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# DEBATES OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

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| 2. | Hon. Peter Kimondo, MCA | : | Deputy Speaker |
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| 4. | Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo, MCA | : | Leader of Minority |
| 5. | Hon. Wilson Wakahiu, MCA | : | Deputy Leader of Majority |
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| 7. | Hon. Dan Ndegwa, MCA | : | Deputy Majority Whip |
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| 9. | Hon. Joseph Suge, MCA | : | Deputy Minority Whip |
| 10. | Mr. Jasper Mutuiri | : | Clerk |

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1. Hon. Patrick Mariru
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3. Hon. Beth Waithira
4. Hon. Peter Thomi

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| TNA | THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE |
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| GNU | GRAND OF NATIONAL UNITY |
| ODM | ORANGE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT |

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4. Hon. Catherine Wanjiku

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3. Hon. Dann Ndegwa
4. Hon. John Nderitu
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5. Hon. John Nderitu

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5. Hon. Jane Meshami

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5. Hon. Rose Wangu

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**OF LAIKIPIA**

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

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**PRAYERS**

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)*

**REMARKS BY HON. SPEAKER- LAIKIPIA COUNTY ASSEMBLY- DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY ON 18TH APRIL, 2013 at 2.30 P.M**

Your Excellency, the Governor- Joshua Irungu

Your Excellency the Deputy Governor- Gitonga Kabugi

Hon. Members of the County Assembly

Hon. Senator- G.G. Kariuki

Hon. Members of the National Assembly

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Today is a historical day for Laikipia. Today marks a full cycle for devolution in Kenya. A journey started over two decades ago, when Kenyans started agitating for participatory democracy; when Kenyans started demanding for accountability in government; when Kenyans started demanding for a greater role in management of public affairs; when Kenyans started demanding a role and space in making decisions on what mattered to them.

In 2010, Kenyans voted convincingly for the current constitution. It therefore follows, that this constitution is an embodiment of the aspirations, prayers and wishes of the Kenyan people.

**Your Excellency,**

One of the most fundamental transition Kenyans have experienced in the last few weeks, is **devolution**. Our devolution architecture is not only ambitious but also new to Kenyans. Yet, we must succeed; we must make it work; Kenyans must realize the benefits of devolution moving forward; as his Excellency the President Uhuru Kenyatta has severally stated - the constitution demands devolution, it does not give options. In short, the farmer in Sipili, the pastoralist in Doldol, the trader in Nanyuki and the unemployed youth in Laikipia **must** start realizing the benefits of devolution; devolution must cease being an academic phraseology to an opportunity to make a difference to our people.

**Your Excellency,**

The challenge is therefore big; yet the opportunity for transforming Laikipia to be a Model County is here with us; the opportunity to create jobs for our youth is here with us; the opportunity to irrigate the dry parts of Laikipia is in our hands; the opportunity to tame the ever persistent human wildlife conflict is within reach and the opportunity to make agriculture a thriving business has never been so near.

**Your Excellency,**

The County Assembly of Laikipia is equal to the task. We shall discharge our role effectively and within the law. We shall dutifully discharge our constitutional mandate with outmost commitment. One of the constitutional mandates of the Assembly is oversight on the Executive - on behalf of the Laikipia people; we shall play that role with commitment. We shall ensure that all the programmes, policies and other commitments made by the Executive to the people of Laikipia are executed. We shall ensure that these programmes and policies mirror the needs and aspirations of our people.

**Your Excellency,**

The County Government is **not** a continuation of the former local authorities. This is a new government by the people and for the people of Laikipia. The County Assembly is now constitutionally obligated to enact laws that have a force of law in our County. The commitment of the Assembly is to pass laws that are sound, constitutional and those that further the cause of our people. We shall ensure that our legislative calendar is honoured to the letter. In enacting these laws we shall be guided by nothing else other than the constitution, the laws, and the aspirations of our people.

**Your Excellency,**

In doing its work, the Assembly shall be guided by the wishes of our people. We shall faithfully adhere to the constitutional requirement of people's participation in the legislative process. The times for making laws in closed boardrooms are long gone. We must involve the people in these processes. This is our commitment and our legal duty. In this regard therefore, we shall have regular *barazas* with our people across the County. We shall have a wide civic education programme in our County to educate our people

on the role and space of the Assembly in the constitutional arrangement. This we must do.

**Your Excellency,**

This County Assembly represents the people of Laikipia. In this regard therefore, as the Speaker, I shall defend the dignity of this Assembly; I shall ensure that we are only guided by the law in our work; I shall ensure that the welfare and dignity of Hon. Members is upheld all the time. We shall have a significant capacity building programme for Members to ensure that they discharge their mandate faithfully and without any hindrance. We shall invest in our Assembly Committeesystem; we shall recruit and retain a professional staff team to support our mandate; we shall leverage on information technology to make the Assembly more efficient and robust.

In doing so, we shall seek support across the board. We shall work closely with our Hon. Senator. He is the County's representative at the Senate. We shall engage and work collaboratively with him. We shall also work closely with Hon. Members of the National Assembly from this County. We shall create forums for them to come and address us regularly. We shall also work closely with other leaders in our County. We shall exercise a collaborative leadership. This is our commitment.

**In conclusion, Your Excellency,**

We are greatly honoured to have you address this County Assembly today. We await to hear your legislative agenda and vision for Laikipia in the coming year. We await to hear how we shall work collaboratively between the Executive and the Assembly for the greater good of our people.

It is now my great duty and honour, to invite you, Your Excellency to address this Assembly. God bless Kenya, God bless Laikipia,

Thank you.

**THE GOVERNOR, LAIKIPIA COUNTY DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL, 2013**

Speaker of the County Assembly, Deputy Speaker, Honourable Members of the County Assembly,

I feel honoured to address this official opening session of the first Laikipia County Assembly. I first take this opportunity to congratulate Honourable Members of the County Assembly on your election as representatives of your respective wards. I salute the Honourable Speaker of the County Assembly, his Deputy and all respective chairpersons of various House Committees, wishing them well as you embark on the legislative and policy agenda of this inaugural County Assembly over the next 5 years.

Today marks a great day for the County. It is a day that we as the people who have been given the mandate by the people of Laikipia to be their mouth piece are having their first official sitting ready to embark on this long journey towards a Model County that is all what we look forward to in the near future.

The new Constitution offers one of the greatest space and opportunity for Laikipia to grow, generate wealth, create jobs and embody prosperity and stability. Laikipia has empirically been ranked as one of the potential laden counties in Kenya. To realize that, we shall need a progressive, Honest and visionary leadership and that is the leadership I am committed to offer to Laikipia. I invite the support of all the people of goodwill to collectively work and realize the dreams of a progressive, prosperous and peaceful County.

I would like to reiterate that my leadership will be committed to equitable, accelerated and

sustainable development through increased productivity in all sectors, employment creation, provision of basic human needs and faster industrialization in order to achieve Vision 2030.

As a team we will seek to model how communities can actually work and live in harmony for the greater good. We shall ensure that all communities - to the extent possible - are represented in our government. Let me be clear, our leadership will serve all Laikipians.

Women, men and youth will be given space to participate in the growth of our County. The disabled will be given the space to exploit their God given potential.

My leadership will revolve around four main pillars: -

- Unity of our people and ensure that there will be security, peace and community harmony.

- Boost our economy in terms of wealth and job creation through agriculture, livestock and enterprise development.

- Infrastructure development – roads, energy, water.

- Resources development in terms of human capital, education and healthcare.

These four pillars will be grounded on a leadership that values merit, fights corruption and is all inclusive. This is leadership that will drive our County aimed and exploiting all our resources for the sake our people. A leadership that will ensure that the people of Laikipia are proud to call it home. I look forward to offer leadership that will be the pride for all.

Whereas we shall do much more, I have in my speech highlighted some of the areas we shall focus on so as to meet our expectations. The agricultural potential in the County is quite prospective as characterized by highly potential farming lands particularly in the Southern parts of the County. Over 20 % of the County's total land is arable and fertile enough to feed the County and trade the surplus. Total area under crops is about 1,984 $Km^2$ of which 80% is under food crops. Over 60 % of Households derive their livelihood from agricultural activities. We shall aim at increasing the acreage under maize, wheat, beans, pineapples**,** sunflowers, French beans and citrus fruits among others.

My commitment will be to have full value chain agribusiness development, focusing on both large scale farming and aggregating small scale farmers at the production level.

I will establish agro-processing infrastructure in targeted areas and for targeted crops as well as branding of the Laikipia products. We shall have County Trade marks for our maize, wheat, beans, pineapples**,** sunflowers, French beans and citrus fruits among others. The County will invest in plants and manufacturing concerns with machineries and equipment for value addition. One plant will be established in each constituency.

As a County Government, we will build more water dams and water pans for water harvesting including storm water which has over the time gone down the gullies unutilized. This will lead into increased productivity of the locally grown crops which form the backbone of our economy. We will encourage the formation and strengthening of smallholder cooperatives in agriculture to increase productivity. More so, we will spearhead various programmes aimed at promoting agriculture not only as a source of food but also as business engagements. More specifically, my government will give priority to:-

- Promote sustainable agriculture through small scale and farm based water harvesting throughout the County. This will be Household based water pans and

dams targeting 100 Households per district annually.

- Construction of one major dam in every district annually, which will be used for irrigation thus moving away from over reliance on the erratic rain patterns for agricultural production.

- Promote agribusiness where farmers will be clustered into manageable groups across the County. The farmer groups will be trained on agribusiness skills for commercial oriented enterprises and farming.

- Facilitate the establishment of smallholder cooperatives at location levels to help deliver farm inputs at affordable prices and market the produce at competitive prices.

- Promote drought resistant crops across the County that will be driven by the need to diversify on crop production, spread risks in production and achieve food security. To make this more effective, demonstration farms will be established in strategic areas across the County.

- Create modern post-harvest technologies and wareHouse receipting so as to reduce loss upon harvest. We will ensure that farmers benefit from higher prices of their crops yield.

- Introduce affordable government loans to subsidize fertilizer, seeds, farm inputs and equipment as a way of enhancing production and profit to farmers.

- Introduce a County Strategic Food Reserve at the level of between 20 to 40% of annual consumption.

- Introduce infrastructure that will promote commercial agriculture including introduction of greenHouses model, silos and wareHouses.

Honourable Members,

As you are all aware, livestock production is dominant in the Western and Northern parts of the County. The main livestock products include beef, mutton, milk, eggs, and pork among others. There are about 189,685 heads of cattle in the County and 623,648 sheep and goats, 50 holding grounds, stock routes and out spans, 2 public and 1 private abattoir and 5 auction yards.

My strategic commitment in this area is the development of a complete value chain in the livestock industry, focusing on beef, leather and related products.

Specifically, my government will: -

- Introduce disease free zones aimed at improving animal quality for local and export markets. This will ensure that there is no outbreak of disease for a long time.

- Invest in disease and pest control Countywide with an aim of promoting animal health and enhancing marketing to boast rural incomes;

- Promote vaccination of animals against diseases especially the foot and mouth disease.

- Rehabilitate the existing cattle dips and set up new ones across the County to reduce livestock mortality rate.

- Establish disease surveillance, control and treatment systems as well as train farmers on preventive measures by purchasing the equipment for such

surveillance and treatments for the TADs (Trade limiting diseases).

- Promote small Livestock County wide. This will include promotion of goat and rabbit production with more emphasis on dairy goats which will be aimed at increasing income for the rural poor.

- Introduce and support dairy farming for milk and high quality beef production to increase farmer's income. To enhance this, for the Artificial Insemination, private operators will be given the necessary training to offer this vital service with efficiency.

- Work with the local communities to set up beehives thus increased Honey production.

- Set up beef processing and packaging industry in the strategic areas within our County and especially the ones in line with vision 2030.

- Intensify establishment of fish ponds at least 50 ponds every year per constituency.

- Set up fish processing industry in the County.

- Set up market linkages for the beef and fish products.

- Bring on board private-public partnership to establish a processing plant for beef, leather and related products. We look forward to establish such a plant in the Northern part of the County.

- Set up animal feed processing factory largely targeted to dairy farmers.

- In terms of trade, commerce and cooperative, establish specific industrial zone in strategic areas and encourage firms and industries to set up industries in such areas. We will give concessions like land rates break and such to encourage this expansion.

- Promotion of new cooperatives across the County in all sectors of the economy. Particular ones will be those that establish cooling plants for milk in different parts of the County, bodaboda, fruit farmers, cereal farmers and livestock farmers among others.

- Revive dormant societies and carry out research on new opportunities and activities. We will be clear on challenges and new frontiers and thus inform strategies to revive dormant societies.

- Affordable loans to traders and entrepreneurs by providing affordable finance for small scale entrepreneurs. At County level we have an equivalent of Youth and Women Fund. We shall ensure that they access the loans in a timely, less bureaucratic way. To put more emphasis on this, I have a clear agenda for the youth. We are in full understanding the important role played by the young people in the County. No doubt they are the future of the County. By harnessing their immense energy in executing various economic activities, the future of the County is bright. In this regard, the government will seek to empower them in all ways possible. For this reason, several bills aimed at establishing institutions that will work towards these agenda are on the way. More specific, among our first priorities will be the establishment of Laikipia Youth Empowerment Fund to bring

together young people from all walks of life within the County.

- Promotion of access to markets and marketing of products in specified places in the County. There will be a market constructed in each of the three constituencies in the County. Traders and stakeholders in these markets will be mobilized to market their produce and products through exhibitions and trade fairs.

- Entrepreneurial training and offering advisory services. We shall endeavour to provide incubation services to small businesses through training in entrepreneurship and necessary management skills.

- Introduce a policy that at least 20% of County Government procurement is acquired from entities established and run by youth and women.

- Establish County Economic Agencies under the Economic Stimulus Program so that the County will have access to crucial facilities and services.

- Introduce tax breaks for companies and industries that establish apprenticeship programmes for young people which will equip them with necessary skills and technology.

- Introduce a policy that requires that the County Government purchases locally manufactured goods and services.

- Develop special Industrial Parks that will target young people and women who start small businesses and provide access to electricity, water and roads.

- Promote brand names for County manufactured products to boast income for promising Jua Kali artisans and other small businesses.

- Establish and fund polytechnics in every constituency to empower youth with effective and relevant skills to service a modern economy. The acquisition of basic vocational skills will be offered at highly subsidized rates at these institutions.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Laikipia County being a vast and semi-arid County requires good road network for economic growth and poverty reduction. An improved road network will boost agricultural production for both the crop farmers and the pastoralists. Consequently, the income will increase with the possibility of development of small scale based industries, which will create farm employment opportunities.

On roads, my government will prioritize on: -

- Grading and gravelling of roads both the main and county roads. Opening of roads will improve marketing of products and delivery of services.

- Construction of bridges and repairing the dilapidated ones to ensure that all corners of the County are accessible by road and that various products reach their intended destinations within the speculated period of time.

- Establishment of a County Roads Authority that will chiefly focus on County roads.

- Establishment of County Infrastructure Fund (CIF) to fund the development and maintenance of the road infrastructure. This shall be funded by all residential and commercial developments in the County through a Local Planning Gain Obligation (LPGO).

