu wetu usalama kwa sababu hata kama ni rungu tutaenda nayo, tuhakikishe ya kwamba wale watu wameenda. Ningetaka atuelezee ni njia ipi anasema tungetumia ilhali sisi ni watu wa kutunga sheria.

Akina Thomi, Karuiru, Jacob na Lochimidi wako huko ili wahakikishe ya kwamba yale ambayo yanafaa kufanyika yamefanyika. Wakati Mheshimiwa Maina anasema tuende pale ili tuweze kuongea, tunaongea ili Rais Kenyatta na serikali yake ijue ya kwamba Bunge hili linasimama kidete na watu wa Laikipia. Asante.

Speaker: That is okay but let us also remember that we address Members as Hon. Members and the president should always be addressed as H.E the President of this nation.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mheshimiwa Spika, hii hata nitasema kwa Kiswahili ili ieleweke vizuri. Sarakasi ni wakati mtu anahitaji chakula na unaenda kujiegemeza naye eti unasimama naye bila chakula. Unafaa kubeba chakula kwa sababu kitu cha kwanza ni kuelewa kile kitu wanachohitaji ili tusiende bila kile kitu wanachohitaji. Leo hii tunapoongea…

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Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, nataka kufafanuliwa zaidi kutoka kiti chako tukufu. Tunapotoa ufafanuzi, mtu ambaye yuko na shida, hauwezi kujua ni kitu kipi anachohitaji. Wewe kama uko na nia ya kutoa msaada, toa msaada wowote.

Speaker: Were you looking for a clarification?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mtu ambaye yuko na shida anahitaji kitu chochote ambacho kinahitajika kama maslahi kwa binadamu.

Speaker: I feel as if you are giving information.

Mutahi Muritu: Mimi nataka kufafanuliwa zaidi kwa sababu aliyezungumza amesema ya kwamba tusiende bila kujua kile watu wanachohitaji. Kwani mtu aliye na shida kuna kitu ambacho hahitaji?

Speaker: You know you are seeking clarification and you are answering yourself at the same time.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mheshimiwa Spika, ndugu zetu ambao wako huko, kile wanachohitaji ni msaada wa kifedha na chakula na hicho ndicho kitu ambacho tunafaa kujadilia sana. Sasa hivi tunafaa kujiuliza kama tuna *emergency fund* katika hili Bunge za kwenda kusaidia watu.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, ningetaka Mheshimiwa Mugweru atuelezee ni wapi Mheshimiwa Karuiru na Mheshimiwa Jacob wamesema wanataka msaada wa pesa. Mimi ningetaka aeleze ni wapi mambo hiyo ya pesa inatoka ilhali tunaongea…

Speaker: Let him clarify because if you proceed from there you will give an answer to what you are asking.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, common sense dictates that those people who were displaced yesterday do not have food or somewhere to sleep, and so what they require most at this time is food to eat, clean water and somewhere to sleep. Among all those things they need clothes because their houses were burnt…

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Bwana Spika, ningetaka kufahamishwa na anayetoa taarifa kwa sababu tunasikia ya kwamba wanahitaji. Waswahili husema ya kwamba ukiona vielea, usidhani vimeundwa. Kuna watu sasa hivi hata hatuongei mambo ya chakula ama nini. Tuliweza kupigwa Mukogodo Magharibi ambapo kulikuwa kama Kismayu na hakuna viongozi ambao waliweza kuja. Tunashukuru pia Gavana kwa sababu tuliweza kutoa pesa na AMAYA inapeana chakula huko…

Speaker: Hon. Zamzam, what is the clarification that you are seeking because you seem to be giving this House information.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Bwana Spika, tuache kujifanya kama pamba. Hata mambo ya vita tunaweza kushindana kwa hili Bunge. Mimi nimekuja kuwalikisha walio wachache na ninataka wapatiwe haki…

Speaker: Order Hon. Zamzam! What is the clarification that you are seeking? That is out of order and we cannot waste time here by trying to play tricks in this House. I will not stand that.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I was on first clarity and I have listed the things which I feel that the people require. I have said that their houses were burnt and so they need somewhere to sleep because when houses are burnt, they no longer have clothes to wear. Kit

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means that these people need somewhere to sleep as well. Among the list I have listed, all of them require money and our effort and nothing else because when we are seated here, if you have three dresses, you are supposed to distribute a few of them. If you have money, you are supposed to send them.

