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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

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

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

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF HON. SPEAKER (LANTANO NABAALA) BY IMPEACHMENT

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 61 of the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders;

This House RESOLVES to remove from Office by impeachment, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Laikipia, Hon Lantano Nabaala on the grounds set out in this Motion.

THIS MOTION has been presented to the Clerk of the House in writing stating the grounds and particulars upon which the proposed motion is made, signed by the Hon Nicholas Lempaira, MCA Mukogodo West and signed in support by at least One Third of all the Members.

1. GROUNDS/CHARGES

1.1 USE OF FAKE ACADEMIC PAPERS TO SEEK AND OBTAIN ASCENSION TO PUBLIC OFFICE

1.1.1 Article 178 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that each County Assembly shall have a Speaker elected by the County Assembly from among persons who are not Members of the Assembly.

The Office of Speaker in the Laikipia County Assembly is held by the Hon Lantano Nabaala.

1.1.2 The Office of Speaker of the Assembly is a High Office and the holder of the Office is required to ascribe and adhere to the highest levels of professionalism and good conduct and further demonstrate/practice strict deference and compliance to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the precepts thereto together with all other legislation both at National and County level

1.1.3 Hon Lantano Nabaala previously held the Office of in the Laikipia County Government in the previous years before applying for

1.1.4 and being elected to the Office of Speaker of the County Assembly of Laikipia.

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The Hon Speaker in applying for the above positions, presented the following academic Papers positing that they were legitimate and genuine academic qualifications:

a) 1996: B.E.D, (science), (1stclasshonors) Degree from Serekunda, Gambia University

1.1.5 It has since transpired that the said documents are is not genuine and that the Hon Speaker did present fake and forged Certificates.

1.1.6 The holder of the Office of Speaker is obligated to observe the dictates of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and carries, as Speaker, an elevated responsibility in the management of the affairs of his Office and the business of the County Assembly

1.1.7 The Speaker is thus required to be of good character, be of sound moral principle and demonstrate unimpeachable probity.

1.1.8 By presenting fraudulent Academic Papers the Hon Speaker has violated the ethos and spirit of the Constitution is guilty of criminal conduct and is thus in breach of the law and should be removed from Office

2. 1.2 ABUSE OF OFFICE

1.2.1 A complaint has been issued against the Speaker for the use of a firearm illegally. The circumstances of the stated illegal use have been reported to the DCI at Laikipia vide O.B. No. _____

1.3 ILLEGAL HIRING OF STAFF

The Speaker is guilty of the illegal hiring of Staff

The position of Director of Procurement was advertised via national gazetted notice dated 1ST SEPT 2023 and Cancelled via gazette notice of 4th oct 2023, advertised same interviews without following the laid down procedures and hiring regulations. The hiring of the said Director was at the behest of the Speaker and without any explanation the said position was never filled

1.3.1 Hiring of deputy clerk, the position of the deputy was advertised twice through a national gazette notice dated……., this position was never budgeted for or brought to the Assembly for approval, having a second deputy clerk on acting position leading to loss of public resource by paying the substantive clerk on compulsory leave and on full pay and hence, value for money not realized as the county PFM Act 2017.

1.4 MISUSE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

By virtue of his position as Speaker the Hon Speaker is entitled to the use of a County Vehicle.

The Speaker has however used his own personal vehicle for personal errands and then charged the County assembly and required it to pay for the use of the said Private Vehicle contrary to county government act no 17 of 2022 section 11, through a company named: **ATATUK** supplies strongly believed to be registered under his spouse.