The County has large areas that are semi- arid where water both for domestic and livestock consumption is a great challenge. Rain fed agriculture is therefore not sustainable and therefore to bring more land under cultivation, irrigation is inevitable. This will be a major milestone in the alleviation of poverty.

On this sector, my government will:-

- Prioritize sub-surface and earth dam Construction County wide. We will have a dam done in every sub-location every 3 years. This will improve access to water for domestic and animal use as well as for irrigation.

- Establish water harvesting policy in every village and/or estate as part of the 5-year investment plan and oblige all new developments to include water harvesting programmes.

- De-silt existing dams across the County.

- Rehabilitate bore holes and sinking new ones in order to improve access to water for domestic and animal use as well as irrigation.

- Establish one piped water scheme per ward in every 3 years thus improving access to clean water for domestic and animal use as well as for irrigation.

Electricity is a catalyst for rural and urban development. In partnership with the concerned authorities such as the Kenya Power and Lighting and the Kenya Rural Electrification Authority, we shall invest heavily in expanding the power outlay in the entire County. This will mainly target public amenities including public schools, health facilities and police establishments. The connection to rural and urban homes will progressively be realized. My personal promise to fellow County men in DolDol and its environs is that time is due when lights come to your doorstep.

To achieve this, the government will:-

- In collaboration with the central government introduce low-interest 5-year loans, paid back as part of electricity bills, for Households and businesses that would wish to connect to national power grid.

- Encourage the establishment of solar firms that are partly owned by the local community to supply local people with energy and sell the surplus to Kenya Power at commercial rates.

- Give low-cost loans for Households and villages currently off the grid to buy small renewable power systems. The loans could be paid back using money transfer services.

- Encourage private sector participation across the whole renewable energy sector.

The constitution largely bestows health care to County Government. It is common sense that unhealthy people will lower productivity. We will map out all the health facilities in the County so as to ascertain the health care requirements in each locality. Medical personnel as well as medical facilities will be enhanced proportionate to the need. There must also be a shift in emphasis from curative to preventive care. For this reason, my government will: -

- Seek to progressively upgrade dispensaries to health centers to achieve a number of at least 6 from every constituency in five years.

- Construct at least seven new dispensaries in every constituency in the next five years.

- Increase mobile health services as circumstances may dictate.

- Promote sanitation and nutrition by encouraging exclusive breast feeding and consumption of traditional foodstuffs.

- Establish a County-wide network of local community health workers geared towards promoting preventive health.

- Encourage private sector investments in healthcare.

- Campaign for as many residents to apply for NHIF Membership.

With a population of around 400,000, only about 65% of the population in Laikipia County has primary education while merely 13.6% has secondary education. Accessibility, affordability and awareness are the main hindrances to acquisition of education. Pupil-teacher ratio figures are high, standing at 10 teachers per primary and secondary school. This ratio is not encouraging and thus needs to be scaled-up. On this critical sector, the government will: -

- Encourage more children to enroll in schools and reduce incidences of early marriages. As part of my pre-election promise, I will spearhead the construction of boarding schools in areas where pastoralism is the way of life especially in the Northern part of the County. I would like to reiterate that in Laikipia, education will not be optional but a must for all children of school going age.

- Develop a County-wide strategy aimed at raising awareness on the importance of education. For instance, holding an annual education awareness day.

- Encourage religious institutions and private sectors to set up schools and take lead in promoting education including offering incentives to set up schools such as giving land where available.

- Use of professionals from Laikipia in this campaign to raise importance of education. I am hereby calling upon all professionals from Laikipia to serve as mentors and patrons in their respective former learning institutions within the County.

- Streamline bursary fund scheme and introduce a County

Scholarship Fund where brightest and needy students will be sponsored to the best schools in Kenya. Private sectors will be encouraged to make their contributions to this noble kitty.

- Invest heavily in disadvantaged areas of the County by providing textbooks, teaching materials and stationery.

- Upgrade schools aimed at providing more space for increased enrolment.

- Construct new Early Childhood Development (ECD), primary and secondary schools as well as adult classes as per the academic needs in respective areas.

- Promote and create rewards for co-curriculum activities such as sports, music and clubs in learning institutions within the County.

- Provide free milk for every primary school going child which will be sourced from County-based dairy farmer SACCOS.

- Bring a bill in the County Assembly to establish the Laikipia Education Fund.

The world today is biased towards knowledge and technology led economy. This is and must be the driver for our County. We shall invest heavily in this sector as way of sharpening the competitive edge of our people and the County. For this reason, my government will: -

- Establish three County Information and Documentation Centres located in each of the three constituencies. These will act as Resource Centres and will provide all relevant data for development. On this line, the Government will table a bill in the Assembly seeking to establish the Laikipia County Central Capacity and Resource Centre which will serve as the driver towards this agenda.

- Establish ward based community ICT centres. This will enable community to access essential basic development information as well as act as community ICT learning and information centres.

- Interconnect government departments and units to enhance service delivery.

- Establish incubation of ICT enterprises and start-ups which will offer employment opportunities especially to the youth and populace.

- Instigate a 'buy local' policy for County Government enabling local ICT companies to be suppliers.

- Build the skills of youth and create opportunities to enable them participate in the business outsourcing at the local level.

Depletion of environment has been on the increase due to increased poverty levels, high population and poor governance among many other human related causes. Improved governance and climate-resilient, adaptive management of natural resources under a low emission development framework will be mainstreamed in all the development agenda for the County.

There is need to be committed to equitable sharing of benefits derived from conservational activities. My government shall form an authority to manage natural resources that will motivate local communities and government representatives towards positive behavior in the management of these resources. Specifically, my government will:

- Increase County forest cover to 10% through County tree planting scheme and integration of agro-forestry into mainstream extension programmes.

- Provide incentives and commercialize tree planting to meet the energy needs of large percentage of County families now dependent upon wood fuel.

- Scale up the investment in clean energy sources such as geothermal, bio-gas, wind and solar energy.

- Establish County trading hubs and make Laikipia one of the Kenya's key carbon credit hub.

- Provision of alternative source of cooking energy and energy saving devices at Household level.

Though tourism is a major economic activity in the County, it remains largely unexploited. God has bestowed upon us wonderful wildlife, panoramic country-side and gorgeous features which if well managed and marketed can be the leading sources of income for the County. The government will put in place all the necessary measures to tap all this potential for the good of our beloved County. I will encourage community and cultural tourism especially in Laikipia North where traditional activities have been well preserved to this day. We shall encourage and promote inter-constituency/community tourism within the County as a way of promoting inter-community peace and harmony.

We will embark on vigorous marketing to the under exploited Mount Kenya Tourist Circuit which encompasses the great Mount Kenya, the Aberdare Ranges, the spectacular Thompsons Falls just to mention but a few.

In regard to the notorious human-wildlife conflict in Laikipia, we shall bring together all the stakeholders in a bid to finding a lasting solution to this menace. It is unacceptable to have frequent loss of lives and rampant destruction of crops by wild animals and thus a lasting solution must be reached to in order to bring this to an end. Our people must be protected in order to carry out their economic activities any time of the day without fear of being attacked by the marauding beasts. We will work towards ensuring that these animals stay where they belong and so are the people. Whereas we must preserve our wildlife, human life and livelihood must come first! For this reason, we as the government will ensure that never shall this issue be used as a campaign tool in the coming general elections. This will be achieved by:-

- Construction of electric fences in the affected areas to restrict the wild animals to where they belong.

- Create a wildlife corridor to ensure their free movement.

- Educate the local communities on the benefits of taking care of wildlife and create an appropriate system that allows financial benefits derived from tourism to trickle down to the community.

- Establish a community wildlife scouting base for regular patrols and fence maintenance.

- Table a bill in the County Assembly to establish Laikipia Wildlife and Environment Authority.

Let it be clear, in the absence of security, it will be an uphill task to achieve any sustainable development in our County. Likewise, in the absence of any tangible development, security will always be unattainable. We all yearn for a County free from danger and fear. In this regard, we shall invest heavily in security always aiming to work together with the central government as per the constitution provisions. Those agents of insecurity will have no space in Laikipia County for we will not desist from using all the available security apparatus to ensure that our neighbourhoods are safe. In this regard, I have initiated dialogue with Governors of neighbouring counties especially where cases of cattle rustling are rampant, with a bid to curb this old fashioned activity that has led deaths of many of our people. Once again, I wish to recommit my commitment to ensure that our County is safe.

We will have a Model County that clearly and openly demonstrates that communities can co-exist in peace and harmony. All communities must feel and truly participate in the growth and development of the County for it will be an obligation for us all. We shall use affirmative action and ensure that all communities are appointed in public positions.

As I come to an end, Honourable Members, the current County allocation of Kshs. 2.3 billion per year is inadequate. To comfortably fund our operations, the County will have to undertake resource mobilization to generate additional revenue. Among the possible and plausible sources of income for the County Government are taxes generated from within.

My Government will seek to streamline revenue collection while ensuring we do not penalize tax payers with unnecessary tax burden. I call upon all of you to pay your taxes and expect better services in return. We will also seek funding from donors, licenses as well as from any other investments as provided for in the Constitution and in our by-laws to be voted by the County Assembly.

More specifically, my government shall: -

- Expand the County revenue streams through property taxes, entertainment taxes, loans for approval by the National Treasury and loyalties from exploitation of natural resources.

- Ensure the transparent management of devolved funds and resources.

- Create structures to facilitate direct scrutiny and audit of County programs, investment and projects.

- Actively seek local and international loans and grants.

- Set up local anti-corruption boards with the power to refer cases to Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and Director of Public Prosecution.

- Introduce the automatic suspension of any official indicted of corruption charges.

I am offering a new leadership - a leadership that will be centered on people. I am well aware of our twin national challenge - tribalism and corruption. We shall resist them. Laikipia have been ranked as the top five most potential-laden counties in Kenya. We must now translate this potential to reality and maintain this trend and do better. This potential must be translated to food for our people; security for our families; jobs for our youth; health to our population; and prosperity to all.

I will run a Government that is transparent, honest and open. I want to promote governance that empowers and informs the people. It is the people's constitutional right to know how the government is doing; it is their right to know how many students got bursaries; it is their right to know how much was used to construct a road; it is their right to know how much loan we got to do irrigation and how much we are paying back. This is a right we shall safeguard and promote. Please put us to account.

With the establishment of Laikipia County Development Board that will be created through the County Assembly, we believe that Laikipia will be a MODEL COUNTY, a County we shall all be proud to call home.

I am inviting all Laikipia people from all walks of life to support us and while we are in office to demand accountability from this government.

God bless Laikipia. God bless Kenya. Thank you.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Thank you your Excellency, Member for Mukogodo East you can actually clap, but you can't use your hands and so you have the liberty to very actively use your legs. I will call it Leg Thumping. The Honourable Senator has been in the parliament for long enough and he knows that but you are at liberty, I could tell you were struggling to clap for his Excellency as he raised his points. As per the Standing Order provisions to amend the current order paper for today, I wish to introduce an extra order since we are privileged to have the Hon. Senator today. One of the provisions requires us to offer opportunities for both the Hon. Senators but also your Excellency to address the House as well as any other person. I wish to invite the Honourable Senator who has been very kind to be present today to take a few minutes to address us.

**LAIKIPIA SENATOR G.G. KARIUKI**

**Laikipia Senator:** *(G.G. Kariuki)* your Excellency Governor, Members of the County Assembly, Hon. Member from Laikipia North, Ladies and Gentlemen, I don't think I need to make any speech especially after that eloquent speech we got from the Governor. We have been told so much and I would only wish that God will guide us to be able to get where his vision lies. I came officially from the Senate not as an intruder. Today, we deferred our meeting to join you in our various counties. Am sure those who came to witness are equally satisfied the way I am.

Governor, you have done a recommendable job and it is as if you have explored the entire County seeing what you have just exposed here. A lot can be done particularly in areas you just mentioned but just to ask your County Assembly, very humbly, to concentrate on trying to understand why they are called County Assembly; they have to understand who they are and what they are expected to do by Kenyans over the people of Laikipia and also understand that they are not here by accident but to represent Laikipia people; their voice. That is only achievable if we can understand where we have come from, where we are and where we are heading, that way we will be matching together.

As a Senator, we will strongly support you as long as you have a culture of accountability. It is high time we understand the roles of a Governor, MP, Senate and County reps because it's a whole new phenomenon for the betterment of this County as contained in the new Constitution. During the election we thought of jumping on bad wagon and we thought that there would be no accountability in the County Government but I can assure you as it is forced and maintained by national government, similarly, we expect you to do so.

I need to express my gratitude to the community leaders who came to witness this historical moment because even if the Senate did not

adjourn, for this particular reason, I would have excused myself to be here at this critical moment. It is critical because some of us have worked so hard to ensure we have a new constitution; constitution of the people where the sovereignty of this country is for the people and created by the people themselves, something I thank God that before I retire from politics, I'll have seen this situation. Where everyone has freedom, but not freedom to interfere with other people's affairs, but freedom with respect; you are free to ask whatever you want, free to respect others' life and property but am glad the Governor got it very well.

Within some time as we move on you'll see some signs of many things to come ahead of us. Otherwise, I wish this Assembly luck, exercise full maturity not as a village government because this is your government. I also recognize the presence of farmers for their shown interest to converge with us as politicians and leaders; it's significant to be close to them since they are talking about your future, about your property and life. Wildlife-Human conflict cannot be successfully achieved without your involvement. We are not here to interfere with anyone's investments, but to make sure that the farm you have is productive. We need your support and participation in this dispensation because no magician can do it better than we as Laikipians. The tasks ahead are hard but am glad because our youthful Governor is energetic enough to handle them. During our campaigns I supported him very strongly because he has not been polluted by our politics, some of us are coming out of pollution through God's will and it has not been easy. I know with the leadership of the Governor some of you will understand reasons why someone gets re-elected. I wish you luck and may God bless you as you discharge your mandate for the people.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** *(Patrick Mariru)* I now wish to adjourn this Assembly to Tuesday, 23rd April.

Thank you.

The House rose at 4.00 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

*[The Speaker, Mr. Mariru, is the Chair]*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru*) Hon. Members, I wish to make the following communication from the chair. We will be having a retreat for Hon. Members later this week. You will remember we had the initial induction organized by the Transition Authority sometimes back but we've found it wise to have another training opportunity on a few other issues, and this will be our tradition for the rest of our term. We will find as many opportunities as we can for the Members to be trained, to have their capacities built and so we shall be having one on Friday and Saturday. We shall be traveling to the place and the venue of retreat which we shall communicate to you on Thursday afternoon. The programme is being organized and the facilitators are being contacted. It would be important for you to put that into your diaries.

As we start our Assembly we will be very keen on time, I note today we started slightly late. As per our Standing Orders, the afternoon sessions should start at 2.30 p.m. So in subsequent sittings we will make sure we start at that time. I would like to encourage Hon. Members to be present and seated at 2.30 p.m.