As an Assembly, this is an institution that also has a budget. We are supposed to set a budget for them so that they may supply them with water, clothes or help them with places to sleep and that is how we are supposed to face this issue. We know that they require security but the issue to do with security is beyond our hands. You cannot tell me that an Honourable Member like me is going to offer them security. I can only offer them food, clean water or finances to help them get somewhere to sleep and everything possible from any quarter of this country. I can only address the government from the media so that they may be supplied with the basic needs they require as at now. The issue of policemen and the issue of rifles is beyond every one of us.

We must face things the way they are and therefore what we could be discussing in this House the in 30 minutes you are giving us, we are supposed to ensure that their safety is good and that we are accessing them through their phones. Mr. Speaker, as the Chair of this House and the Chairman of Service Board, in those 30 minutes you are supposed to make a meeting and come back in this House and tell us if there is any emergency fund so that we can send the Hon. Members.

The same way, the committee on cohesion should make a quick meeting and tell us on the status of security and how we can help them. The Hon. Members in those 30 minutes should come back and give information on their contribution towards the people of Olmoran so that we don't seat here assuming that we are crying for them yet we are not. Let us face reality and work on it. Thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Sitaongea mambo mengi kwa sababu imeongewa na Wajumbe. Leo asubuhi kitu saa saba, niliambiwa na wana habari kutoka Nyahururu ya kwamba huko sio kuzuri na hapo waliokolewa tu na mwenyezi Mungu. Walifika kwa nyumba zao saa saba unusu ya usiku na ndipo Wairimu akanipigia. Gavana naye amekita hema huko na watu wake na hiyo hema inatumika na Wasamaria wema wanaopeleka chakula huko. Jana wakati shule ilichomwa Gavana alikuweko wakiwa na Mheshimiwa Sarah Lekorere. Mlimuona jana kwa runinga akilia na mkaona vile Seneta Kinyua aliongea. Sitaki kulaumu Mheshimiwa Rais kwa sababu alituma basi karibu arobaini kutoka Nairobi na ndege mbili zilianguka huko.

Haya mambo ni muhimu sana na sio ya kutolewa nje sana lakini hao watu ni magaidi. Jana walikuja na hizo bunduki za M16 na pia wako na bendera yao nyeusi ambayo wanapeperusha. Haya sio mambo ya mchezo. Wanahabari waliona kwa macho wakati hao magaidi walikuja kuchoma shule na wakipeperusha bendera nyeusi. Hao sio watu wachache kwa sababu inaonekana kama Laikipia inaweza kuwa kama Kismayo. Wairimu aliniita akaniambia tuwaombee waweze kufika salama. Laikipia, Mungu atusamehe kama tumekosea. Gavana alilia kama mtoto na Wabunge na ninaomba Mwenyezi Mungu asaidie watu wa Laikipia. Sio kuzuri na hii nchi inahitaji maombi. Tuombee nchi yetu ili tusaidike. Mambo ambayo inatendeka ni mambo ingine hata hauwezi kuyaongea hapa.

Niliita wachungaji waweze kuombea wana habari mpaka wafike Nyahururu kwa sababu walikuwa na shida nyingi sana, na mpaka hawakuwa na vitambulisho zao za kazi. Hata kama Mheshimiwa Thomi, Karuiru na Jacob hawako, ni vizuri tujue vile tunaweza kufanya na hata kama hakuna pesa ya dharura sisi wenyewe tunaweza kutoa kwa sababu kile kitu ambacho kinahitajika zaidi ni chakula.

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Walipohama walitoka bila nguo na kwa hivyo kama watu wakiweza kupeana nguo tunaweza kupeleka huko. Wacheni tuombee wanalaikipia kwa sababu sasa tunaelekea kuwa kama Kismayo. Hata sasa naongea na wana habari na kuniambia ya kwamba leo hawataenda kwa yale mambo ambayo waliona. Hao magaidi hawaogopi kwa sababu wanashambulia watu hadi mchana. Hata hao wana habari waliweza kupata mwanya mdogo tu wakaweza kutoroka ndio wakaweza kufika Sipili karibu saa saba za usiku na walikuwa wakisindikizwa na askari. Hizo bunduki za M16 sio za hapa na kila gaidi yuko na bendera yake nyeusi. Wakiwa wanapeperusha na hata hawaogopi ndege za jeshi.