In support of the evidence towards these allegations are _____

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1.4.1 By failing to Hire the Director of procurement which was at his behest and duty as the chairperson of service board caused loss of public resources through the committee sitting allowance and also through the cost of advertisement through national newspaper dated……

(see attached ADVERTS)

1.5 Neglect of Statutory duties and Contempt of the County Assembly.

Article 73(2)(d) of the Constitution demands that all State Officers must be accountable to the public for their decisions, actions and by implication public utterances; AND WHEREAS in fulfilment of the Article 73 (2) (d) of the Constitution, Section 51 (1) (d) (e) (f) of the County Governments Act, 2012 mandates the Board to prepare regular reports for submission to the County Assembly on the execution of the functions of the Board; to promote in the county public service the values and principles referred to in Articles 10 and 232 and to evaluate and report to the county assembly every December on the extent to which the values and principles referred to in Articles 10 and 232 are complied with in the County Public Service; The speaker as the chairperson of the Board have grossly violated the provisions of Articles 73 and 195 of the Constitution and Section 51 (1) (d) (e) and (f) of the County Governments Act, 2012 by engagement, connivance and/or complicity refused to furnish the County Assembly with reports on the execution of the functions of the Board and the extent to which the values and principles referred to in Articles 10 and Articles 232 of the Constitution are complied with in the County Public Service thus hindering the County Assembly from exercising its oversight and legislative

1.5.1 The County Assembly Service is a statutory entity set up and constituted under the County Governments Act. The purpose of the Board is to provides services and facilities to the Members of the County Assemblies to ensure and facilitate the efficient running of the County Assembly, the speaker as the chairperson and head of this institution failed to pay the members allowances on time and in full for smooth running and facilitation of the oversight role of the members

The foregoing constitutes the Charges against the Speaker.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL PRE-REQUISITES

2.3 Under Standing Order 61 of the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders, a member of the County Assembly supported by at least One Third of all the members may move a motion for impeachment of the Speaker. Hon. Speaker, allow me to read the Members who are in agreement with this motion;

1. Hon. Nicholas Lempaira MCA, Mukogodo West.
2. Hon. Caroline Kihika nominated MCA.
3. Hon. Eunice Moile, nominated MCA.
4. Hon. Anthony Theuri, MCA Nanyuki Ward.
5. Hon. Gatati Mugambi, MCA Salama Ward.
6. Hon. John Maina, MCA Rumuruti Ward.
7. Hon. George Karuiru, MCA Olmoran Ward.

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8. Hon. Simon Kanyutu, MCA Marmanet Ward.
9. Hon. Joseph Gitahi, MCA Githiga Ward.
10. Hon. Lekopien Parleto, MCA Sosian Ward.
11. Hon. Benson Kuria, nominated MCA.
12. Hon. Catherine Nyokabi, MCA Ngobit Ward.
13. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, MCA Thingithu Ward.

The above names satisfy this requirement.

2.4 The dictates of natural justice require that the Motion be accompanied by the relevant evidence by way of either sworn testimonies or Annexes/Documents supporting the Charges. The mover of this motion presents, with this motion the relevant evidence in support of the Motion.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to make it known to this House that I have attached all the relevant evidence enquired and well received by the Clerk of the County assembly. The Motion herein is presented in accordance with and in conformity to the attendant legal requirements.

RESOLUTIONS:

On the strength of the above charges, given the nature of the seriousness of these charges and the facts and evidence tendered, I humbly urge the House to support motion and resolve that pursuant to the provisions of **Standing Order 61** of the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders this House **RESOLVES** to remove from Office by impeachment, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Laikipia, **Hon Lantano Nabaala** on the grounds set out in this motion. Thank you.

STATEMENTS

CONVERSION OF PUBLIC LAND TO PRIVATE LAND

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, a statement was read on the floor of the House by Hon. Nicholas Lempaira on 27th August 2024 and was committed to the Finance and County Planning Committee on the same day. The committee wrote to the CECM for Infrastructure, Lands, Public Works and Urban Development vide letter ref CGL/CA/CM/007/02/VOL 3/0015 dated 28th August 2024. The committee has not yet received any response from the department.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee is hereby seeking for an extension of time by one month to enable it receive feedback from the department and respond appropriately. Thank you.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to what the Member from Thingithu has said, I think it is the high time that we get proper conversations and agreements on the issue of land in this county. As you know, I am a Member from Sosian which is one of the biggest wards here and which has a lot of issues about land. The conversation around land is a very sensitive one in this county because in Laikipia, we have had a few issues on land. Even as we speak today, we still have issues of a lot of public land allocated to individuals in the name of rehabilitation centres which no one in this county of Laikipia has approved.