I also want to bring to your attention that probably you may be asking where one of our Hon. Members Paul Lebeneiyo, Member for Mukogodo West, is. He has written to me stating that he has traveled out of the country for a number of days just for you to note. I also want to bring to your attention though all of you know that we had some Honourable Members who had an accident yesterday as they traveled from Rumuruti where we had a very fruitful meeting on security and almost all Members were present except two. The three Members are Hon. Michael, Hon. Mwangi and Hon. Kaparo and we must be grateful to God because there were no major injuries from that. Hon. Mwangi is here with us and Hon. Michael is expected later but we have Hon. Charumbo for Segera who had soft tissue injuries who was in hospital last night. He is okay, his spirits are high and the doctors have confirmed to us that there are no major injuries. The Hon. Member should be leaving the hospital in a short while.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* This is clear from the order paper, Leader of Majority.

**Leader of Majority:** *(Hon. Ephraim)* Notice of a motion that…

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Order Member! You are requested to use the microphone.

**Leader of Majority:** Thank you Members. Address of the Governor's Speech; this is the motion;

**THAT,** the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of Public Policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday 18th April, 2013 at 2.30 p.m.

The debate is now open for your discussion.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Thank you for that motion, I will request the Member to table the speech on the table.

**Leader of Majority: (***Hon. Ephraim Wachira)* I now table the speech to the Clerk of the Assembly for scrutiny and further discussion.

*(Paper laid)*

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru) Hon.* Member, it is like you have been in parliament before. The procedure is very clear and you did it very well, you are good at it, and so what that means is that the Members have now got the opportunity to engage, deliberate and basically talk and contribute revolving around his Excellency the Governor's speech that was delivered on 18th April at 2.30 p.m. The floor is open and you are at liberty to use two languages only, English and Swahili.

*(All Members are quiet for 2 minutes)*

Hon. Members, are you all satisfied with the speech of his Excellency the Governor? Member for Igwamiti, Order! Order Members! I would request when you contribute, it would be good to say your name for the sake of Hansard recording.

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci:** *(Member for Igwamiti Ward)* I have not gone through the speech of the Governor, but among some of the things that he mentioned, I would like to say that he talked about roads. He said he would grid and maintain them, but it is my opinion that this cannot be done since we do not have the building equipment to construct the roads. For instance, we do not have the building machines which are very crucial to the building of these roads. In my ward for instance, I come from an estate where there are impassable roads. It is my opinion that the County will set aside an emergency fund to cater for that, otherwise the people are complaining now and then. Secondly, these roads should be murramed with immediate effect since this ward is one of the most potential areas with revenue collection. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like that issue to be deliberated and to be taken on notice. On that note, I would like also to suggest a shovel to be bought to make it easier for us to murram those roads. I also have in mind places where murram can be collected easily.

As per the speech of his Excellency, I have seen we have the establishment of a County Road Authority (CRA) which will focus on County roads. It is my opinion that we support the deliberation of that CRA. Another thing concerning the infrastructure, is that his Excellency has mentioned the fund which will be there to cater for all those roads and I support that funds should be established with immediate effect, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Yes, Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob Ekoeli** *(Member for Sosian Ward***):** Asante Bwana Spika. Kwa hotuba ya Bwana Gavana, alizungumzia kuhusu usalama ambao ni mbaya sana hasa sehemu hii yetu. Kwa maoni yangu tungepata KPR. Kwa mfano, Baringo waliweza kupeana KPR na saa hii usalama wao uko sawa. Pia tukipata magari ya jamii, nafikiri usalama wetu utakuwa sawa.

Kuhusu ardhi, katika Kaunti hii yetu, kuna pahali kama Sosian, watu wengi ni wakimbizi. Kwa maoni yangu hao watu wangepata makao ya kuishi waache kuhamahama, hata hivyo hali

ya usalama itakuwa sawa hasa katika Laikipia Kusini.

Mambo ya mashule; ni kweli katika hotuba ya Gavana amesema atatutengenezea shule lakini angechukua hatua tutengenezewe shule katika Laikipia Kusini kwa sababu watoto wanafikisha hadi miaka tano bila kwenda shuleni na kwa kweli tutasaidika sana. Hata shule za sekondari upande wa Sosian hatuna na ni vizuri akiangalia hayo mambo.

Ukielekea katika sehemu ya Kilimon hatuna mabarabara. Itakubidi uzunguke zaidi ya km 200, upite upande wa Sukuta na Kisima ndio utokee Kilimon. Kwa hivyo mimi ninajua vile amesema atachukua hatua ya kutengeneza barabara huko, achukue hiyo hatua na tutapata kuwasiliana. Asante Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Member for Mukongodo East ...

**Hon.Paul Leshuel:** *(Member for Mukogodo East)* Nataka kurekebisha Bwana Spika ambapo umesema Lebeneiyo ni wa Mukogodo East, ilhali ni Mukogodo West.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Thank you Member.

**Hon. Paul Leshuel:** Kwanza nishukue nafasi kumpongeza Bwana Gavana hasa kwa kutengeneza hotuba nzuri sana ambayo ukiangalia kuna nguzo nne ambazo aliguzia. Hayo yatawezekana iwapo tu sisi tutaungana mikono kwa hayo mambo alisema hapa.

Labda kwa kuchangia kidogo, kuna hii pesa ya vijana na ya wamama. Kupitia serikali iliyopita kulikuwa na yale yaliyofanya kutotekelezwa na kutofaidika kwa wale wanakaa mashinani. Na kwa vile hii ni serikali ya ugatuzi, tuko na jukumu la kutengeneza mswada ambao utafanya yule mwananchi ambaye ako mle mashinani kuweza kufaidika na sio tu mwenye ako na uwezo wa kuanzisha biashara kubwa. Nafikiria kufikia wiki ijayo tutakuwa na kamati ya juu ama mawaziri ili tushirikiane tutengeneze sheria ambazo zitaweza kusaidia watu.

Ukiangalia kwa mambo ya ukulima ambayo alisisitiza, karibu labda nusu ya Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia ni wakulima, na hayo pia yatawezekana baada ya kutengeneza miswada. Kama mnavyojua kuna bolea ya serikali ambayo inakuwa Nyeri na Meru ambayo hatujaweza kuwa nayo hapa Laikipia. Kwa hivyo ni vyema kuhakikisha kila mwananchi anaweza kuifikia kwa wakati anapoihitaji pamoja na wakati unaofaa, sio wakati ambao amemaliza kupanda. Pia lazima tutafute soko na kando nayo, lazima tutafute mbinu ya kuelekeza lile soko ili lisitumiwe na wale wanunuzi badala ya wakulima wenyewe. Leo ukivuna mahindi yako uuze na elfu nne utaambiwa ile bei iko soko ni elfu mbili. Bila shaka ni yule mnunuzi anaelekeza hiyo bei na kwa hivyo lazima tuweke sheria ya kuzingatia hilo jambo.

Pia lazima nitaje kuhusu mifugo ikizingatiwa mahali ninapotoka. Gavana wetu aliguzia kuhusu '*Free Disease Zone'*.lazima tuweke hiyo mikakati na hiyo itawezekana ilhali tu, tuwe na;

1. Wafanyikazi (Personnels)

2. Wakati wa kudunga mifugo yetu sindano hii ya ugonjwa (chanjo) wa '*foot and Mouth'* na magonjwa mengine kwa wakati unaofaa.

Gavana wetu alisema shule ni lazima sio kwa hiari. Kama mnavyo jua kuna wakati wa Rais mustaafu, Moi, ambaye alikuwa akisisitiza watoto wapelekwe shuleni. Lakini bado kwa wafugaji huko chini watoto hawakuwa wakipelekwa shule. Kwa hivyo lazima kuwekwe mikakati, na kama tunavyoelewa kuna wale wanaitwa '*Village Administrators'* ambao watakuwa pale mashinani na ninajua kupitia

hawa tutakuwa na habari kamili. Sijui kama bado tuna sheria ambayo mzee asipopeleka mwanawe shuleni na kumfanya mfugaji, anafanywa nini? Na kama hiyo sheria iko kwa nini haitekelezwi? Kwa hivyo, lazima tutekeleze hayo ikiwa sheria iko tuelewe kwa nini haitekelezwi, ikiwa hakuna tuhakikishe tumeipitisha ili watoto wetu waweze kwenda shuleni.

Lingine, unaweza kusema watoto wapelekwe shule, na unafahamu vyema sisi kama wafugaji ni watu wa kuhamahama wakati wa kiangazi, na tegemeo letu ni zile ng'ombe; maziwa na nyama. Wakati ule ng'ombe zitahama utabaki bila kitu cha kula. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri tuwe na '*Mobile Education'* pamoja na waalimu kwa sababu tusipofanya hivyo tutakuwa tunahamisha ng'ombe nao watoto wanapatwa na unyafuzi au magonjwa mengine na kwa hivyo lazima tuweke hiyo mikakati.

Kujenga shule ni muhimu sana kama alivyosema Gavana wetu kwa sababu tunaweza kusema tupeleke watoto shule na mimi niko na shule tu mbili katika eneo langu na utakuta darasa moja lina watoto mia ambapo hairuhusiwi kisheria. Kwa hivyo lazima tujenge madarasa ndio tuweze kuzingatia hizi sheria za kupeleka watoto shuleni. Hadhi ya masomo ni ya maana sana kwa sababu tunaweza malizia miaka nane na mara ya mwisho mtoto hakuna kitu atatoka nacho pale shuleni. Na ndio unakuta Mmaasai akisema, 'wale tulisomesha ni wakora tu, heri hata angeingia kuchunga ng'ombe kuliko kwenda pale apoteze miaka nane, hajui kuchunga, kuangalia ng'ombe na hata kusoma', kwa hivyo lazima hayo yazingatiwe. Pia raia watakuwa na sababu kubwa ya kukuonyesha ya kwamba, kwa nini unataka nipeleke huyu mtoto shule ilhali hata ile shule haina faida kwa huyo mtoto. Kwa hivyo kazi ni nyingi na ngumu iliyo mbele yetu hata kama tunahitaji kwenda masomo ya ziada *(Induction)* ndio tuweze kuelewa jinsi ya kutayarisha miswada. Kwa sababu kama saa hii ukiniambia nitengeneze mswada labda itabidi nitafute namna kutoka kwa wenzangu. Kwa hayo mengi, nimeshukuru Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Member for Thingithu.

**Hon. Michael Kinyua:** *(Thingithu Ward)* Katika hotuba ya Gavana, alizungumzia zaidi habari ya usalama, na nikiangalia katika Laikipia tunafaa tuangalie yale mambo tunaweza tekeleza ili tusuruhishe hali hii ya usalama. Kutoka Airforce hadi Rumuruti na Baringo kuingia Isiolo, sehemu hiyo ndio imesoroteka zaidi na usalama. Na sababu kuu ni wizi wa mifugo. Nikiangalia hili shamba la ADC, kuna wakati kulikuwa na mkumbwa mmoja wa Airforce ambaye ni mwanajeshi na aliweza kuleta watu kutoka Isiolo na akawaingiza kwa hilo shamba la ADC ili wawe wanachunga. Wakati wa kiangazi, utakuta watu wetu wanazuiriwa kuchunga katika hilo shamba ilhali kuna watu wengine wanakumbaliwa. Kwa hivyo, ningesema ya kwamba hao watu wanachunga huko kwanza wachunguzwe ni akina nani na vile watarundishwa Isiolo.

Jambo la pili, ukiangalia sehemu hizo ndizo ambazo zimeachwa nyuma zaidi. Watu wengi wako sehemu ya Mtaa wa Nanyuki, wengine pande ile wamekatalia Nyahururu na watu hawaendi ama hawaingii sehemu ya kati ya Laikipia. Lazima tutafute mbinu za kukuza hiyo sehemu, kwa maana watu wakipata pesa au wakitajirika badala ya kununua mashamba Laikipia, wengi wanaenda Nyeri, Meru hata Nyandarua kuinua hizo kaunti. Lazima tutafute yale mambo ambayo yanaweza kuvuta ama huvutia watu katika sehemu ya katikati ili ianze kukua na hali ya usalama itaimarika yenyewe. Wakati mwingine wale watu ambao ni wakuhamahama wanahama kwa sababu ya upweke katika sehemu hizo. Lakini tukiwa na watu ambao ni wa kuishi pale, watajihisi wakiwa salama bila uoga. Hili litawezekana ingali tu

barabara, maji na stima zitavutwa mahali pale na mambo yataanza kujileta yenyewe bila hata ya kusukumwa.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Member for Olmoran Ward.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: (Member for Ol Moran Ward) The speech touched almost on all sectors including infrastructure, rural electrification, security and youth empowerment. If all what was in this speech will be implemented, I think we shall have a Model County.

On tourism sector; if you want to give our County revenue, we should try and support it so that it can match the Agriculture sector. To achieve this we should be able to advertise our tourism sector abroad and locally using foreign media.

To have food security, we should try and build cereal granaries in all cereal producing areas so that they can serve during the dry spells or feed those who come from dry areas. The Governor touched on livestock in that we should encourage our pastoralists to shift from the traditional to modern type of pastoralism. This will include re-introduction of Artificial Insemination (AI) sector so that they can change their breeds, thus more milk and their livestock will be of more value than what they now have. To support this, we should create dams in those dry areas to avoid migration from where they live and scramble for grass during dry seasons. Mr. Speaker, I think the pastoralists can be educated more on keeping livestock so that it can be of more value and give them money, instead of keeping herds of cattle which cannot benefit them as it is required in the modern world.

The Governor confirmed that he will put security at the forefront. I come from Olmoran Ward and I think it is hard hit by insecurity. We should have more police posts to avert insecurity and not just police posts, but police posts with police officers. The infrastructure in that area is wanting and to keep the security issue at bay, we should have good secure roads and police stations should have good vehicles which can cope with the terrain of Olmoran.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude the Governor highlighted on creation of revenue. I think to create more revenue will enrich our County. In Olmoran Ward, the community slaughter House has been closed for more than 3 years now forcing the butchers to travel over 30 kilometers to another slaughter House thus incur a lot of transport expenses and at the end of the day the consumer is on the receiving end since the products are sold at a higher price.

Sipili Town is a moderate town, the biggest in Olmoran Ward and densely populated but without cattle sales yard. We are here to create revenue for our County; I think if we build a cattle sales yard, that one would bring us a lot of money to cater for youth employment. Residents normally sell their livestock in an open field on market day on Saturday according to a research I did where farmers brought over 300 herds of cattle. This is another problem, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* I think the solution for pastoralists will be discussed later. You had a very strong recommendation. Let's have Hon., Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga: (***Member for Umande Ward***)** Mr. Speaker, as I stand here in front of this House, I want to assure the people of Laikipia that Stephen Mwangi is in good health unlike what is reported by the media. As much as we want to establish Roads Authority, we need also machineries especially to open up the County to the routes where we shall be collecting the revenue. For instance, the road from Laikipia Airbase to Rumuruti can be of

vital importance if it can be opened by this authority but only if they have machines and funds. We also need to have emergency funds. Right now I have been informed that one bridge in Umande was demolished by rain. If we lack the emergency funds we may fail since roads authority may fail to deliver immediately.