Ukiona mtu akiongea, ni ule uchungu ambao unaouhisi. Sasa hivi ni kuomba Mwenyezi Mungu. Ni muhimu pia kuenda kukaa na hao ndugu zetu kina Mheshimiwa Thomi na kile kitu ambacho tutapata tuweze kupeleka. Tunataka kutubu dhambi zetu kama wana Laikipia ili Mungu atuonekanie. Mheshimiwa Kanyutu anaongea hivyo kwa sababu anajua ule uchungu ambao uko huko. Kama haujaenda huko uone hao watu wanateseka, kama yule mtoto wa darasa la nane bado yuko kwa hospitali na babake aliaga. Juzi waliua mtu mtoto wake akiwa chini ya kitanda.

Wanasiasa na wafanyibiashara ambao wameleta hizo ng'ombe ndio wako na shida. Juzi niliongea na wataalamu wa usalama na nikawaambia ya kwamba Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya aweze kuja. Kukigalmann nafikiria *lease* yake iko karibu kuisha na ningeomba wasifanye upya hiyo *lease.* Rais pia aweze kutujengea kambi la jeshi kama ile ambayo aliojenga huko Garissa.

Wale wanasiasa ambao wameleta ng'ombe zao huko, sasa ng'ombe ni kuchinjwa na kupelekwa. Sasa mwananchi ambaye hana nguvu ni ekari mbili tu na nusu na ng'ombe moja, heri uchukue ng'ombe heri kuua mtu au mtoto. Mama mwingine bwanake aliuawa na yeye akabakwa na hata mchana wanafanya hizo vitendo kwa sababu hakuna askari ambaye anaweza kukaribia hizo bunduki. Haya mambo sio mchezo na maombi inahitajika katika Laikipia ili tuombe pamoja na tuambie watu wa kanisa tuweze kuomba pamoja.

Gavana amekita kambi huko na jana karibu apige mwana habari kwa sababu ya kumuuliza swali tu na hata alishindwa na kuongea kwa vile alikuwa anaona mambo yakiwa. Kwa hivyo tunajua ya kwamba serikali ya kaunti inafanya na sasa mahali ambapo tuko Bwana Spika uweze kutumia kiti chako ili tuweze kuongea pamoja ili kama ni chakula na nguo tupate tuweze kupelekea hao ndugu zetu. Laikipia ni ya kila mtu na sio ya kabila moja.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Olmoran, I am giving out 30 cases of water and Hon. Kanyutu you can pick it from my depot. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nashukuru Wajumbe wa hili Bunge kwa sababu ya kusimama na watu wa Laikipia kwa huu wakati mgumu ambapo maadui wanagandamiza maisha ya watu wetu. Wajumbe wamekuwa na maoni tofauti kwa sababu ya uchungu wa watu wetu ambao tunawakilisha na ni haki yao kukaa pasipo kusumbuliwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, wakati mwingine adui anapokuchambulia, unaweza kumsaidia atimize yake zaidi kwa sababu leo adui akikua, utakuwa umepoteza kwa njia nyingi. Kwa hivyo kama wajumbe ningependa tuone ni njia zipi ambazo tunaweza kusaidia hali ambayo inaendelea kwa sababu wale watu walio pale sasa hivi wanahitaji msaada wa chakula na vinginevyo. Ninashukuru Mheshimiwa Patricia kwa sababu amesema ya kwamba atapata msaada mdogo wa maji na mwingine atapata kitu kingine na tutasaidiana.

Sisi kama viongozi tunataka kutafuta suluhu na kuonekana huko sio vibaya lakini sisi tunatafuta suluhu namna gani? Mimi nilikuwa na mawazo yangu ya kibinafsi ya kwamba sisi

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kama waakilishi ni kulazimisha serikali iangalie hao watu na kama kuna mwanya ambao tunaona kamili ya kwamba serikali haijasimama kidete, tunafaa kuelekea kwa kamishna wa kaunti, mkuu wa polisi , Natembeya, kwa waziri au hata rais na kusema ya kwamba hatutoki pale hadi watu wetu wasaidike.