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I am getting a little worried and agitated because for a few times, I have seen county government officials; the CECM, Governor and everyone else coming to Rumuruti to do public participation and not even one MCA has been invited to be part of it. It is worrying and a very big concern, and I wish the CECM for Lands and the CO should be brought to this House to give us the way forward and information on land in the County Government of Laikipia because it is a big issue and a big worry.

I want to urge the Hon. Member from Thingithu; as you know, one month is a long time and if I count, the days they are thirty. I will not count the hours because that will take us forever. Hon. Member, you should give a one-week notice to the CECM to come and explain to us what is happening. As we speak, some individuals' private land as well as public land is going to waste in this County, and some people are taking advantage of the situation that we are in.

The County Government of Laikipia should be a little bit serious on the issue of land because if you do not do so, it is going to mess us and the public. I wish that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, please make it short because one month is a long time. Just give it a week and we should get all the relevant answers and questions. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: It is only fair that I give whoever raised the statement, and according to the records, it is one Nicholas Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I think when the Chairperson of the Finance Committee responds to these issues, we want him to tell the House whether the CECM concerned is not willing to cooperate. If that is the case, this House has all the mechanisms to make him cooperate. When we talk of the issue of land, it is a very critical issue. I asked for a response to this statement because of the people of Mukogodo West especially those who live at a place called Ranch on your way to Doldol. There is a particular issue about that land which I want to understand.

It will be very wrong and unfortunate for those people who live in Ranch to be displaced when I am their leader, yet I do not have enough information on how the land was given to somebody without the approval of this House. We do not know whether the CECM concerned is delaying in order to continue giving more public land to private developers without following the proper procedures. It is also this committee that we are depending on for the Rumuruti spatial plan that we passed in this House. A lot of money was spent on that spatial plan, a lot of resources were put into it, and we want to understand these issues. We also want to understand how prominent and big people in this government grab land in Rumuruti without following the right procedures. The people of Rumuruti and Sosian are still waiting for their allotments when somebody somewhere already has an allotment of a hundred, a thousand or ten thousand acres.

So, we want to understand these facts, we want to be furnished with these issues so that we do not do things through propaganda but in an informed way. We are not asking for this response because we are fighting anybody; we are asking for it so that we can understand how to handle issues coming from the people that we represent. If this issue is becoming hard for the committee, we can urge this House to make it a whole House issue and we call the people responsible to tell us about these issues directly. If the responsible committee is unable to obtain the information that we want, then we have to look for other ways to get it. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a bit concerned by the Chair seeking an extension of one month. I am sure that anything pertaining to land is a great concern to each and every person who is elected and representing people in this county. I am a bit

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concerned. Seeking a one-month extension when he already had two weeks; there must be something that is cooking behind our backs. We need to face this issue as a House if the committee is unable to forward the report to the Assembly within a week. I thought we might be having a preliminary at the moment while awaiting the completion of the report. However, seeking for a one-month extension shows that nothing has been done since the statement was raised.

Mr. Speaker, this county pays people who are in offices to attend to our people. If a report that is supposed to be given to the Assembly cannot be given in a certain duration of two weeks, I can see something is cooking behind our back. We need to focus on this and make sure that everything has been put in the right record. Mr. Speaker, if the committee cannot do a report within one week, let it be brought in the whole House so that they tackle that issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: In the spirit of the unity of this House, this motion was raised. Hon. Caroline Kihika.

Hon. Caroline Kihika: Mr. Speaker, I am standing on a point of order. The deadline was yesterday. It is overdue and calling for a month down the line will be an abuse. We are not kids, we are grown-ups. Call your boss and tell him that we need it in five days' time.