On education we need to construct more schools in our County, the Governor is also committed to build them. We are also expected to work closely with the central government to provide teachers. The County Government should come up with a formula to handle pastoralists. For example, we can have well facilitated boarding schools, big enough to accommodate and serve those areas. With boarding facilities they will be able to feed the children as their parents go to look for greener pastures.

Our Governor stated that he will build police posts almost in every corner of this County. Again, he should rely with the central government to be provided with police to serve in those areas as well as provision of medicines for the hospitals.

The County Government should provide some money to cater for civic education to our youths. Many of these youths think that once you obtain that loan, the government will come in and start pushing you to pay. They have had other organizations which have even tried to harass those unable to pay loans and so for them to access and know how to pay back freely without being forced, then our youths and women need civic education.

Our County Government is committed to providing energy saving jikos and without forests we might be unable to provide that. Let us come up with a formula of improving tree plantation in our County, then we can simply pull the canopy from Mount Kenya and we extend it towards our area which is Laikipia County.

When we talk about food security, for example in Umande, immediately after harvesting the maize, they sell it at Kshs 12.50/Kg. Two or three months later they buy the same kilogram at Kshs. 40 to 45. So our farmers are losing a lot of money, wasting energy cultivating their farms and later they incur losses. The County Government should put that into priority; create cereal boards in Laikipia, buy the crop from the farmers and distribute it later at a subsidized price. The County Government can also initiate Membership cards like those that were once there for KCC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* From that side let us have Hon. Kimondo and then Hon. Waithaka and then Hon. Member for Ngobit.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** *(Member for Nanyuki) Thank* you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. First, I take this opportunity to congratulate all of you Hon. Members for having been elected in this first County Assembly. I also want to appreciate the speech of his Excellency the Governor, which actually touched on four pillars.

Security is paramount in every County and the country as a whole. Without security there is no development. We will ask his Excellency to cooperate more sincerely with the central government so that we can have more resources from the central government and more so the security agents.

About the youth funds, it is a ball that we are supposed to pass as the Assembly and I hope if we can really go by the speech of his Excellency, I know Laikipia will be a Model County. Let them not say that it is the delay of the Assembly, it will be their delay, and as we all know we are all servants of the people whom we are ready to serve. He said that he will have a

bill touching on youth funds, and we require that bill to be brought in the House so that we can pass it and also the County Development board. These are some of the priorities we actually need so that we can be able to move on. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Member for Ngobit, you will be the last one.

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** (*Member for Githiga*) I want to take this opportunity to say that the speech by his Excellency was a good one and it is up to us Members to see that the speech is implemented. Mr. Speaker, this is a rainy season and the farmers are preparing to plant. Already, I feel that they are late to plant; am trying to touch on the issue of fertilizer which I believe it is not affordable to farmers. The few bags that come to Nyahururu depot will probably not fall in the hands of some farmers but in those who are somehow able. It is my request that the County Authority to oversee that the fertilizer goes not only to the door steps of the farmers, but also to their centers so that all farmers will be able to access it.

Mr. Speaker, I would like also to touch on piped water according to the Governor's speech. In my area, there are people who are still on those outdated days when women carried jerry cans on their shoulders. When we talk of piped water, to me it will become a reality. It is a major problem in my area. I request that we address the issue of piped water.

We have the grader which today is in my ward (Githiga) although it has not been able to do much because of the weather. I feel Mr. Speaker that something must be done because the driver of that tractor is not very sure from whom to get information or instructions. Am saying this because I have seen more than 10 people instructing him and he also needs to be paid. For that grader to do a satisfactory job we need a lorry to be accompanying it with murram rather than getting soil from the road side just to cover the holes then after three or four weeks the road is worse than it was before. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Hon. Waithaka.

**Hon. Wilson Wakahiu:** *(Member for Salama)* I will touch on 3 areas from his Excellency's speech. To start with, the climatic conditions of Laikipia are not uniform in all the areas because as you go to some parts in West, they are largely rich in Agriculture and the opposite side is endowed with livestock production. Mr. Speaker, he talked on the issue of breeding specifically on Artificial Insemination (AI) and on dairy cattle, he mentioned about livestock husbandry. It is important to educate our farmers on the way to approach it. These things have been done in Nyandarua County and it worked. I think we can also apply them here in Laikipia.

He also talked about diseases like foot and mouth, which is the only threat in Laikipia. There are others particularly in sheep and goats like the pneumonia and those who exercise production of livestock are actually aware of what usually happens in the months of November towards March particularly on goats. I personally come from a pastoralist area, where we have Samburu, Turkana, Kikuyu and some ranches there and ADC owned by the government. In that area, there are diseases that we need to address such as Foot and Mouth, CCPD and PDR in sheep, which are very common. I think the Governor did not touch so much on poultry production, but it is good to understand as farmers. It is important as we introduce vaccination to other livestock, we also consider the poultry.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* On that order we will have the Member for Ngobit, remember we have three days to engage on this so there will be

enough time even for those who have spoken they will get an opportunity to speak again.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira: (***Member for Ngobit)* Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is just highlighting some issues and making a few comments on the Governor's speech. First I congratulate all of you elected Members from your various wards. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, history has been made that we are the first County Representatives of this County. History can also be made that as we were the first County Representatives, we were the least performers. On the Governor's speech, he assured us on Infrastructure, Security, Agriculture and Tourism, all these leading to development. Security is the base of everything because when it is not fully highlighted we cannot have development. Let us have security posts in every sub-location with enough administration officers for that matter.

A whole County depends on Agriculture and livestock and as Members we are saying farming cannot be completely utilized when you don't have enough fertilizer which is one of the basic areas you must address. The other thing is that we cannot control the environment. Therefore, we need big dams in every sub-location for horticultural farming which will sustain our rural areas. This is achievable through educating our people on the need to create wealth.

This County cannot be fully secured without our youths getting employment. Hence security cannot be enhanced without youths getting stabilized through employment in white color jobs and in our farms. When they are idle, their minds become the devil's workshop. This means we cannot have security in our villages.

When we came to this County, we heard that there were some people who got employed when the council was dissolved. Mr. Speaker, we want to know what measures the Governor is taking to see that this thing must come to an end by getting a clear mind of what happened. I don't want to elaborate more but we are going to investigate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Thank you Hon. Members, I suppose that that becomes the end of that order. Remember we have the whole of tomorrow and Thursday as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Thank you Members, I must personally say this was the first session and sounded very lively. Hon. Members, you are up to task and I must commend you. I henceforth adjourn until tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.00 p.m.

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| SITTING NO 3 | Wednesday, 24th April,2013 | 9.00 a.m. |

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

## PRAYERS

### MOTIONS

**Speaker**: We have one motion from the Leader of Majority party. Hon. Kimondo, you look like you are the leader for majority today.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Majority Leader who is on his way, I will handle the business in his place.

**Speaker**: That is fine; proceed with the first procedural motion, the first one on the order paper.

**Hon. Kimondo**: The business appearing in today's order papers be exempted from the provision of Standing Order 37(3) being a Wednesday morning, a day allocated for business not sponsored by the majority of minority party or a member belonging to the majority or minority party or business sponsored by a Committee.

**Speaker**: Good, thank you very much. Just to bring to the attention of Members this being the first situation where this is happening for us to know what is happening. If you have your Standing Orders, I want to read to you order number 37(3) that was quoted by the Majority Leader which is about the sequence of proceedings and number 3 reads 'on Wednesday morning, a bill or a motion not sponsored by the majority or a minority party or a member belonging to the majority or minority party or by a Committeeshall have precedence over all other business in such order as the County Assembly business Committeeshall ballot. What this means is that usually on Wednesday morning the business that takes priority is any other business that has not been brought by either the majority party leader or the minority party leader or any member belonging to those parties or Committees. So we give room to individual member if there business coming up but today the Leader of Majority party is seeking exemption from that Standing Order because the rest if the business is actually being brought by the Majority Leader and he is asking for permission from the Members to proceed which should not be the case on Wednesday morning, I will open it on the floor for discussion and whether we can approve that motion by the Leader of Majority. Members ...Maybe that was not very clear, are you giving permission for the Majority Leader to continue with the business this morning and not to read the business on Wednesday morning? So he is asking for permission, we can have one or two Members commenting on that motion. Order member, you should use the microphone whenever you are speaking and I noticed that the member did not introduce himself yesterday. Maybe you can take this chance to introduce yourself.

**Hon. Mukuria**: I want to contribute on this issue brought by the Majority Leader and I want to know the reasons for him to request for this. We can allow him because he might be absent at times and I wanted to know the reason why the Majority Leader is only reading from this section.

**Speaker**: That is fine; I will make a ruling on that. Any other member... Hon. Member for Marmanet, I think the issue as to why the Leader of Majority is not here and probably the Hon. Member for Nanyuki town can explain why he is late. I think

the main issue on the floor is that the Leader of Majority has quite a bit of business that is coming up today as per the various Standing Orders for example, the party or person who should present the list of Committees is the chair of the selection Committee and that was the business decided that should be engaged and discussed today.

Now as per the Standing Order, the person to present those names is the leader for the majority party and because we wanted to do that this morning, it is only the Leader of Majority who can bring those names. The decision was made that we should bring it today and not any other day so that the Committees can start learning. The issue is that ordinarily, we would not be listening to the leader for the majority party speaking every Wednesday morning so that we can open up the floor to other Members. But for today due to the Committees, the Hon. Member is asking whether we can allow the names to be presented this morning through the Majority Leader, Hon. Member Kimondo; you can probably answer the question as to why the Majority Leader is not present and is he coming.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader is on his way and he will be with us in the next 20-30 minutes.

**Speaker**: Okay.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Jacob, did you want to say something.

**Hon. Jacob**: Yes

**Speaker**: Yes, you have the floor.

**Hon. Jacob**: Bwana Spika, nilitaka kusema ya kuwa uongee kwa Kiswahili kwa sababu ukiongea na Kiingereza, sitaweza kuelewa. Kwa hivyo nataka uongee kwa lugha ya Kiswahili. Asante

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Okay, the Hon. Member wants to put the Speaker on the spot and use his not so good Kiswahili but I will try to mix it together with English. So, I want someone to propose that the Majority Leader continues with the next motion. Is that fine? Hon. Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I suggest that the leader for majority reads the names so that we can have the time for the proceedings to continue.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much; I do not think there is any objection to that motion. Let us go to the next one, Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo**: That the provisions of the Standing Order No.152 (1) and any other Standing Order specifying Membership to select Committee be exempted from applying to Membership of select Committee (s) of the Laikipia County Assembly and that Membership thereof be 3-5 Members in each Committee.

**Speaker**: Nafikiri nitaongezea kidogo ndio tuelewe hiyo mswada ilivyo. Ni kwamba ukiangalia 'Standing Orders' zilizo zimesema ya kwamba kuna nambari mingi kwa mfano Standing Order nambari 152 imesema ya kwamba wajumbe wa shughuli za bunge watakuwa kati ya watu isiyopungua 21 na sio zaidi ya watu 29. Kwa hivyo, tukisema kamati hiyo ina wajumbe kati ya 21-29, haitawezekana katika bunge letu kwa sababu hii ni ya bunge kubwa na letu ni kidogo. Kwa hivyo, mjadala la Kiongozi wa wengi mjadala wake ni kwamba kamati zote ziwe na kati ya watu watatu na watano. Je wajumbe, mnakubaliana na hayo?

**Hon. Kabaci**: Ndio bw. Spika, tunakubaliana nayo kwa sababu tulijadiliana kuhusu ile jambo na tukaona ni mzuri.

**Speaker**: Kuna Yule hataki hiyo mambo? Inakaa ni sawa. Kwa hivyo kiongozi wa wengi unaweza kutuongoza kwa hiyo shughuli nyingine.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, that the business appearing on Thursdays 25th April 2013 order paper be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order 271 be on Thursday and the time not allocated for business of the Assembly.

**Speaker**: Pia nataka kueleza hiyo mswada inakuja aje. Kila Alhamisi, bunge inakutana adhuhuri kutoka 2.30 mpaka iishe lakini kiongozi wa wengi anaomba hii Alhamisi tukutane 9.00 asubuhi na siyo 2.30. hii ni kwa sababu mnakumbuka jana nilisema ya kuwa kuna mpango ya sisi kuenda mafunzo kesho adhuhuri kwa hivyo ninaomba tukutane asubuhi badala ya adhuhuri. Hiyo ni sawa ama siyo sawa? Mhsw. Jacob...order, ni lazima upaze sauti.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bw. Spika, nafikiri hiyo ni mzuri kwa sababu tukifanya asubuhi tutapata nafasi ya kuenda safari.

**Hon. Suge**: Mr. Speaker Sir and the Hon. Members of the County Assembly, my names are Hon. Joseph Suge, the Hon. member for Rumuruti township ward. Mr. Speaker Sir I concur with the Hon. Jacob that tomorrow's session starts in the morning and we break in the afternoon. I also request that in future because of the travelling since some of us are travelling from far, I propose that maybe we shall be having our Thursday session in the mornings so that we can break early and have time to get to our various homes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: I think the proposal is noted and we cannot exceed. All subsequent Thursdays we will meet in the morning and I think the clerk has noted that but it is important that it be sponsored by a member. It can be followed up later but it is noted. I request the Majority Leader to go to the next order...

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, approval of Members to chair in the County Assembly select Committees. Chair of the select Committees.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I think that is the big business we have today so that the Committees are passed and I will request the Hon. Member to continue on that.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Leader of Majority is Ephraim Mwangi Wachira, the whip of majority is Charumbo Kaparo, Leader of minority is Paul Lebeneiyo, and Whip of Minority is Jacob Edom. Committee on selection...

**Speaker**: Order member; let us deal with that first. I think it important to note as per the Standing Order the leader... let me read. Standing Order number 2 says that the Leader of Majority party means the person who is the leader of the County Assembly for the largest party or coalition of parties under Standing Order number 15. Then the Standing Order no. 15 says that the largest party or coalition of parties in the County Assembly shall elect a member of the County Assembly belonging to the party or coalition or parties to be the Leader of Majority party. That means that the minority also stated under Standing Order no. 16 (1) the minority or coalition of parties of the County Assembly shall elect a member of the County Assembly belonging to the party or coalition of parties to be the leader of minority. That is to mean that the leader of minority and majority is not chosen at the Assembly but is chosen by the party itself by writing a letter to the Speaker to specify whom they have chosen to be the Majority Leader. It is good that the Hon. Kimondo has told the House who the Majority Leader, minority and the whip are. But hey will have to write to the Speaker to communicate it to him formally. Go on.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In the Committee on selection we have Ephraim Mwangi who is the Leader of Majority, Paul Lebeneiyo who is the leader of minority. Committee on selection, there shall be a select Committee to be a designated selection Committee comprising of the Leader of Majority, majority party who shall be the chairperson, the leader of minority party and not less than 11 and more than 19 Members who shall

be nominated by the County Assembly parties and approved by the County Assembly. Approval of nomination, the selection Committeeshall within seven days upon the nomination of Members to serve within a Committee of the County Assembly present the list to the County Assembly for approval. Whenever a motion for approval of a list under paragraph 1 is moved in the County Assembly, no objection against the proposed Membership of the member in the select Committee shall be permitted and if any objections shall be formulated against the proposed Membership as a whole. A member shall not be a member of the Committee of the County Assembly unless the nomination of such a member into the Committee is approved by the County Assembly.

