

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA
THE HANSARD

Thursday, 3rd December, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

STATUS OF LAIKIPIA WEIGHBRIDGE

Hon. Zamzam Hussein: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Peter Matunge, I wish to seek the following Statement. Pursuant to the Provisions of Standing Order No. 45(2) c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson of Finance and County Planning Committee regarding the above mentioned project.

Mr. Speaker, the County Assembly allocated funds to a tune of Kshs. 6, 000, 000 in the financial year 2019/2020 to Laikipia County Revenue Board for the purchase of weighbridge in order to improve revenue management services. I request the Chairman County Public Accounts and Investments Committee to inform this House on the Status of the project and its allocation.

Speaker: I wish to commit the Statement to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investment. I would wish to ask the Chairperson for Finance Committee when he would be able to bring this. I know that we have some weeks from the 1st of February until we come back where we shall be having committee meetings. Therefore I wish to give you up to the 3rd week after opening in the 2nd week of February and report in the 1st week of March. Is that okay with you or even earlier if you are able to do it.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Mr. Speaker, due to other activities on the same committee, I think we need to respond on the first week of March.

Speaker: Kindly respond then.

MOTION

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Peter Thomi through Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of Majority who is not with us today, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29 (3) to allow it adjourn its sittings from Friday, 4th December, 2020 to Monday, 8th February, 2021 and to resume on Tuesday, 9th February, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I contribute on this motion of the Assembly adjournment, I know that all the Members will be in support of this motion considering the functions and activities which we have had since the beginning of this year. We know that we are also heading to the Christmas holidays and as the Members of the Assembly we need enough time to interact with our electorates before the Christmas season. We also need time to also visit some of the projects which have been implemented in the course of the year in our areas of jurisdiction because most of the time when we are within the Assembly, we lack time to visit those projects.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the leadership of the Assembly has also consulted with your office and the Office of the Clerk pertaining to the trainings of the Members of this Assembly. With that I know that as we come back in 2021 we shall have enough strength, energy, experience and knowledge to discharge our mandate as the Members of this Assembly. So with those few remarks I support and hope that the Members will also approve this motion for us to go on recess. I call upon my colleague, Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo to second the motion.

Hon. Chalumbo Ole Kaparo: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika na ninashukuru. Kabla niafike ningetaka niseme ya kwamba ni vyema sisi kama waakilishi wa watu, tukipata nafasi ya kuenda kutembelea wananchi ambao walituleta hapa. Hii nafasi ni ya muhimu kwa kila mmoja kwa sababu ni wakati wa sikukuu na pia ni wakati ambao tunafaa kuwatembelea ili tuone vile wanaendelea. Kwa hivyo ninaomba Waheshimiwa waunge huu mjadala wa Bunge kuenda likizo mkono ili waakilishi wa watu hapa wapate nafasi ya kutembelea watu kwa sababu ninaamini ya kwamba kila mtu hapa kuna ile sehemu ambayo anawakilisha.

Wale ambao pia huwakilisha Kaunti nzima kama Mheshimiwa Judy Lukio na Zamzam waweze kupata nafasi ya kutembea kila wadi wakisalimia wana Laikipia. Kwa hivyo nimeafiki huu mjadala na ninaomba Wabunge pia waiunge mkono. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Meshami: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hili hoja la kuahirishwa kwa Bunge kwa hizo miezi miwili. Wacha niseme ya kwamba ni jambo la muhimu sana Bunge letu la Laikipia kupata hii nafasi ya kuenda mashinani kukongamana na wale ambao wametuchagua na pia sisi kama waakilishi wao tuwe na nafasi nzuri ya kuwaongelea mawili matatu. Huu mwezi wa Krismasi ni muhimu sana katika jamii zetu ambazo hufuata tamaduni na pia tuko na sherehe nyingi nyumbani na tumekualika Bwana Spika uje siku moja tujumuike pamoja na kula mbuzi pamoja.