Deputy Speaker: I understand Hon. Stephen Ndiritu is here under the mandate of oversight, legislation and representation. If I am not wrong, I believe he is the boss to the CECM.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Hon. Speaker, I just want to task the Chairperson for Finance Committee. I sometimes find this as a joke that we are here on the issues of land. We also had issues with the Finance Bill which we never got answers from him. This is a great concern that we should tackle this once and for all. I just urge the Chair to please tackle it once and for all. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Before I give this chance to Hon. Stephen, Hon. Nicholas raised this motion and according to me, I did not get the deadline. You never said how much time we are expecting the Chair to complete his work. It will be great so that we can agree.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: When the motion was raised on 27th, we asked for fourteen days. It is over-due.

Deputy Speaker: It is more than two years.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: He should give us the real thing. If it is possible, he should give us the report next week before we break for recess. It will be better for this House. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, is a week okay.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Jambo la kwanza ambalo ninafaa kuelezea hili Bunge ni kwamba kama vile nimeweza kusoma nakala ambayo iko katika Bunge hili, Kamati ya Fedha imeeleza iliketi chini mara tatu ili kuhakikisha ya kwamba ripoti imekuja katika Bunge hili. Bwana Spika, kama vile unajua, siyo Kamati ya Fedha peke yake ambayo imeomba kuongezewa muda.

Nakubaliana kwamba mambo ya mashamba ni nyeti na yana hisia kama vile unasikia Mheshimiwa Lempaira na Mheshimiwa Lekopien wakiongea. Haya ni mambo ambayo yanapandisha mori. Bwana Spika, nafikiria ni wakikuyu peke yao lakini kwa sasa nimeona hili

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jambo limeenea kila mahali. Kamati imekaa mara kadhaa wakiuliza waziri afike kwenye kikao cha kamati.

Kwanza ilisemekana ya kwamba waziri yuko na mkutano na tukakubaliana. Alipoambiwa aweze kufika katika kamati, hakuweza kufika kwa sababu ambazo aliweza kupeana. Sisi kama kamati tulikaa chini na kuangalia. Bwana Spika, tulikuwa tunatarajia Waziri awe na kikao na kamati kufikia hadi sasa; lakini leo amesema yuko na mkutano wa mawaziri wengine. Ninakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Lempaira na Mheshimiwa Lekopien…

Bwana Spika, sijui shida iko wapi. Bwana Spika, leo inasemekana waziri ana mkutano na ndio maana ninasema nakubaliana na Waheshimiwa wengine kwamba tunafaa kukaa chini kama Bunge. Bunge imepitisha bajeti na pesa mingi imetumika Rumuruti na Segera kama nilivyoelezea kwenye hii nakala. Bwana Spika, tumepatia waziri nafasi ya mwisho ili aweze kutokea kwenye kamati. Akishindwa kutokea, sheria inasema akishindwa anafaa kuandikiwa barua.

Bwana Spika, hapo ndipo tunaelekea. Tunaitisha hilo na ikibidi ili isionekane kama kamati ndio iko na shida, tunaweza kualika waziri kupitia kiti chako Bwana Spika ili aweze kufika katika Bunge ili aeleze kinagaubaga yale yanayofanyika katika Rumuruti, Segera na sehemu nyingi katika Laikipia. Bwana Spika, nakubaliana na hilo lakini ninaomba Bunge hili kupitia kiti chako.

Maana ya kusema mwezi mmoja, ni kwamba mnajua Jumatano ya wiki ijayo tutakuwa tunaelekea michezo. Kutoka hapo Bwana Spika, tunaelekea likizo. Hizo siku zikihesabiwa zinafikia mwezi mmoja. Kamati haina nia mbaya ilhali tuko na nia njema ya kuleta hiyo ripoti. Ikiwezekana wiki ijayo, tutakuwa tayari. Kama kuna kamati ambayo inafanya kazi usiku na mchana ni Kamati ya Fedha.

Bwana Spika, ukienda katika rekodi zote utaona ni Kamati ya Fedha ambayo haina biashara inayosubiriwa. Ninasema uwazi katika Bunge hili. Kamati ya CPAIC ambayo inaongozwa na Mheshimiwa Lekopien ina ripoti nyingi ambazo hazijaletwa kwenye Bunge hili na tuna subiria hili. Bwana Spika, isisemekane ya kwamba Kamati ya Fedha iko na shida. Hatuna shida yeyote.