**Discharge of a member from a Committee**

The County Assembly party that nominated a member to a select Committee may give notice in writing to the Speaker that the member is to be discharged from a select Committee. The discharge of a member shall take effect upon ascent by the Speaker on the notice under paragraph 1.

**Composition of select Committee.**

Subject to any written law, these Standing Orders or the dissolution of the County Assembly, a select Committeeshall consist of an odd number of Members being not less than 11 and not more than 17.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. member, what the Hon. member did is to read so that we understand what the Standing Orders say about every Committee and what he will do is that when he reads the Committee, he will go to the Standing Order and know what his duties are so that when we look at that Committee we will know who are the Members and what their duties are. So Members, he has presented the Committee on selection who is Ephraim Mwangi and Paul Lebeneiyo. I would like to open up that so that we can speak about that Committee and then we can pass it. The floor is open.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members of Laikipia County Assembly once again my name is Peter Thomi. Mr. Speaker, this being an approval of Members to serve in the Committees as Committee chairmen, I would you to clarify on the duration that the Committee chairmen will be in office. Is it going to run for the term of five years or will the Committee chairmen be in office for a specific period of time? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: As noted, any other Member?

**Hon. Mukuria**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I also wanted to know, in these select Committees, there were Committees that we agreed on infrastructure. I do not know where it was because I cannot see it. Was it combined or... within the ministries and Committees. Are they going to be approved at the same time or they are going to be approved later?

**Speaker**: Majority Leader, where are the other sectoral Committees?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the rest will be approved next week. These are the most crucial ones that we are approving this week because they must start their business either today or tomorrow while the rest will be approved at a later date next week. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I think it is also important to mention that the sectoral Committees will mirror the ministries and as we noted the ministries may be reconfigured by the executive for the reason that if you noted the nominated Members of the County Assembly are eight, are least the proposed nominees of the County Assembly are 8. Now you have 15 elected Members and that adds up to 23. The constitution says that the ministries under the executive will be a third of the full Assembly. So if you do that calculation it will allow eight ministries. Now you remember last time when we had an informal meeting we were working with

nine and so the executive will need to reconsider but it will not change fundamentally but as the Hon. Member said that, it will be approved next week. On the term, it will be a full term and the Assembly is at liberty to change that liberty any time they so wish and so if you want to reconfigure the Membership at a later time there is no problem and it all depends on the political party represented. In fact, the select Committee is present throughout and if there is a change, resignation or reconfiguration you can come back and present it further. Okay, Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members. My name is Paul Leshuel and I want a clarification on the issue of the minority and Majority Leader. If we have the provision of the Deputy Majority Leader and the Deputy Minority Leader. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: I am not sure Hon. Paul if I understood your question. Just give him again to explain.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Do we have a Deputy Minority and Majority Leader?

**Speaker**: Okay, I got that. Our Standing Orders do not provide for Deputy Majority Leader or Deputy minority leader. It just provides for the Majority Leader. I do not know whether there is any other question particularly on the select Committee. Yes Hon. Mukuria?

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to know because we had left some rooms for the nominated people to come. When we approved this Committee, will you assume that these people who are not in this House since you said we need about five people in these Committees and there are other names, which are not included in these Committee. Will we approve them then reserve these names for later, that is the nominated County representatives?

**Speaker**: Okay, that question can be answered by the Majority Leader. What is that fate of the nominated Members and relating to that question, I want you to answer the Standing Order no. 154 (2) reads that the Committee on selection shall give consideration to the need for gender balance and shall so far as may be practical ensure that no more than two thirds of the Members of the County Assembly including a Committee established through a resolution of the County Assembly shall be of the same gender. I noted that the Committee on selection has two men, what will we do?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, there are rooms for the nominated and obviously you saw in the dailies from the IEBC that we have 7 ladies who are coming to join us so there is a mood that is going to be enjoyed in the Committees.

**Speaker**: Is that fine Hon. Member for Marmanet? Fine. Hon. Mwangi?

**Hon. Maruga**: I stand on a point of ...clarification. I think the House should provide every member with the Standing Order and the Standing Order that we are provided with is somehow mixed up because you can see from page 72 you go to page 75 then we skip up to...some pages are actually missing because we are not able to follow the Standing Orders the way they are supposed to be.

**Speaker**: Thank you member, clerk as soon as possible by tomorrow evening, you need to present the Members with the right Standing Order. I think the photocopy was mixed up and the clerk has noted that. Tomorrow you will have the final Standing Orders that are well lined up. Apologies for that, okay would we approve the Committee on selection because that is the motion on the table from the Majority Leader? Now maybe the best is for me to put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Assembly business Committee we have the Hon. Patrick Mariru, the Hon. Ephraim Mwangi, Hon. Lebeneiyo and the Hon. Beth Muchiri.

1. There shall be a select Committee to be designating the Assembly business Committee consisting of :

a) The Speaker who shall be the chairperson

b) The Leader of Majority party

c) The leader of minority party

d) Not less than 21 and not more than 29 Members who shall be nominated by the County Assembly parties and approved by the County Assembly at the commencement of every section reflecting the relative majority of the seats headed by the each of the County Assembly parties in the County Assembly and taking into consideration the interest of independence.

2. The County Assembly business Committeeshall be appointed within 7 seven days on Assembly of a new County Assembly. In nominating the Members to the County Assembly business Committee, each County Assembly party shall include its whip into the Membership.

3. In the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker shall attend and chair the meeting of the County Assembly business Committee.

4. The County Assembly business Committee shall:

a) Prepare and if necessary from time to time adjust the County Assembly calendar with the approval of the County Assembly.

b) Monitor and oversee the implementation of the County Assembly and business programs

c) Implement the Standing Orders respecting the scheduling of the programming of the business of the County Assembly and the functions of the Committee of the County Assembly.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Point of order Mr. Speaker. Can we be notified of the points of order the Majority Leader is reading so that we can go hand in hand with him? Otherwise, we have the Standing Orders with us.

**Speaker**: Okay, that is a fair point. Hon. Member, do you know which Standing Order that is?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 152 starting from 1.

**Speaker**: 152 but member you certainly have confusing Standing Order booklet but if you can go to 152 you will have the correct one tomorrow. Proceed.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, you go to five.

5. The County Assembly business Committee shall;

a) Prepare and if necessary from time to time adjust the County Assembly calendar with the approval of the County Assembly.

b) Monitor and oversee implementation of the County Assembly business programmes.

c) Implement the Standing Orders respecting the scheduling of programming of the business of the County of Assembly and the functions of the Committee of the County Assembly.

d) Determine the order in which the report of Committees shall be debated in the County Assembly.

e) May take decision and issue directives and guidelines to prioritize any business of the County Assembly acting with concurrence for the Leader of Majority party or the leader of the minority party as choice may be.

f) Consider such matters as may from time to time arise in connection of the business of the County Assembly and shall have and perform such powers and functions as conferred and secludes to it by these Standing Orders while from time to time by the County Assembly.

The chairperson and at least one third of the Members of the County Assembly business Committeeshall forma quorum. If a member of a County Assembly business Committee is unable to attend, the leader in the County Assembly of the party, which nominated that member, may appoint another member in that Members place for the period for which the member is unable to attend.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Member, so on the table is the County Assembly business Committee but also the Majority Leader has been kind enough to read for us how the Committee is constituted and its work. So as we approve or as we discuss we now know the work of that business Committee. The floor is open on that Committee and I would probably encourage that. I know the Speaker is the chair but if we can also have one member from that Committee to speak, it is not necessary but it will be good for any member of that Committee to speak on that Committee but it's also open to other Members. Is there any... yes Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I think the County Assembly Business Committee as the Standing Order states seem s to be a crucial Committee but it is good to approve it since those people who appear on paper are up to the task. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Good, if there is no other... is there any, I do not want to close down anyone. Okay, is there any member from that Committee who wants to speak? I can only see two Members present, Hon. Ephraim Mwangi and Hon. Beth. Would they want to speak?

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Members of that Committee am pleased to say that we shall work diligently to serve the people of Laikipia and we shall do our best to serve you better. Thank you.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Hon. Kimondo**: Public accounts Committee. We have Hon. Peter Thomi, Hon. Michael Kinyua, and Hon. Jacob Endom. I am referring to Standing Orders 186 (1)...

**Speaker**: Order member, would you probably mention the full name of that Committee. You said public accounts Committee, which I think, has a full name.

**Hon. Kimondo**: It is County public accounts Committee...

**Speaker**: is it in the Standing Order?

**Hon. Kimondo**: County public investment and accounts Committee.

**Speaker**: Perfect.

**Hon. Kimondo**: There shall be a select Committee to be designated in the County public investment and account Committee. The County public investment and accounts Committeeshall be responsible for:-

a) The examination of the accounts shown in the appropriation of the sum voted by the County Assembly to meet the public expenditure and of such other accounts laid

before the County Assembly as the Committee may feel fit.

b) The examination of the report accounts and working of the County public investments.

c) The examination in the context of the autonomy and efficiency of the County public investment whether they affairs of the County public investments are being managed in accordance with the sound financial and business principles and prudent commercial practices.

Provided that the Committeeshall not examine any of the following namely:-

1. Matters of major County or national government policy as distinct from business or commercial functions of the public investment.

2. Matters of day-to-day administration.

3. Matters for the consideration of which machinery is established by any special stature under which a particular County public investment is established.

The County public accounts Committeeshall consist of a person and not more than four other Members. The County public accounts Committee constituted immediately following the general election shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the County Assembly term. The County public accounts Committeeshall elect a chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from amongst its Members.

**Speaker**: Good, thank you very much. Member for Githiga you may note that this Committeeserves for three years and it is a watchdog Committee. Thank you Hon. Member, these are the names of public accounts and investment Committee and the member has informed us of the work which will be done. It is a watchdog Committee and it is very important like the others. Is there a member who will want to comment on it? I can see the Hon. Thomi, Michael and Jacob are in that Committee but it will be open to all Members who can comment on it.

**Hon. Maruga**: Asante sana Bw. Spika, ningetaka kuwatia changamoto hawa wanakamati wa hii kamati wakiongozwa na mwenyekiti wao akiwa Peter Thomi, Michael Gichangi na Jacob Edom. Inafaa muelewe kwamba mkichukua hii kazi inafaa muwe tayari kuzunguka hii kaunti mzima. Muhakikishe hakuna utepetevu wa wakazi wengine kwa mfano kwingine unapata wamepewa kandarasi ya kutengeneza barabara na unapata wametumia vifaa ya kiwango ya chini. Inafaa muhakikishe tunatengenezewa barabara za kudumu na kazi ingine yeyote inafanyika kwa kiwango cha juu. Asante sana Bw. Spika.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Mr. Speaker I also want to comment on that issue of accounts which is a very crucial area. I want to say that for us to have good accountability for the work done; I will request the Committee to be updating us on the findings for at least three months on what they deal with so that we can follow up what they have been doing. These are like auditors and there should be updates to the County Assembly on their findings so as to follow up on their progress.

**Hon. Michael**: Asante sana, ningetaka kusema ya kwamba tuko tayari na hata mimi nimeanza kazi. Kwanza kuna kazi ya ujenzi ambayo ni ya soko ya hapa Nanyuki market na kwa ajili ya ile vifaa inatumika. Nilienda nikaangalia na nikaona siyo mzuri na wakati niliitisha BQ nilinyimwa na kwa hivyo ninataka mniunge mkono. Ningeomba katika eneo zenu muwe mkitujulisha kabla kazi ianze ili tuweze kukagua. Tutahakikisha na tuko tayari kuhakikisha ile kazi imepeanwa imetendwa na imeangaliwa vilivyo ili mufurahie. Asante.

**Speaker**: I think that is fine. I will now put the question.

*(Motion agreed)*

**Speaker**: You can go to the next one.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I read the County budget and appropriation Committee. We have Hon. Wilson Wakahiu, Hon. Francis Mukuria and Hon. Paul Leshuel. I refer to Standing Order 187, the County budget and appropriation Committee. There shall be a select Committee to be named as the County budget and appropriation Committee. The Committeeshall consist of a chairperson and not more than eight other Members. The functions of the Committeeshall be:-

1. To investigate into the report of any matters related to coordination, control and monetary of the County budget.

2. Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendation to County Assembly.

3. Examine the County budget policy statement presented to County Assembly.

4. Examine those related to the national budget including appropriation bills and evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.

The County budget and appropriation Committee constituted by the County Assembly immediately after the general election shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for eh remainder of the County Assembly term. Five Members of the budget Committeeshall constitute a quorum. The Committeeshall invite chairpersons of select Committees to make presentation during the consideration of the budget.

**Speaker**: That is the County budget and appropriation Committee , I am sure Members know that this is an urgent Committee now that there are statutory deadlines and it is good that you are considering that today. We will open up for discussion to those who want to contribute.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bw. Spika, ninataka kuchangia ya kwamba hii kamati ya bajeti waangalie vizuri Sana Kwa sababu hao ndio tegemeo katika hii kaunti na ninajua hao ndio watafanya hio kazi sababu mkituletea bajeti tuone ya kwamba tumeendelea vizuri kabisa na tusirudi nyuma. Asante.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on this Committee it says that five Members of the budget Committeeshall constitute a quorum so I would like the Speaker to make it clear on how many Members we can have on this Committee because you can constitute a Committee of only five Members so when one is absent they will have no quorum. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member, you must be very keen. I actually noted that in my Standing Order and thank you for raising that. You remember the first motion brought by the Majority Leader was to reduce the Membership as if this one says the Membership will consist of a chairperson and not more than eight other Members but the Hon. Members had changed it to have Members between 3-5. This means that we will also have to change the quorum. There is also another Committee called County Assembly procedures and rules Committee. Its work will be immediate and will bring all the amendments that will need to be passed by the Assembly so that we can change the Standing Order to be in line with our reality and I am sure the clerk is noting that together with the others. Before we come to you Hon. Mwangi, Hon. Beth had an issue she wanted to comment on.

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I am Beth Muchiri, Member for Tigithi ward. This Committee of Budget and Appropriation. Since the budget is paramount, it's important and needs day to day reviewing. So it is good that the Committee is transparent and also you make sure that we do not

waste many of our resources. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Suge**: Asante, nikichangia kuhusu hii kamati ya bajeti, ningewashauri ya kwamba wakati tunapotengeneza makadirio ya bajeti ya mwaka wa 2013/2014, ni kwamba wa jaribu kuangalia kwamba zile miradi zote zitapitishwa na wananchi wote wa mashinani ambazo zitaonekana ni ya muhimu kupewa kipao mbele kuangalia kwamba zote zimewekwa katika ile bajeti. pia ningewasihi kwamba waangalie kwamba kila sehemu ya Laikipia limeweza kuangaliwa vizuri ili kwamba ikifika wakati wa kupitisha ile bajeti kila sehemu imeweza kufikiriwa vizuri kwa ajili wakati huu kuna mikutano zinazoendelea kwatika maeneo tofauti. Kwangu kuna mkutano leo ambayo wananchi watapata fursa ya kutoa mapendekezo yao. Kwa hivyo ninaomba zile mapendekezo zitakapo ingia kwetu pia tupewe fursa tuweze kuangalia ni yapi yatapewa nafasi ya kwanza. Ingine ni kwamba muda ambayo hii kamati inastahili kupewa bajeti ili waweze kupitia kabla kutuletea, ningependa kuuliza ni muda kiasi gani watapewa kabla ya kutuletea hio bajeti ili tuweze kuipitisha. Asante sana.