Tayari tuko na viongozi huko mashinani na tunafaa kuwashikilia tukiwa hapa. Bwana Spika, tuwe na busara kwa sababu wanaongea kwa kukasirika kwa sababu ni ukweli hatuhitaji mjadala ili kuweza kuita wana habari na ili kupeana maoni yetu, lakini tunaweza kuungana twende pale nje na kupeana maoni yetu. Hatuhitaji mjadala pia kuweza kuenda kona rais wa Kenya na kwa hivyo wacha tuendelee kuheshimu hili Bunge na tuendelee kufanya kazi yetu inavyofaa. Asante na tutafute suluhisho linalofaa.

Speaker: Hon. Suge, Hon. Meshami and Hon. Veronica. We should confine ourselves to the issue we have at hand because the issues which we are discussing is the issue of the security of our Members. I have already been informed that they are secure and therefore we do not need even to suspend this House for 30 minutes because we were going to find out where they are by calling them. Therefore Hon. Suge.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nikushukuru na nikupongeze kwa sababu ya kutupatia hii nafasi ili tuweze kujua usalama wa wenzetu na vile vile kujua usalama wa wakaaji wa Laikipia Magharibi na upande wa Laikipia Kaskazini…

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, kindly do not disturb a Member who is speaking.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa muda zaidi wiki tatu, Laikipia imekuwa kwenye vyombo vya habari kwa sababu ya ukosefu wa usalama na hilo jambo limeadhiri mno. Tunapoongea sasa hivi ni kwamba wenzetu kina Mheshimiwa Thomi, Mheshimiwa Karuiru na Mheshimiwa Jacob hawajaweza kuingia kwa hili Bunge ili waweze kutekeleza wajibu ambao sheria imewaleta katika hili Bunge, ilhali wamekuwa mashinani kuangalia maswala ya usalama.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ukosefu wa usalama umekidhili katika kaunti yetu ya Laikipia na sio kwa mwaka mmoja au miwili. Ninakumbuka ya kwamba mwaka wa 1999, hiyo sehemu ya Olmoran iliadhirika sana. Mwaka wa 2014 pia, kulikuwa na lile jambo. Serikali ya Kenya inafaa kuhakikisha ya kwamba wananchi wanaishi kwa usalama, mali yao inalindwa na pia maisha yao. Kwa sababu ya hayo, kuna mahali ambapo naona ya kwamba kuliweza kulegea kidogo kwa sababu *signal* ya kwanza, inaposemekana ya kwamba kuna shida, ilistahili kutatuliwa kwa njia ya haraka kwa sababu huu uhalifu sio wa kawaida.

Juzi tuliona kwenye mitandao ya kwamba kuna watu ambao walitekwa nyara ambapo walikuwa wamepeleka vitu zao za kuuza sokoni na majambazi. Hao majambazi walikuwa wanatumia simu za rununu kuitisha pesa kutoka kwa familia zao na tunaishi kwa taifa yenye serikali na taifa iliyo na uongozi na mara nyingi wananchi wanaambiwa ya kwamba mkono wa serikali ni mrefu. Umekuwa wakati sisi kama viongozi wa Laikipia tuweze kuona ya kwamba hizi shida zimetatuliwa.

Jana niliona kwenye runinga ikisemekana ya kwamba zile bunduki ambazo zinatumiwa na wale majangili ni zile ambazo hazipatikani kwa njia rahisi. Hizi bunduki zimeingia aje? Kwa hivyo tunaomba serikali na sisi kama viongozi tuweze kusimama na wananchi wa Laikipia ili tuweze kuitisha haki ya usalama wa kila mmoja.

La mwisho, kwa sababu pia niliona ya kwamba kaunti imejaribu na hata jana niliona wakipeana godoro, blanketi n a hata chakula, hilo ni wazo nzuri. Sisi kama viongozi katika hili Bunge tuweze pia kuweka kipao mbele kuona ya kwamba hao watu wanasaidika kwa sababu

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makao imechomwa na mali zao zimeimbiwa. Kwa sasa mtu ambaye aliyekuwa na mali sasa anaishi maisha ya ufukara.

Wamefurushwa kutoka manyumba zao na wengine wanaishi kwa hema na kwa hivyo ni jambo nzito. Wanafunzi pia hawajui ni nini ambacho kimesababisha haya maneno kwa sababu hata shule zimefungwa na hawawezi kuenda shuleni na hiyo ni huzuni kubwa. Tunaomba ya kwamba hilo jambo liweze kuzingatiwa kwa kupewa kipao mbele ili amani iweze kurejea. Kwa hayo machache ninaunga mkono.