Huu ni wakati muhimu ili tuweze kusherehekea Krisimasi na kujumuika na familia. Mimi ningependa kusema ya kwamba naunga hili hoja mkono. La mwisho nakutakia wewe bwana Spika Krisimasi nzuri na mwaka mpya mwenye mafanikio. Nawataki pia Wabunge na wafanyi kazi Krisimasi nzuri na mwaka mpya. Asante sana, Mungu wa mbinguni awabariki.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi ya kuchangia huu mjadala wa likizo ndefu katika kanuni zetu za Bunge. Vile tunaweza kuelewa ni kwamba kazi yetu iliyotuleta kwa Bunge ni uangalizi. Ninashukuru Mheshimiwa wa Segera kuweza kusema kwa mfano Mheshimiwa Judy asikae huko Igwamiti lakini aweze kutembea mashinani kwa sababu alichaguliwa kuwakilisha wanawake katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Mimi

nikiwakilisha wachache itakuwa ni vyema nikienda kuangalia miradi ambayo tulipitisha kwenye Bunge letu kama zimetekelezwa. Huu ndio wakati mzuri kama kamati kuenda kuangalia miradi ambayo imefanywa katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia.

Tunajua ya kwamba Gavana Ndiritu ameweza kufanya miradi kadhaa na ni vyema watu waende uangalizi ili tukiuliza maneno tuweze kujibiwa kwa yale ambayo tumeweza kuona. Nikiongezea, ni vyema vile Wabunge wenzangu wameweza kusema ya kwamba Wabunge waweze kupelekwa mafunzo ya ziada na ya kutosha kwa hizo miezi miwili. Tutakuwa pia tunajumuika na familia na wale pia ambao waliotutuma kwenye Bunge lakini pia zile mikutano ambazo mlipanga kama bodi la uajiri la hili Bunge pamoja na ofisi yako Bwana Spika na pia ofisi ya karani iweze kutekelezwa ndio Wabunge wapate mafunzo ya kutosha ndio waweze kuuliza maswali mawili matatu kutoka kwa serikali iliyo madarakani.

Bwana Spika, tunajua ya kwamba huu ni mwezi wa kusherehekea kuzaliwa kwa Yesu Kristo na pia ni mwezi wa kubadilisha mwaka. Mimi sina mengi ila kusema ya kwamba huu mjadala ni mzuri kwa miezi miwili twende na tuzingatie sheria ya Korona kwa sababu tunajua ya kwamba korona iko na tutaishi nayo. Sisi kama Waheshimiwa ni vyema kuonyesha mfano bora kwa wananchi wa Laikipia. Hata ingewezekana isipokuwa ni vile tumefunga bajeti, tungeangalia maslahi ya Waheshimiwa ili waende kuangalia mikakati ya Korona katika wadi zao na Laikipia nzima kwa jumla. Mimi nawatakia Krisimasi njema na mwaka mpya ulio na mafanikio katika Kaunti nazima ya Laikipia na Waheshimiwa wenzangu na pia wewe Bwana Spika na familia yako. Naunga mswada 100% na ninaomba Wabunge wenzangu waweze kuunga huu mswada mkono. Asante.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the adjournment so that we celebrate the holidays. I wish if it will be possible we extend for another one week up to 16th because we have celebrated all other celebrations like 14th February which we celebrate with our loved ones. 14th February is valentines and I wish would it have been extended for a week so that we celebrate it.

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu I wish to give information or advice that you can lobby this House when that times comes. If 14th will be falling on a sitting day you can lobby this House to move a procedural motion to adjourn so that we can celebrate the lovers' day.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was a proposal having come from a long holiday rather than reporting then going back. We might be having intentions of travelling far so it would have been better if we could have extended. Since you have made the motion we will just...

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante. Ningetaka kuarifu ndugu yangu. Nasikia yeye yuko kwa maandalizi ya siku ya wapendanao dunia nzima lakini ningetaka kumwambia kuwa mwanamke kila wakati ni siku yake ya kumpenda. Naona Spika ametupatia miezi mbili kwa hivyo sasa sijui kama atakuwa nyumbani ama kwa mipango ya kando. Ni vizuri aseme kwa sababu kila wakati ni siku ya wapendanao. Sisi kama wanawake tunajiamini na tunapenda kutunzwa kila siku. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is only that she doesn't know that we have a special day that is dedicated for that purpose and that is why I was seeking for an extension. It is not that I don't know everything although I am a bit aged but she might not know what goes on in life. Mr. Speaker, I am supporting the adjournment but I wish if possible. I wish I would have started the journey at the end of January and the climax to be 14th. If not possible I agree with the adjournment as it is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. I think when you ask for permission from me to travel to either Zanzibar to take your wife you can do that. We shall seek for you the relevant proposals so long as you are able to fund your trip because it is not an official trip.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to contribute to this motion. It is very important for us Hon. Members to have this break. Mr. Speaker, this CORONA pandemic has controlled us but I am hoping as a believer God will redeem us all. As I support the motion I wish all the Members a merry Christmas full of God's Mercies and I support the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