**Speaker**: Hiyo swali umeuliza ya muda, hiyo nitaangalia lakini nafikiri tutawapa mwezi moja. Kulingana na sheria, serikali ya kaunti italeta hiyo bajeti tarehe 30 ya april na ikiletwa nitawapa kamati ya bajeti na hao watazunguka kaunti mzima kwa mwezi mzima halafu wataleta ripoti. Hiyo ripoti italetwa mbele ya bunge ili bunge ipitishe hiyo bajeti, kwa hivyo tuko na wika 3-4 na tutaongea juu ya haya tukienda mafunzo. Tutawapa wajumbe wengine nafasi kuwa katika hiyo mikutano ya bajeti ili watoe maoni yao watakapo kuwa wakizunguka kaunti. Mshw. Mwangi.

**Hon. Maruga**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think all I wanted to say has been said by Hon. Suge.

**Speaker**: You consulted?

**Hon. Maruga**: Yes.

**Speaker**: Okay, that is fine. Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am Wakahiu Waithaka from Salama ward. First of all, I would like to thank you for your work on the Committees. I want to say that being in the County budget and appropriation Committee we will try our best to make sure that as per what Hon. Jacob said, we need to make sure that we try our best to make sure that everything is done well and equitably. The other thing is we also have the duty of evaluating the task estimates in our County, we need to encourage our business stakeholders to pay taxes so that when we come to budget we can also know what we are budgeting. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you; I will now put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: You can go to the next one.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have the Committee on implementation, which has Hon. Joseph Suge, Hon. Beth Muchiri and Hon. Joseph Kabaci. I refer to Standing Order 189, which says there shall be a select Committee to be known as the Committee on implementation. The Committeeshall scrutinize the resolutions of the County Assembly...

**Hon. Kabaci**: Point of order Mr. Speaker Sir, my name is misspelt and I would like to notify the clerk that my name should be KABACI and there is no H between them.

**Speaker**: Thank you for raising that, the clerk has noted and we apologize.

**Hon. Kimondo**: The Committeeshall scrutinize the resolutions of the County Assembly including adopted Committee report, petitions and undertakings given by the County executive Committee and to examine whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented

and if implemented, they extend to where they have been implemented. Whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary and whether or not legislation part by the County Assembly has been operationalized to the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary. The Committee may propose to County Assembly sanctions against any member of the County executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Member, okay Committee on implementation. Hon. Suge, Beth and then Kabaci.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I just wanted to report to the Hon. Members in this House that in this Committee we are very much committed to work hand in hand with the Members and see that everything that shall be brought to this House and passed shall be implemented. We shall follow and see that everything has been implemented the way the member has proposed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I just want to bring to your attention that I have just found another lady in this list and yet currently we have one. I do not know whether it is a typographical error but I would like to know. Let these names to appear as it is in the official register. I the County Assembly business Committee, there is Beth Muchiri and there is Beth Waithira. I do not know whether she is in this room or this House or she is yet to be nominated.

**Speaker**: Majority Leader, tell us are we having two ladies in this House and we do not know?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have only one Beth Waithira Muchiri.

**Speaker**: Okay...

**Hon. Kimondo**: So the Hon. Beth Waithira Muchiri is the same:

**Speaker**: What the Hon. Member is saying let there be consistency in the naming. Hon. Beth you have been mentioned.

**Hon. Beth**: Point of order, my name has been misspelt, it is not Waithera it is Waithira. Instead of E, there is I.

**Speaker**: Okay, that is noted. We must use the name as they should be and not be misspelt; the clerk has now known that.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on this issue of this Committee, I want to bring to the attention of section 3 the Committee may propose to the County Assembly sanctions against any Members of the County executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons so they must be very careful. For those executive Members who will not adhere to the rules of the House and if they are summoned and fail to appear, we shall consult the House and put impose sanctions on such errant executive Members.

**Speaker**: Thank you member for telling us of the powers the Committees have it is not a moribund Committee. It is a serious Committee and it can sermon. Yes Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on the Committee of implementation. I want to inform them that this Committee on implementations very important because there is a lot that we are going to discuss here in this Assembly and there is a lot that we promised the electorate and this is where we are going to see that all is implemented and the issue of implementing is very hard so I would request this Committee on implementation to ensure that whatever we are discussing and agreeing is implemented. It is very important because this is where we fail to make it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria**: I also want to comment on implementation, there is one to implement and also one to complete. This is because major projects have been implemented but we are having problems of completing what is implemented. I want to say that once a project has been implemented it has to be followed once it has been completed in time and as per the standards.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much; I will now put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: Next.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Committee on delegated legislation. We have Hon. Jacob Edom, Hon. Paul Leshuel, Hon. Charumbo Kaparo and Hon. Michael Gichangi. I refer to Standing Order 190. Committee on delegated County legislation.

There shall be a select Committee to be known as a Committee on delegated County legislation. Whenever a statutory instrument is submitted to the County Assembly, pursuant to the constitution any role of these Standing Order the statutory instrument shall unless a contrary intention appears in the relevant legislation be laid before the County Assembly by the chair of the relevant sectoral Committee or any other member shall therefore stand referred to the Committee on delegated County legislation. The Committeeshall consider in respect of any statutory instrument whether it:-

1. Is in accord with the provisions of the constitution pursuit to it is made to any other written law.

2. Infringes on fundamental right or freedom of the public.

3. Contains a matter, which in the opinion of the Committeeshould more properly be dealt with in an act of the County Assembly.

4. Contains impositions of taxations directly or indirectly as the jurisdiction of the courts.

5. Gives retrospective efforts to any by the provisions in respect of which the constitution or the act does not expressly give any such power.

6. Involves expenditure from the County revenue fund or any public revenues.

7. Is effective in its drafting for any reason on the form of the statutory instruments caused for any jurisdiction.

8. Appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of powers conferred by the constitution or by the act pursuant to which it is made.

9. Appears to have had unjustifiable delay in its publication or in before County Assembly.

10. Makes right the abilities or the obligations and unduly dependent upon reviewable decisions.

11. Makes lives liberties or obligations and duly dependent insufficiently defined administrative powers.

12. Inappropriately delegates legislative powers.

13. Imposes a fine, imprisonment or other penalty without express authority having been provided for in the enabling legislation.

14. Appears for any reason to infringe on the rule of law.

15. Inadequately subjects the exercise of legislative power to the County Assembly scrutiny and accords to any other reason that the Committee considers fit to undermine.

**Speaker**: Good enough, yes Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to correct my name. My name is Jacob Endom. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay. Good

**Hon. Jacob**: Nafikiri katika kamati ambayo nitakuwa mwenyekiti nafikiri tutakuwa tukiangalia vizuri Sana na tutawatumikia kulingana na kamati tuliyo nayo. Asante.

**Speaker**: Okay, yes Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, correction on my name. My name is Paul Leshuel and I am seeing Paul Shuel. It is also my name but my official name is Leshuel. Thank you.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to commend this Committee. Its work must be taken seriously because it is the one, which is going to give this County revenue. When the County collects revenue, ensure that the County bylaws are followed to the letter so that they are implemented. Thank you.

**Hon. Dann**: Mr. Speaker Sir, it appears that we have already overloaded some of our Members. One member appears four times while there is another member who has not appeared, I would like you to tell us if it's in order to give a member the minimum positions that a Members should take in these Committees. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Majority Leader that is your question.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Every member should serve in three Committees according to my understanding Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Dann**: Point of order Mr. Speaker, we already have Members who are serving in four Committees and so I think we should look at the list properly. We did it in a hurry and it appears that some of them will be overloaded.

**Speaker**: Okay, I want to read what the Hon. Member has just read. Standing Order no.55 (3) except as the County Assembly may otherwise resolve on the recommendations on the Committee on selection for reasons stated. No member shall be appointed to serve in more than three sectoral Committee. So I think the question is:-

1. Whether the Majority Leader as the chair of the selection Committee is proposing a motion to allow Members to serve in more than three Committees or

2. This list needs to be looked at

3. There is also another part of the Committee that have not been presented which are sectoral which the Majority Leader said will be brought next week.

Majority Leader, we need you guidance as to why some are in more than three Committees? Are you proposing a question to change that and will there be a balance in the other coming Committees. Thirdly, does this Assembly propose we change the whole of this list or what? I will need your guidance.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would request the Hon. Member to point out the member who has been put in four Committees.

**Hon. Dann**: Mr. Speaker, if you look at Mr. Ephraim Mwangi Wachira, he has appeared in four Committees and there is another one Mr. Jacob Endom and I know he still is in the other Committees that will come next week. I was the one drafting the Committees and I know he is yet to appear in those Committees. I think we should have a look at them before next week.

**Speaker**: Okay.

**Hon. Kimondo**: By virtue of being the Majority Leader, he actually does not get the title as a chair of any Committee or a chair of the minority Committee or a whip of the minority Committee. So I think they are serving in three Committees and I want to assure you Mr. Speaker Sir that there will be a balance in all those Committees.

**Speaker**: Okay, I think it is important to mention that the Majority Leader, some Committees need his presence by law like the selection Committee. The Standing Order says that the Majority Leader will be the chair. The County Assembly business Committeesays that the Majority Leader has to be there, also in the Committee on appointment but it is not necessary in the other Committee. I would like to hear three people comment on the composition of these Committees bearing in mind that there are other Committees to be constituted next week.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Asante Bw. Spika, kulingana na vile nimejaribu kuangalia hata kama najua ni sisi tulifanya hii orodha. Kuna hii mambo ya jinsia ambayo ni lazima tuangalie. Ukiangalia kamati zingine kuna wanakamati wanne na tulipitisha kuwa wanakamati wawe watu tano. Hiyo ndio maoni yangu lakini ninajua kuwa tulikuwa tumepitisha na changamoto yetu ni kuwa wale nominated hawajafika mpaka leo, kwa hivyo sijui sheria inasema nini kuhusu mambo ya jinsia ili tusipitishe mswada ya kuleta upingamizi pale mbele.

**Speaker**: On the gender balance, Standing Order no 154 (2) says the Committee on selection shall give consideration to the need to gender balance as far as its practicable and ensure that no more than two thirds of Members of the Committee of the County Assembly including a Committee established through a resolution of the County Assembly shall be of the same gender. As far as it is practicable, we shall have eight ladies in this Assembly eventually and we shall have nine Committees plus possible the seven sectoral Committees which makes it 16 Committees. We shall have 8 ladies which means each lady would have to serve in two Committees minimum to satisfy and can increase to three. I think it is for us to decide whether we will leave two slots in each Committee in light of what Paul has said. We can have three set up now. Majority Leader, what do you propose?

**Hon. Kimondo**: I propose that we pass as it is and there will be an amendment so that we move that motion.

**Hon. Dann**: On the Committee on delegated legislation, we have one Michael Gichangi; I do not know whether we have such a member in this House. I only know of Michael Kinyua.

**Speaker**: Okay, Majority Leader, do we have a Stanger being a member of a Committee?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have one Hon. Michael Kinyua Gichangi.

**Speaker**: okay, the Hon. Member is right to ask whether there is a stranger. So I think the proposal from the Majority Leader is that we go ahead and when the Committees are constituted even with the other sectoral Committees next week. We need to see whether there is a balance. I want to ask whether that motion is acceptable to all of us. Is there any objection to that motion? Okay, there is no objection, so I thank the Hon. Dann for raising that and it is motion. Is there anyone who wants to contribute before we pass the motion?

**Hon. Mukuria**: Kuna kitu nilitaka kuongea kuhusu mambo ya kuchukua hizi pesa za kodi. Ulielezwa kwamba kuna tikiti zilitotolewa za Laikipia County. sijui kama wamerekebisha ili watu wapigwe faini na sijui kama haya mambo yalishughulikiwa. kwa hivyo wananchi walikuwa wanauliza ili waweze kulipa hii.

**Speaker**: as far as I remember, we have not spoken on that matter in the Assembly and I would recommend that if you want that to be discussed, the clerk will guide you and you can propose a motion to this House in line of what you said for the executive to take up that motion. May I advise you to liaise with a clerk and bring a motion to this House for us to resolve for the executive to take action? So may I advise you to do that so that we can raise motion and pass it directly to the executive? So the Committee on delegated legislation is fine. I will put the question.

*(Motion agreed)*

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the liaison Committee. We have Hon. Peter Kimondo and Mr. Speaker. As all the Committees elect their chairmen, all the chairmen will be in this liaison Committee. I refer to Standing Order 192. There shall be a select Committee to be known as liaison Committee, which shall consist of the chairperson of Committees as the chairperson and the chairpersons of all Committees of the County Assembly. The liaison Committeeshall:-

1. Guide and coordinate the operation, policies and mandates of all Committees.

2. Deliberate on and apportion the annual operating budget among the Committees.

3. Consider the programs of all Committees including their need to travel and seat away from the precincts of the County Assembly.

4. Ensure that Committees submit reports as required by these Standing Orders.

5. Determine whenever necessary the Committees to deliberate on any matter and give such advice relating to the work and mandate of select Committees as it may consider necessary.

6. The liaison Committeeshall consider reports of Committees that have not been deliberated by the County Assembly and shall report to the County Assembly when the consideration of such reports.

**Speaker**: Liaison Committee is extremely critical as well because this is where all chairmen meet so that the House works in unison. We will open the floor to the Members if they have anything to say. It looks like Hon. Kimondo is the only one who is known now and we do not know the chairmen. I know you have had an informal communication and discuss who is going to be the chairman. According to the Standing Orders, the first time the Committees meet is when you can select the chairman. Hon. Kimondo, do you have anything to say?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Asante Bw. Spika, ningewasihi watakaochaguliwa Kama wenyekiti wa hizo kamati wajitahidi ndio tuweke mambo ya bunge vizuri kwa sababu hiyo kamati ndio itashughulikia zile kamati zote ambazo zimechaguliwa kwa hivyo wale watakaochaguliwa katika hizo kamati nafikiri kama vile tilivyofanya tunajua tutafanya kazi kama bunge la Laikipia. Asante.