Speaker: As I said, we need to limit ourselves to the issue of security of our Members although we have already confirmed that they are safe. The rest of the issues pertaining to Olmoran, we said that they shall be moved under an urgent matter of county importance and that will be done when a Member brings a notice of motion into this House. So Hon. Meshami and then Hon. Veronica.

Hon. George Meshami: Mheshimiwa Spika, Nashukuru kwa kunipatia hii nafasi nichangie kuhusu usalama wa Laikipia. Mimi niko na huzuni kwa sababu nimepigwa hapa miezi tisa. Watu wa Magharibi mwa Mukogodo walikuwa wanalala hospitali wakiwa si wagonjwa. Wengine wanalala kanisani na si siku ya kuabudu. Bwana Spika, nimehuzunika kwa sababu nimepitia hizi vita.

Wakati huu watu wa Ol Moran wako na shida sana. Hao watu wako na haki ya kuishi, wako na haki ya kulindwa na serikali na mali yao iko na haki ya kulindwa. Leo hii tunapoongea kuna wengine wanachomwa, mashamba yao imevamiwa na sasa watu wanatembea barabarani wasipojua pa kwenda na wako na watoto wao.

Bwana Spika, hii Laikipia yetu baada ya miezi minne ama mitatu badala ya kuongea maendeleo tunaongea kuhusu vita kila wakati. Ningependa kuambia Serikali yetu tukufu ipate kuangalia chanzo cha hili na kuweka maanani kwa sababu kati ya wodi kumi na tano ambazo tuko nazo, Wodi kama Magharibi na Mashariki mwa Mukogodo, Sosian, Ol Moran na Salama zimeadhirika.

Watu wote wa Laikipia wanaendelea kupoteza maisha yao na mali yao, shule zinaendelea kuchomwa na shule zaidi ya sita zimefungwa. Bwana Spika, si jambo la maana Bunge lako kuendelea kuketi hapa na kujadili Biashara ikiwa wanalaikipia wanaendelea kufa. Wabunge wenzetu wanaotarajia kuendeleza biashara katika hili Bunge wako mashinani kwa sababu ya watu wao.

Ombi langu ni ingefaa sisi kama Wabunge ambao tumeteuliwa na wanalaikipia tuende tuwe pamoja na wao wakati huu wanapitia magumu. Tukiendelea na biashara na kuna wenzetu wanaoendelea kuumia, wanalaikipia wanaendelea kufa. Kama viongozi ingefaa tuwe pale tushinde na wao. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to give my contribution. We thank God that the Governor and leaders of this county are safe. Mr. Speaker, as others have said, it is very sad that the National Government and the security team are not able to protect our people. We need to plan so that we can see our President if he cannot be able to see us. If the mountain cannot come near us, we need to prepare to go there because it is very sad.

The economy of Laikipia is going down because if we have built our schools, yet somebody can burn it, it is sad. We cannot tolerate this as Laikipians so we need to wake up. Mr. Speaker, today is not a normal day. We need to adjourn this Assembly so that we stand with them. It is sad that we are taking our business as usual while others are crying.

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Mr. Speaker, yesterday I saw Hon. Sarah crying. She is a mother and she is feeling for our people and children in this county. Imagine somebody burning our schools. It is sad and therefore we are calling upon human rights organisations to come to Laikipia. We need help, we cannot leave Kuki Galmann so we need to clear the bushes and she needs to be evicted from that place so that we can be able to know where those bandits are coming from.

They are not even after our cows and goats. They are after our women and children. They are raping women and children and this is sad and ironical. Mr. Speaker, we need to go there even if our people are safe. We need to give them a shoulder to lean on as leaders. I support the person who brought this idea. Even if we give them food and water, we also need to fight. I remember there was a time we had the NPR who had gun to protect our people. Natembeya came and took those guns. He left those bandits with guns.

It is sad because if he was to collect all the guns, then they were to collect from both sides. They are using phones yet we have the Safaricom. We need to trace those people through those phones. They cannot tell us that they cannot be able to trace those thugs. They are just reluctant and ignorant that they do not want to protect Laikipians and it is sad. We are calling upon the National Government, the President H.E Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta who we respect to save Laikipians. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We need to join hands we support those people on the ground.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for airing your views as far as that is concerned. I wish to report that Hon. George Karuiru, Hon. Peter Thomi, Hon. Jacob Endom and Hon. Esokon Lochimidi are safe wherever they are. The motion that you were raising was all about the security of our Members. We were to suspend this House for thirty minutes so that we can go and find out the security status of our members and where they are.