Jambo la pili ni kwamba mimi kama Mwenyekiti, kazi yangu ni kualika waziri. Sina majibu yeyote kwa upande wa Rumuruti. Kazi yetu ni uangalizi. Tumeangalia, tumeleta ripoti na tulipitisha *Spatial plan* katika Bunge hili. Bwana Spika, ningetaka kama hatutakuwa tumeleta ripoti kwa muda wa mwezi mmoja, waziri aitwe hapa ili ajibu maswali na kama hatajibu, achukuliwe hatua ya kisheria.

Bwana Spika, imekuwa ni jambo la kawaida kwa waziri kuitwa na kamati na kukosa kujitokeza. Waziri anapolegea katika kazi yake, wananchi wanafikiria ni Mheshimiwa ambaye hafanyi kazi. Naeleza Mheshimiwa Lekopien aache kuchapa kamati. Kamati haina kazi nyingi ila ni kuangalia. Tuko tayari na tutaleta hiyo ripoti. Bwana Spika, kama kuna shamba ambayo imeenda, tunajua mashtaka ambayo…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nicholas, you are an old honorable Member here and you know when the mover of a motion and whenever a Member is answering a statement, he should not be interrupted. I will protect him to make his submission and then I am going to make decision.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: It is a point of information Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: I allow you today but you know the Standing Orders very well.

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Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the Chairperson for Finance Committee because he is trying to prove to this House the laziness of the committee. I want him to prove to this House that they are not lazy by giving us that report in two weeks. That will be seven days maximum. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Allow Hon. Stephen to finish his submission then we are going to make a conclusion. Every microphone that is on should be off. Continue with your submission.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You are equal to the task and that is why you are there…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kimani, switch off your microphone.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I was standing on a point of…

Deputy Speaker: I made a ruling that Hon. Stephen should not be interrupted until he makes his submission.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, it is not interruption. I want him to clarify if the CECM cannot respond to the Chairperson of the Committee, we do not need an extension. We need to take a step on the same.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen continue.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesema vizuri ya kwamba waziri hajakataa. Amepatia sababu ambazo sisi kama kamati tumeona ni kweli hangeweza kutokea leo. Bwana Spika, hili ni jambo nyeti kwa sababu Waheshimiwa mnajua mahali tumetoka na mahali tunaenda. Jambo likifika hapa sisi wote tunafaa kuungana. Mheshimiwa Spika, nimefungua milango yote ili tuweze kuzungumzia mambo ya Rumuruti. Mnajua shida ambayo iko Rumuruti.

Kama nilivyokuwa ninasema, katika mashtaka ya Nairobi walikuwa wanataja mambo ya Rumuruti ambayo ni ukweli. Kama vile Waheshimiwa wanasema, ninakubaliana na wao mia kwa mia tukae chini. Ninaomba wakati waziri atawasili katika kamati, tunaalika Waheshimiwa wote ili waweze kuhudhuria hicho kikao. Pia nitakuwa nimealika wanahabari katika huo mkutano ili kila mtu aweze kusikia ukweli wa mambo yote. Sisi hatuna mambo ambayo tunaficha.

Hatuna kitu ambacho tunaelewa kushinda Wabunge wengine. Sisi tuko hapa kuhakikisha kwamba matarajio ya watu wa Laikipia imeangaliwa kwa njia yoyote. Kwa hayo machache, naomba Bunge kwa sababu ya wakati tulio nao mdogo, ikionekana kupitia kwa kiti chako tuwe na kikao wiki ijayo, nakubali. Haya sio mambo ya kamati bali Bunge nzima. Nilikuwa nimeongea mambo ya mwezi. Kama haitawezekana na uone ni vizuri waziri aje hapa kupitia afisi yako, nitakuwa mwenye furaha na nitatembea wima.

Deputy Speaker: I want to make a ruling on this so that we can go to the other business. This is an emotional case and everyone wants to prove his point, we need to remain united. My ruling is that through the office of the Speaker, they write to the CECM in the next 7 days, he should respond in writing before we break for games and also for recess.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. It was scheduled that I do a response from the committee on the Status on drilling equipping of boreholes in Laikipia County. I wish to submit that more time is needed so that Members can internalize themselves with these documents that has just been presented to me.