**Speaker**: Kuna jambo lingine kuhusu hiyo kamati ya liaison? Sawa

*(Motion agreed)*

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have Committee on appointment we have Hon. Patrick Mariru, Hon. Ephraim Mwangi, Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo and Hon. Stephen Maruga. I refer to Standing Orders 185 on the Committee on appointment. There shall be a Committee on appointment to be appointed by the County Assembly consisting of the Speaker as the chairperson, the Leader of Majority party, the leader of the minority party and not more than three other Members nominated by the County Assembly business Committee. On the basis on proportional party Membership in the County Assembly taking

into consideration the numerical strength of the parties and interest of independent Members. The Committeeshall be appointed within seven on Assembly of a new County Assembly and shall serve for the period of three years and that appointed there after shall serve for the remainder of the term of the County Assembly. In the absence of the Speaker, the Committeeshall elect a member form amongst its Members to chair a meeting. The Committeeshall consider for approval by the County Assembly appointment under article 179 (2) Members of the County executive Committee. The quorum of the Committeeshall be one-half of the Members of the Committee but the Speaker shall not be counted for the purposes of quorum and shall not vote.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much, we will now open the floor. Has the duty of that Committee been understood? This Committee will vet the ministers when they have been chosen by the Governor and will bring report to the Assembly before they are chosen as per article 179 (2) of the constitution of Kenya.

**Hon. Kimondo**: I want to inform the Members that this is a very critical Committee and the entire executive because the Assembly will be seen to have done its mandate and we will have to vet and scrutinize the appointment of the executive. So it is a very critical and crucial Committeeso the Members should be up to the task.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Asante Bw. Spika, nikichangia kuhusu hiyo kamati. ningeomba pia wakifika kuangalia hao waziri watakaochaguliwa, ningeomba pia waangalie wale tuka nao katika kaunti yetu kwanza kabla ya kuenda nje ya kaunti. Kama tuko na watu waliofaa katika kaunti yetu tuwape hio nafasi. Asante.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Asante sana spika, ningependa tu kuwaambia kamati kuwa wako na kazi kubwa ya kufanya sana. Ninajua orodha ya hao waziri ni kubwa sana na kuna mambo mengi ambayo itaangaliwa. Jambo ya kwanza ni vile Mhsw amesema na la pili lakini tuangalie ujuzi katika ile wizara anapewa kwa sababu tukichagua wale wasio na ujuzi itatupa shida. Ni lazima tuangalie kabila zote za Laikipia na nafikiri hiyo ndio itatoa sura ya Laikipia kwa hivyo tusipitishe mwingine halafu tushinde kortini. Najua tutasaidiana na hawa na siyo hao peke yao watafanya kazi. Asante.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bw. Spika, nafikiri kamati hiyo ni muhimu sana kwa sababu ya vile Mhsw amesema na tujaribu kuangalia watu kutoka kaunti yetu. Hii ni kwa sababu ukiangalia wengi wameomba kazi kutoka nje kwa sababu wanalaikipia hawajasoma kwa hivyo ni lazima tuangalie hiyo. Vile Mhsw amesema, muangalie kila jamii ya hapa kama vile nimeona katika gazeti vile rais ameweka kabila zote. Jamii zote nne ni tofauti. Asante Bw. Spika.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to first challenge this Committee and to urge them that being a very important Committee in this House, I would request that they should be impartial in every appointment that will be going on in this County. Let us say concerning the appointment of the executive Committee, I would request this Committee to ensure that every appointment that shall be done should reflect the face of Laikipia County considering all the communities of Laikipia County. We need to have equal representation in the executive Committee.

**Hon. Dann**: Bw. Spika ningependa kuongea kuhusu hii kamati Kwa sababu hao ndio wako Na jukumu kubwa. Watakuwa katika serikali na isitokee kama vile nomination ya wajumbe wa bunge la kaunti . kwa hivyo tungependa eneo moja ikitia moja ingine inatoa mwingine. Ikiangalia Yule ametoka mwisho hatukupata hata mtu mmoja katika hiyo nomination kama vile Sosian, Olmoran na Githiga. Kwa hivyo ningeomba muangalie hiyo ili tuweze kuwakilishwa vizuri na pia muangalie kabila zote. Asante.

**Hon. Michael**: Ningetaka kupinga ombi la Mhsw ya kwamba tuweze kutoa kila mtu kutoka kila eneo

ya kaunti yetu. Tunaweza kuwa tunataka kutoa mtu katika eneo ile na tuwe tumekosa mtu anayefaa na pengine kuwe hakuomba kazi na inaweza kuwa pengine wale wanafaa katika hiyo kazi. Pengine unaweza kuta wawili wametoka sehemu moja na mmekosa mwingine. Inafaa iangaliwe vizuri lakini ikikosa hatutasema ya kwamba itakaa hivyo, kwa hivyo ni ujuzi itakayoangaliwa vizuri na mwenye atapita na mwenye uwezo bora awe ametoka kutoka Laikipia kaunti.

**Hon. Dann**: Bw. Spika, nadhani katika Laikipia watu wamesoma. Kwangu Olmoran tayari najua zaidi ya ishirini wameomba kazi na wako na masters kwa hivyo sitaki jawabu nyingine tunataka igawanywe kila mahali vizuri.

**Speaker**: Before I come back to you, let me give it to Hon. Wachira then I come back to you. I will give you all an opportunity. I have seen there is an issue.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the Members that as one of the Members of this Committee, we shall ensure that the dignity of this House is maintained. As we are in that Committee, we shall scrutinize every application to see that your interests are covered. They can be covered in a way as you are saying, someone comes from somewhere else and the particular job he applied for does not fit in...

**Speaker**: Hon. Wachira, there is a point of order from Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Is the Member implying that they are going to scrutinize the application whereas they are just going to get the appointed list from the executive. Is he saying that they are going to scrutinize the applications which I tend to think will be done by the executive?

**Speaker**: Is that what you mean Hon. Wachira?

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker, I think every member heard except my colleague here. I am saying that when they are brought to this Assembly we have time to scrutinize them and pass them as you wait not that we shall scrutinize them outside the Assembly. Our work is here in this Assembly.

**Speaker**: I think it is in order. Hon. Wachira you seem to have stopped talking after that, Hon. Kimondo is okay. That is fine. Hon. Wachira, it's good. Let the people talk and take notes of what they are saying so that when you are doing the scrutiny so that you make sure what they are saying is taken into consideration. So take the notes as Hon. Jacob talks.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Spika, nafikiri kila Mhsw wa Olmoran amesema ni kweli kwa sababu hakuna watu hawajasoma. Ukienda Sosian kina watu 33 ambao wamesoma na wako na hizo karatasi zinazotakikana. Kwa hivyo tuangalie vile Mhsw wa Olmoran amesema.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I believe that Patrick Mariru is yourself as the Speaker and I am glad that you are in this Committee. I also believe that the Leader of Majority Ephraim Mwangi is also in the Committee and other Hon. Members. I will just put it this way that we have respect for the House and the position you have been given. I will only say that you take this work seriously during the appointment because I believe we as the Hon. Members in case the appointment does not satisfy us, we are at liberty to also disagree so I believe you will take this seriously. Thank you.

**Speaker**: I want to assure the Hon. Member for Githiga that you are 100% right to accept the report or reject the report to the Committee. It's 100% within your right and we will accept that.

**Hon. Maruga**: Okay, Mr. Speaker I believe the House already knows that his Excellency the Governor is at liberty to choose or to nominate any member to the cabinet. Therefore, will advise my Committee because I am a member, I will advise the Committee to consult with the Governor so that by the time he will be presenting that list of

nominees, and we will already have looked at them. Thank you.

**Hon. Dann**: Bw. Spika, sijui kama itawezekana. Ningependa wakati hizo majina zitakuja, tusiletewe 9 ya kupitisha ama kukataa. Nataka tupewe majina mengi ya wale wamechaguliwa kama 50 ili tuwakague na tuandike orodha kwa sababu...

**Speaker**: Okay, there is a point of order from Hon. Mwangi...

**Hon. Maruga**: Members should know that his Excellency Governor is at liberty to nominate a list of nine or whichever ministries we have in Laikipia County. So Hon. Member from Olmoran, I think you are out of order.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Let's have Hon. Mukuria then we will come to this end.

**Hon. Mukuria**: I think Mr. Speaker, we have dealt on this issue so much and I think the big problem that we does not understand our roles as Members because I think the role of this member is just approving one name and bring it to the House. So if you want us to go and amend it you do not have the power to choose, you only have the power to say yes or no. I think you should clarify Mr. Speaker. that's why I am saying please if you want us to approve what the Governor want maybe we consult before he brings the name to the House.

**Speaker**: Before I come to you Hon. Wakahiu, Hon. Mukuria is right on target. Our work is in Standing Order 185 (4) which says the Committee on appointment shall consider for approval by the County Assembly appointments under article 179 subsection 2 of the Kenyan constitution so his Excellency the Governor will present to the House a list of the cabinet and this House should consider on the individual merit the appointment of each of them. If this House rejected a name, the House will write back to the Governor and say this House has rejected for these reason then his Excellency will do a substitution and the substitution cannot be influenced by this House. The issue of the Committee consulting before this House comes in that is all the liberty of this Excellency the Governor. We cannot direct him to consult us before he brings the list but he is at liberty to consult us.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Kile ambacho nilitaka kusema ni kile umesema. Hata jana rais....

**Hon. Maruga**: Order! ningetaka kujua kwamba kama tuko kwa utaratibu wa bunge hili kwa Mhsw wa Salama kuongea na kiswahili halafu anachanganya na Kiingereza kama vile anavyofanya.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Nilikuwa nimeona hivyo lakini nikaona kwa sababu hatujasoma Standing Order kabisa nikaMr.uhusu lakini ako 'out of order', hata mimi niko 'out of order' na vile nimeongea.

*(Laughter)*

Lakini Standing Order inasema ukianzia kuongea na Kiswahili unamaliza na Kiswahili na ukianza na Kiingereza unamaliza na Kiingereza. Kuchanganya hairuhusiwi na ni vizuri tuanze kusoma. Ukianza na Kiswahili unamaliza na Kiswahili na ukianza na Kiingereza inamaliza na Kiingereza na ukichanganya ninakusimamisha. Inaonekana Mhsw mwangi ameenda mbele na akaelewa kabisa na ni mzuri.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wanted to say this, even yesterday when his Excellency the president was naming his cabinet I think and I believe it was not the work of parliament just to have an upper hand initially so that he may know whom to present. Although maybe there were some consultations but the thing is as the Governor told us some days back. He will name his cabinet and when the list will be presented to the Assembly that

is the time we will say whether we need this person or not based on our own reasons. So I will say this, we have the Committee on appointment and they can consult in case of anything with the Governor so the best thing to do is to wait for the Governor to play his role and then the names to be brought to the House, we discuss them and there will be any changes we just do it. But in the meantime, let us give the concerned office to play its part. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Should we conclude at that, I am sure Hon. Wachira has noted all those points because we will put them into consideration.

*(Motion agreed).*

**Speaker**: The next one.

**Hon. Kimondo**: County Assembly procedure and rules Committee. We have Hon. Patrick Mariru, the Hon. Peter Thomi and Hon. Charumbo Kaparo. I refer to Standing Order 188, which is County Assembly rules, and procedure Committeesays.

1. There shall be a select Committee to be known as the County Assembly procedure and rules Committee.

2. The Committeeshall comprise of the Speaker as the chairperson, the chairperson of Committees and not more than three other Members.

3. The County Assembly procedure and rules Committeeshall consider and report on all matters relating to these Standing Orders.

4. This Committee may propose amendments to these Standing Orders and any such amendments

5. Shall upon approval by the County Assembly take effect at the time appointed by the County Assembly?

6. This Committee may propose rules for the orderly, effective conduct of Committee business and any other such rules shall upon approval by the County Assembly continue in force until amended or appealed by the County Assembly.

7. Any rules approved under paragraph five shall be annexed to the Standing Orders and shall be binding upon Committee to the same extent as these Standing Orders.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much. Majority Leader there is a requirement that the chairperson of Committees be present so I think it will be important to put that as a vacancy as well when that person comes in, we will automatically join in. The Standing Order no.2 says the Committeeshall comprise the Speaker as the chairperson, the chairperson of Committees and three other Members. So there is that slot and that can be filled anytime. Is there any issue on this? This is the one that the Hon. Dann had mentioned earlier about some inconsistencies within the Standing Order. This is the Committee that will look at and make changes in the Standing Order so that they are consistent and are not contradictory and just keep cleaning the Standing Order to amend as we wish. This Committee will do that. Any issue on this Committee? If there is none then I will put the question.

*(Motion agreed)*

Is there any other Committee Majority Leader?

**Hon. Kimondo**: No, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you very much Members. We shall adjourn until 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 11.00 a.m.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### PRAYERS

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Patrick Mariru)* Thank you very much for this afternoon session, first order.

**Leader of Majority:** *(Hon. Ephraim Mwangi***)** Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Members. This motion reads:

Resumption of the debate that the motion; **THAT**, the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of the Public Policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday 18th April, 2013 ( 2nd day). Members contribute.

**Speaker:** (*Mr. Mariru*) Leader of Majority, we now resume the debate from yesterday. You are at liberty to contribute even if you didn't engage and contribute yesterday. You are at liberty to contribute thus again today and the floor is open. Yes, Member of Marmanet.

**Hon.Francis Githinji :***( Member of Marmanet)* Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, for this moment. First and foremost, I want to say that there are very important things that our Governor mentioned pertaining infrastructure and I think if we support him in every way; the only thing that can stop us from moving ahead is the resources. I say this because we need to know where we are going to obtain resources for all these requirements that the Governor had proposed. I have come to realize that if we are able to support this, we will be able to move forward.

**DAIRY FACTORIES**

If the hindrance of the finances and our political will are sorted, we will be able to move forward. I will also highlight his presentation on the industrialization of Laikipia. If we can make jobs like for instance, in Marmanet Ward we need a lot of support in the area of milk production. I was moved when the Governor pledged that he was going to revive the dairy factories that were there before. If we can give support and get these resources, we will get jobs and also give confidence to the people of the areas where milk is produced. We can also package the milk rather than having only cooling plants so that the farmers can get better prices for their products.

**HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT**

The other important issue is that of human wildlife conflict, I have put that into consideration Mr. Speaker because I realize that my area has a high agricultural potential because of the availability of farmers and expansive farms ranging from 35 acres and beyond. Most of this land is not utilized because of disruptions emanating from wild animals. If the Governor continues as he promised, the farmers from this area will not go hungry since the animals have been destroying our crops and attacking our people.

**SECURITY**

I also advocate for the improvement of security since cattle rustling is common in these areas especially if one has more than five cows. If these challenges are tackled, Laikipia will be ahead of other counties because I believe God being on our side, we will be an example to other counties.

**Speaker:** (Mr. Mariru) Yes, Mheshimiwa Beth.

**Hon. Beth Muchiri:** *(Member for Tigithi Ward)* Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Governor's speech was very meaningful to the people of Laikipia if it is well implemented. First, since agriculture is the backbone of the County's economy, our people will benefit much if they are totally supported with water dams for irrigation. Agro-processing will flourish if products from Laikipia are branded with Laikipia's brand, agriculture will prosper and in turn create job opportunities. For instance, establishment of cooling plants in different parts of the County will enable the people to market their products. Therefore, I request this to be applied in my ward because we have a lot of milk which is sold to KCC and to neighbouring counties.