The issue was raised by Hon. Kanyutu that they are out of reach since last night. We allowed that debate but the Serjeant at Arms has called all them and he has confirmed that they are secure and safe. Therefore, we do not need to suspend this House to follow up on the security of the Members now that it has been confirmed that they are safe. Number two, we as a House are going to sit to see how we are going to help them.

What they have requested through the Serjeant at Arms is that they are in need of food and any other help including money because some of them want to make calls not only for our members but the people of Ol Moran. When they are asking for food, it is not food for themselves but also for the people they represent. The people whose houses have been torched do not have shelter. They are in churches and they need food and other basic stuffs for them to use. I feel that mask can help a lot now that they are congregating and congested in places.

It is important for we Hon. Members to see what we can do as a House. I will be sitting with the Clerk and the Board Members who are present so that we can see what the Assembly can be able to donate. It is important for Hon. Members to sit we see what we can do so that we can address the challenges that are at hand. The main challenge is that we have people who have been displaced from the homes.

The urgent thing to do is that they have children who need milk, food and the people themselves are hungry. They do not have a basic item that they need such as blankets and mattresses the only ones is those that were provided by the County Government. We will see what kind of immediate help we can be able to give so that we help them to survive so that somebody does not escape death by bullet then that person dies of Covid, hunger or something else that we can be able to address.

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Therefore, as a House we must be able to look at that and see what interventions we can make. Number three, a number of you have asked whether we can suspend this House and have time to go to Ol Moran. That is depending on you Hon. Members. It is within your powers to decide not to sit so that you go stand with our colleagues. I know we were supposed to be on recess but we extended this recess. We moved a motion not to go to recess.

We can still do a procedural motion we give ourselves three days to go to Ol Moran and Sosian so that we can stand with our people. It is important for us to be seen on the ground. Even if you sent somebody food and many things, there will still be the comfort that comes by seeing somebody close to you speaking for you where you can see that person.

Even though the Governor had nothing to offer and he is speaking to the media and addressing issues where they are, people feel comfortable because our people live because of hope. Therefore, it is important for us to be seen to be giving hope. As much as we continue with the business of the House, then somebody may take it as if we are not mindful. As we do this, we must be keen to make sure that we balance all things. Hon. Meshami has said that it happened in his ward for nine months and nobody talked about it.

I think we should learn from today that we need to be very keen on whatever that is happening. There is a time we had issues in Mukogodo Forest some few months ago. We need to always support each other so that a member does not feel people supported Hon. Karuiru but people did not support Hon. Meshami. We need to come together as a House we build life to the issues that are affecting our people.

This issue has been aired on TV and social media so it has been taken with a lot of weight but it is important for any member who represent people, when your people are suffering in one way or the other especially with displacement, it is good to speak on that issue with the weight that it deserves. I also remember that Hon. Matunge one time raised an issue in this House as an urgent matter of county importance and we addressed that in this House.

That is all what I can put for now. For us to do media press outside here, it doesn't require a motion in this House. For us to plan to address these issues there are some things that we can be able to do even without moving a motion in this House. It is good to speak about it but we can organise ourselves so that we can be able to speak on those issues. One thing that Hon. Karuiru and the Members are raising is that they have seen and they have heard everyone else talk about it but they have not heard from the colleagues.

It is important whether we go to Ol Moran or whether we are here we let them understand that we are standing with them. They are saying they have heard the Senator and the Member of Parliament speak about, the former CS for Agriculture have and the Governor have spoken about it but they will be very much comforted when they feel that their colleagues are speaking about it. It is important we do that.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have heard what you have said but I am worried because you are saying Hon. Karuiru, Hon. Lochimidi and Hon. Jacob are safe. What you have done is just calling yet you know people like me are like Thomas. We need to see and touch them so that we can be confident that those people are secure. I am seeking your leave as Hon. Stephen Ndiritu to go there so that I can see with my own eyes. That is what I am trying to say. I also know that Hon. Suge is consulting me…

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I need clarity from the Hon. Member, whether somebody can pick a call while dead or assumed to be dead. He is saying that you have just

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called but until he touches that is when he will believe that that person is alive. I need clarity whether somebody can pick call when he or she is dead.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, what I have said is that I am trying to think you have called somebody else. I have said that I am worried and I said I am like Thomas. We need to see them. Why can't we organise a team to go to that area. That is what I am trying to say. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndiritu. I said we organise ourselves and I think that is quite in order. We should not wait for anyone to organise us. We should organise ourselves because they are our colleagues. We need to see them. Hon. Ndiritu, you will agree with me that there are times you did not come to this House simply because you have an urgent and important business to handle out there. You went to stand with a family that was mourning so that you comfort them.