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You understand Mr. Speaker, because of the Assembly of Committees that it is needed, whatever reports gets in to the committee is consumed by Members before being debated here. I wish to submit that as the interim Chair of this committee I had not received this report and just received it now. The dictate of prudence states that you cannot argue from a point of ignorance. It will be so erroneous for me to discuss a document and ask the House on its adoption, a document that I have not gone through.

I wish Members of this House to give me more time. I seek your indulgence just like you have done with the previous committee that just before or after our calendar allows us to recess and CASA Games, I sit with members of the Committee so that we can internalize this document. I understand that this House has allocated a lot of money to the department of Water under sensitivity and scarcity in this County. It is a sensitive matter and I was asking for more time so that we do a quality debate with good responses. I request this House to accord me more time so that we discuss issues on a point of information. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker, I am reminded that I was seeking an extension for three weeks so that we have ample time. I understand the issues captured here are of all the wards. It is good we familiarize ourselves with the document before bringing it here.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the extension from the Chair. I am a Member of that Committee. I am shocked that when I came here, I went through the report and when going through I rushed to where my ward is and I am shocked. Before we table it, let the committee first sit on it. There are some clarities that needs to be made.

Mr. Speaker, I am shocked. I am conversant of how my ward is but shocked! Just an example, we have Njoguini Dispensary. I can't even elaborate.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu, you are asking for extension. Don't go to the details first. As your Chair has said, you can only debate on a point of information. Since you have information on Marmanet, I believe it has so much for Laikipia. I will give you another minute to ask for extension. Don't go into details. It will raise emotions here. I can already read the mood from both sides.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, let us have an extension of two weeks instead of the three weeks from the Chair. We need clarifications on the same. I support the Chair and really, we need proper clarification because Members have been able to go through the report it is good that it has come to our end. Let every Member have the report and raise the concern because I am shocked as per my area.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also echo the words of Hon. Kanyutu to support the Chair because the Chair wants to be very careful since the report that I have just seen is erroneous and fake. It might bring us to a different direction.

Deputy Speaker: I will only allow the Chair to stand on a point of information or clarification.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: No. it is a point of Order Hon. Speaker. You cannot pre-empt on a document that we have not seen and you call it fake. I have heard another Member saying it is a written version of the theatre of the absurd, Hon. Speaker. I want to tell Member not to pre-empt whatever is in this document. I mean we will perform the roles of the Chair in that Committee and we will be able to do a good response Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, there is nothing much I can say because the Hon. Member has said he is very new in this place only to find out that he is telling us that he is very

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old an experienced on the same. I fail to understand whether he is contradicting himself. He said he has just received the report and now he is defending the same. That confirms that the report is erroneous and fake. Deep in his heart, he knows that it is not supposed to be tabled in to this House. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: I have seen Hon. Nicholas?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Mr. Speaker, I stand in protection of my Chair as a Member of Committee. Kindly Members, let us all go through the document together. I urge the Members to get the copies so that as we break for the weekend, any boreholes written that it has been rehabilitated if you have an opportunity, you can rush and see if it's functional. As you come back next week for debate, you can respond from what you have seen and read. I have seen quite a lot has been laid down for my ward and I will love to do verification.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to echo the support to the Chairperson for Water Committee that water being an emotive issue, we need to allow the Chair to go through the report so that it does not become fake or erroneous anymore. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Having considered your contribution, I will be generous to Hon. Joseph Gitahi and grant you three weeks. You have pleaded well and also don't forget that I am a Member and I know what has been going on. I will grant you the three weeks. That is done. Before we go the next order, I take this opportunity to welcome our new Members. This is their second sitting. Feel free and anytime you need assistance from any Members here, we are generous and soon we will have a *kamukunji* to adopt you fully so that we can be enjoined in the respective committees.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until next week Tuesday, 15th October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.21 p.m.

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