ASSEMBLY END OF YEAR PARTY AT STORMS RESORT

Speaker: If there is no other contribution, this is a motion that we do not put a question because we have already approved the calendar. The discussion of such a motion we shall automatically go for the recess. I also want to take this chance to remind the Hon. Members on Friday we shall have our end of year party at Storms Hotel. During the day we shall have our groups' activities like the way we did the team building.

There is a lot of things that happen. Many Hon. Members tend to come in the afternoon but there are a lot of interesting things that happen in the morning. We have games that are wonderful and enjoyable. They might be challenging but it is important we make it on time. I know my two good friends Hon. Kanyutu and Hon. Karuiru will have an interesting evening. It is important for us to attend that part. Last year but one we were in the same place and I remember Hon. Kanyutu got lost in the bush when we were coming back. It is important to attend the end of year party.

MEMBERS MEETING IN NAIROBI

Speaker: The another thing I want to remind us is that next week we shall be in Nairobi and I want to bring to your attention that on Tuesday we shall have an interesting engagement and on Wednesday we have reserved for a kamukunji so that we address some issues. It is very important for every Hon. Member to be present especially for those two days even if you have other engagements but I encourage that we be there for a whole week.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we have interesting engagements so let us therefore purpose to be present. These are issues that requires all members to be there so that we don't keep on mark timing backwards. We want to be at the same level of information and therefore I urge Hon. Members to attend even if you are not able to attend all the days let us make sure we there on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00 am.

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM THE SPEAKER

Lastly, I also want to wish you a wonderful festive season and holiday. Have an enjoyable recess. As you get to Christmas and New Year I hope God will bless all of us. Have a wonderful time with your families. As to what Hon. Kanyutu was requesting and Hon. Zamzam responded to, let us have time apart from the many activities. Any time you are with your family remember it is your family that will be left for you when you are old and when things are not going very well.

Let us give maximum attention and time to our families. I was talking to a senior government official who was an elected person to a certain post. He told me the day he lost his seat he thought his phone had a problem. Neither had he barred oncoming calls but no one was calling him. He had good time with the family. We as leaders we are busy with many engagements. Like now Hon. Meshami has told us in Laikipia North there are a lot of celebrations.

As we celebrate we will be called for so many but the question is whether I will be having half of that time with my family. Am I going to have enjoyable moments with my children who are feel are the people who sacrifice so much because they also need you but they feel their father or mother have been taken away by the public. Yes it is a way of earning as we serve the community but at the same time it cannot be done at the expense of our families. Let us have time with our families. Let us give them maximum time and attention. I wish you all the best together with the families. I know when we come back we shall come back refreshed.

ATTENDING COMMITTEE WORKS

Finally, we are coming back on 9th February, 2020. We have that one week for the committee works. I request all Hon. Members to attend committee work. We said if it is an issue of quorum and all other things we can be able to handle all committees together at one place. We all attend as an Assembly because it is a committee week. Because we belong to a number of committees we can be able to give ourselves a quorum and be able to plan ourselves the whole of that week. I think the Chairs and the Clerk Assistants can be able to draw a good program so that all of us are there. Let us spend that week in a way that we can be able to do our maximum work. Kindly note.

For the other retreats we shall be informed when we meet in Nairobi. We will remind the Hon. Members on the program when we are going to Mombasa because I want we prepare. There are those who would wish to go with their families. When we go to Mombasa we can always consider we do not lengthen the program but have a program that starts in the morning to lunch hour so that we can have good times with the families we came with. We want to have responsible families. Thank you so much.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 9th February, 2021, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.22 a.m.