Now you still can if you realize that this group is delayed. I also believe you are free to organise yourself and get to be seen as quickly as possible. If Hon. Sarah Lekorere was to wait until the parliament says we are sending a certain committee to Ol Moran, then it means she could not have been able to go to Ol Moran. She organised herself because these are her people and others are neighbours. The people of Ol Moran are our neighbours and we can organise ourselves either individually or collectively.

As an Assembly we must be seen to have stood with the people who are suffering in one way or other either by buying food stuff or whatever provision we can be able to make. We can do that urgently. We shall finalise with the orders of this House so that the people we need to meet can go see what we can do. What Hon. Mugweru raised, there is a Committee on County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters that need to meet and see what they can be able to do.

The Service Board on behalf of the Assembly and Members can as well sit and we can be able to see what all of us can do. Where we stand, each one of us can do something even calling somebody and knowing how they are faring on. Imagine somebody is suffering and the last time he receive your call was three weeks ago. I think this is important. We can still go the route of Hon. Patricia. She has given cases of water. Whatever you can be able to offer, we can offer and we shall be counted to have assisted.

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY THE TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE

Speaker: You can make it brief.

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

THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia Executive quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2019 dated 7th September, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I will go through this report quickly because I is well outlined. It is also written in summary.

Membership Composition; the committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following members.

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1. Hon. Judy Lukio -Chairperson
2. Hon. George Meshami -Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Irene Wachuka -Member
4. Hon. Mary Samken -Member
5. Hon. Simon Kanyutu -Member
6. Hon. John Mutahi -Member
7. Hon. Chris Mark -Member.

Mr. Speaker, the committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document as required prior to tabling it in the House. On behalf of the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the committee's report. Mr. Speaker, may I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, if I go to page 4 I think all the Members are with me on the funds financial statements. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Government Financial Statement presents the recent actual fiscal performance for the quarter of Financial Year 2019/2020 and makes comparison to the budget appropriation for the same year. It further provides a comprehensive and financial review with sufficient information to show changes from the projections outlined in the latest County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2019/2020.

The statement provides overview of how the actual performance of third quarter of 2019/2020 affected the compliance with the fiscal responsibility principles and financial objectives as detailed in the 2019/2020 County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Mr. Speaker, on page 5 there is the budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes. Even without reading the members can see how it is. Page 6 is a continuation and Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period under review, the department had an absorption rate of 29.9% Kshs 1,460,000 was spent against the budget of Kshs 4,883,706. This under expenditure is explained by the slow release of funds by the National Treasury.

During the period under review some votes didn't spend their budget;

1. Cooperative development which had a vote of Kshs. 263,706
2. Trade development and promotion with the vote of Kshs. 1,245,000
3. Tourism development and promotion with the vote of Kshs. 750,000

Mr. Speaker, on Committee's observations, the committee observed the following;

1. During the period under review, the department didn't work on majority of the programs it budgeted for.
2. During the period under review the personnel services sub-programmes over spent with Kshs. 85,000 which may lead to depletion of the budget.

On recommendations, the committee recommended the following;

1. The department should come up with ways of streamlining their daily operations when it comes to executing the earmarked programmes for efficacy in budget utilisation.

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2. The committee recommends that the department should work on the programmes that it has budgeted for in order to avoid pending bills in future.

On committee conclusion, the committee urges that this House adopts the committee report on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended September, 2019 Mr. Speaker, the report is short and I request Hon. Kanyutu to second this report.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a wonderful report and I support it. Thank you.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a proud Member of this committee and I support the good work the committee has brought to the House. I urge Hon. Members to support it.

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

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The report is well outlined and Members have seen how the funds were executed and implemented. Thank you.

(Putting the question deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.29 a.m.

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