**EDUCATION**

The other issue is on education, the Governor outlined that education is mandatory to all and thus the County should be provided with enough bursary to allow children pursue education. I have noticed that our County lacks enough primary school teachers whereby some schools in the County have only six teachers. I therefore request that more teachers to be trained and employed. On the other hand, the establishment of boarding schools for the pastoralist areas will enable our County to move forward since it will deter early marriages for the girl child.

In his speech, the Governor talked about early childhood education centers. In this County, such schools are located two kilometers away which inconveniences three year old children who travel that far to the school. Every ward should ensure that such schools are not far than half a kilometer. Polytechnics should be established in the wards to enable the youth to gain skills, I urge all Honourable Members to push for this in the bill since the youth are affected.

**HEALTH**

I believe that health is a necessity and unhealthy people lower productivity. In his speech the Governor emphasized on how to map out all health facilities in the County that will lead to the upgrading of dispensaries to health centers. I therefore request Mr. Speaker, that the dispensaries be upgraded since they are very old. These have been dispensaries from the time I was a little child up to now.

Health centers also need to be provided with facilities and personnel, like for instance, my ward has Lamuria Health Centre where there is a maternity ward which was set up in the year 2005 but has never been in operation up to date. The hospital also lacks an ambulance. I therefore request all these to be in order.

There is also the matter of NHIF Membership, whereby people in my ward have been conducting harambes to cater for medical expenses. This has led the community in this area falling to poverty due to the frequent sale of land and livestock for this reason. This County also lacks infrastructure whereas there are poor roads and bridges that cannot connect to other areas which have continuously hampered the transportation of products and traveling of people.

**FUNDS**

Mr. Speaker, the other issue is on youth and women funds. I advocate for the youth and women to be given these funds at a low interest rate as promised by the Governor in his speech. More so, these youth and women need to undergo trainings so that they can know how to use the funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker**: *(Mr. Mariru)* Yes, Honourable Dann.

**REVENUE**

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** *(Member for Olmoran)* I will touch on the speech where his Excellency the Governor talked about revenue. For our County to be self-reliant we need to collect enough revenue and to do this, I think we should have enough employees on the grassroots and employ competent persons who are a bit youthful, energetic and with skills. I think most of our employees on the grassroots are not competent in public relations. For instance, my ward has four employees who worked with the former County Council and only one out of the four is efficient in reading and writing. This is quite embarrassing since those who go for trade licenses find themselves unable to get assistance when it comes to writing; sometimes they tell you to write for them.

I therefore want us to have educated employees at the grassroots because due to this semi-illiteracy, money is lost since sometimes it is difficult to give change. I therefore request Mr. Speaker, that these employees should be vetted and given duties equal to their level of education. These employees also need equipment to allow them to efficiently dispense their duties. I also advocate for the regular transfer of these personnel because when they stay long, they familiarize themselves with the locals leading them to evade taxes. The County needs these taxes to operate. I have also noted that these employees lack designated offices to work from and this is inconveniencing because one can take over two hours looking for a County officer in Sipili Location. This leads to loss of revenue. Mr. Speaker, I think that the officers should also be supervised in this case. I did some bit of research at the goat market in my ward where I observed that out of ten goats bought at the market, receipts were only issued for the sale of four or five goats while the rest of the money was pocketed by the workers and I have proof for this. I plan to go back this coming Saturday to do more research and will table my findings next week.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency the Governor also touched on education, just to add on what the Hon. Member for Tigithi said. The Governor outlined that it is education for all which is mandatory regardless of tribe, gender or locality. I suggest that after children conclude their primary education, there should be a follow up because if for instance a school enrolls 20 children in standard 8, we should ensure that they either join polytechnics or high school so that they benefit in future. I therefore call upon the County Government to do the follow up.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude my speech, I have one question for the Hon. Member for Nanyuki Town. He should tell this House on what he intends to do with the street children who are loitering in the streets of the town. This is because during lunch time today, I was walking with Hon. Members for Igwamiti, Tigithi and Salama and we came across more than 10 street children begging and I think that it is high time that the Hon. Member woke up and did something. Thank you.

**Speaker:** *(Mr. Mariru)* Thank you, Hon. Member. The Member of Nanyuki Town will a have a chance to respond to this if he wants to. Yes, Mheshimiwa Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob Endom:** *(Member for Sosian)* Asante Bwana Spika.Nataka kuguzia hotuba ya Gavana, alipo ongea maneno kuhusu wafugaji ya kwamba ataangalia wafugaji wa sehemu ya Laikipia Kaskazini. Ukiangalia katika sehemu ya Kirimon, hakuna hata shule moja ya kufunza watoto wachanga. Sehemu hii inajulikana kuwa na takriban watu elfu nne wanaoishi hapo. Katika sehemu ya Lonyek, kuna shule nne za msingi lakini hakuna shule ya sekondari katika sehemu hii. Hii imewalazimisha watoto wasafiri karibu kilomita 24 hadi Olmoran ili wapate shule.Ukiangalia sehemu ya Sosian, hakuna shule za sekondari ilhali kuna shule sita za msingi kama vile vile sehemu ya Rumuruti.

**MATERNITY HOSPITAL**

Katika mambo ya hospitali, Sosian haina hospitali ya kupatia kina mama usaidizi. Hii imesababisha kina mama kusafiri kilomita 66 ili wapate huduma ya hospitali. Ukiangalia sehemu hii, kuna hospitali kama nne lakini shida ni daktari naye moja ya kuhudumia haya hospitali,vile vile shule zilizo katika sehemu hii pia zina ukosefu was walimu. Kwa mfano, shule inaweza kuwa na walimu wanne lakini wawili tu ndio watahudhuria wanafunzi kwa sababu sehemu hii ni ya wafugaji na hakuna mtu wa kuhakikisha wanafunzi wanafika shule mapema.Asante, Bwana Spika.

**Speaker**: Yes, Honourable Peter.

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** *(Member for Githiga*) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would kindly request the Honourable Member for Olmoran Ward to allow me to touch on a matter pertaining his ward. Mr. Speaker Sir, when his Excellency the Governor issued his speech, he made reference to roads where he pointed out that good road network for economic growth and poverty reduction was important for the County. I would like to bring to the attention of the House that in Olmoran Ward, areas such as Ratia, Nagom and Runyek lack roads despite our debate on upgrading of roads. This area has thousands of people who have title deeds meaning they have proof of ownership of land but there are no roads. I don't even know if road surveys have been carried out there. I request you Honourable Members to make a trip to this area one of these fine days. The residents of the area are unable to travel to other parts due to the lack of roads. Mr. Speaker, I would like the House to know that I am a farmer and I have land in this area but I have to use a pick-up truck with ten people on board who will clear the road to allow me to get to my land and meet the land surveyor. The road I use is not surveyed but I use my sense of direction to navigate to this area.

I would request this to be treated as a matter of urgency since the County has the machinery to ensure that the people in this area feel they are fully represented. The roads in this area should be treated as a matter of concern in order to open up the area and allow the land owners in this area to have access to their farms. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Michael Kinyua :***( Member for Thingithu)* Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I will respond to a point which had been made by the Honourable Member for Tigithi on school going children. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is only one week before the reopening of schools and it is my concern that there are huge fee balances for children especially those in secondary schools. His Excellency had stated in his speech that he would streamline the bursary fund scheme and introduce a County Scholarship Fund where the highest performing and needy students will be sponsored to go to the best schools in Kenya. I would therefore like you Mr. Speaker, to know that bursaries will be disbursed to our biggest wards so as to assist those children to have smooth learning in school.

Another issue is that concerning agriculture. After going through the speech Mr. Speaker Sir, I have noted that…

**Speaker:** Order Member, there is point of order. Order Member! Honourable Michael, please pass the microphone.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo :(** *Member for Nanyuki)* Thank you Mr. Speaker, there's one Honourable Member who did not bow as he went out and it is very serious. It should be noted.

**Speaker:** Ok, that should be noted and Honourable Member, when that member comes in just point it out and let him stop so that it is clarified to him. Thank you for teaching all of us that that is required.

**Hon. Michael Kinyua:** *(Member for Thingithu):* Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I was talking about the agriculture issue where I have noted that his Excellency made emphasis on cereals and left products like tomato farming which has employed a number of people in our County Mr. Speaker. This can be attested to by the Honourable Member for Salama Ward whom I think is also a witness that tomato farming has employed more than 30,000 people in our wards. I therefore suggest that more dams to be constructed Countywide so that the commodity can employ more people than it has done at the moment. There are some dams in my locality and Marmanet Ward which I would propose for repair and cleaning Mr. Speaker Sir.

I would also like to note that we can employ more youth if we can construct a tomato canning factory in our County. This will make use of the bumper harvest from the product which has gone to waste in the past. I would also like to note that in my ward and that of Marmanet, there are people who live in consolidated farms, in one way or another they are called "*kang'as"*. I don't know what they are referred to in English. You will help me Mr. Speaker Sir, these are people who had been chased from forests during the time of former President Moi. These people went ahead and bought land where they consolidated themselves in areas which were not good for permanent residence. It is my opinion that as the County Government progresses, I would like the administration to think of those people and where they can be resettled. These people had been playing a big role in the forest where they were working and living.

**Speaker:** Thank you; I will help you when I remember the word and a Member can also raise it. Member for Salama.

**Hon.Wilson Waithaka** *:( Member for Salama):* Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't know whether I will be in order when I say this, are we discussing the problems of our wards or are we discussing the Governor's speech?

**Speaker:** Okay, good. Do you want direction from the Chair?

**Hon. Wilson Waithaka: (***Member for Salama)* Yes, I do.

**Speaker:** Can I have one or two person who can say something about that. What are we discussing?

Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Ephraim Mwangi** *:( Majority Leader)* Mr. Speaker Sir, we are discussing about the Governor's speech plus problems that we meet in our wards. I think some of the challenges are included here in the speech, so we are now trying to expound on them. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes, that is what I wanted him or any other Member to say. There is liberty at this point for Honourable Members to move what is included in the Governor's speech and also other

issues. You are representatives of wards and you should point out matters that you think the Governor should have included. What we shall be doing is that whatever you are saying is being recorded, we shall afterwards print the entire proceeding in the Hansard and then we will give it to the Governor. So it will also be a good reference point. Hon. Member Waithaka.

**Hon. Wilson Waithaka:** *(Member for Salama)* Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think it is wise to discuss the whole of the County because some issues need technical advice and we are also supposed to have other people ready to accompany the Governor or the team that will be set to see what is on the ground particularly in our County. When we start discussing about roads in our County, I believe that in every ward, roads are dilapidated, impassable and without bridges. If I start speaking about my ward, I think you will feel that yours is better than mine but maybe your ward is most probably worse than mine. So I suggest that when we come to this point, it is better that we involve some technical experts who will go around the County and see what is there.

As per the Governor's speech, I believe that when he campaigned, he did not go to every part of the County. Though we moved around during that time, I personally did my campaigns only in Salama. If at all I am asked about Umande, in fact I have no knowledge about that particular place. I would rather say that it is good to involve some other people who will move around and see the magnitude of what we are talking about so that once we discuss about it, we can include it in the budget as per the speech of the Governor so that we can know what is ahead. I would personally want to speak a lot about my ward but I would not want to expose it here since I only have today. I would want to speak about the whole County since we are all in the same locality.

**IRRIGATION**

On matters concerning irrigation, his Excellency the Governor spoke about irrigation and on how we can construct dams in our respective wards. I want to stress that as per his speech, Laikipia has some permanent rivers and one of them is River Pesi that cuts across my Salama Ward. Those who know about the place understand. It is rich in agriculture but due to the poor management of water by the Water Resources and Management Authority, we sometimes end up having problems when doing irrigation since people downstream end up having less water which applies to some other rivers such as the Ewuaso Nyiro North and Ngare Ngiro. What I want to say concerning irrigation as per the Governor's speech is that if possible, we solve this issue immediately so that our people may see what we are doing including other areas in the North where people move for long distances without water. This would at least give them water even if they lack rivers.

The other point is on health. It is constitutional that every Kenyan has the right to access healthcare. As per the Governor's speech, there are issues that capture the people of Laikipia County. As a witness and Chairman of a dispensary in my area there are disturbing issues pertaining health. One issue is that there is lack of staff in a medical facility. You find that only one person handles reports and also attends meetings or seminars leaving the facilities without a medical attendant. When you think about the personnel, I would request that this government should consider how to employ additional staff to solve this problem.

As per the matter of the upgrading of dispensaries to modern health centers, many lack facilities like laboratories while others still have unfinished maternity wings. There is a certain facility in my ward known as Pesi Dispensary where there's a construction of more than three

million which is not yet complete. As we embark on this Mr. Speaker, I would rather request that we consider projects in our facilities that are incomplete so that we can at least move on and balance this. There are also some buildings in our areas that were left behind by our former colonial masters which are just idle and people have enquired on how they can be used or developed into health facilities. We have a similar one in a certain area which is on a very expansive tract of land which I think covers some parts of Ngobit, Salama, Segera and also Rumuruti. A certain farm in Kieni East has some buildings and has decided to give them out for the purpose of rehabilitation to a health facility. So, if there some buildings in some areas, it is good to advice the government Mr. Speaker, so that we may rehabilitate these building for the sake of health institutions.

The other issue is that the national government just before the election was funding some of these facilities for as low as Ksh.20, 000 for every three months. That money as per my view is inadequate to pay workers and to serve the construction and service delivery in the hospitals. I thus request the County Government to see as to how they can provide funds to these facilities so that they can at least employ subordinate staff.

**ELECTRIFICATION**

My other point is on electrification; as we can see Mr. Speaker, the Governor pointed out in his speech that electrification was a priority for his government. I would request that we assist those facilities, for instance, if a health facility receives only Ksh.27, 000 to cater for a watchman and staff, maybe at the end of three months it will only pay Ksh.20, 000 or Kshs. 22,000 to the casual labourers. When we come to the funds set aside for electrification, you will realize that it is not enough. I suggest that our County Government…

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci:** *(Member for Igwamiti)* Point of order Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Order, Point of order!

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci***:(Member for Igwamiti)* Mr. Speaker, the same Hon. Member of Marmanet has entered without bowing before the Chair, can he go out and come back while bowing before the Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Marmanet, on the first day you came into the Assembly you broke the Standing Orders by not bowing. Allow me not to be very punitive but I may ask him to ensure that next time he goes out, he will be expected to bow before the Chair. The same will be demanded when he comes back. If he doesn't do that next time, we shall be forced to be a bit punitive. I have also noted that we have a stranger in the House whom I know and she failed to bow. We will also remind her so that next time she comes, she will bow. Member for Marmanet, what to do you have to say?

**Hon.Francis Githinji:** *(Member for Marmanet)* I just want to apologize.

**Speaker:** Okay that's good. Honourable Members, I like the way we are teaching each other some of these small aspects of the Standing Order. Thank you Members. Member for Salama, please continue.

**Hon. Wilson Waithaka:** *(Member for Salama***)** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I was explaining the need for electrification, how the County Government will need to look into it for the health facilities. The other is that of the community health workers since there are many NGOs in Laikipia which have introduced this issue of community health workers who train some basic skills on health. I request our government as per the Governor's speech to see to it how we can map this out and increase their

numbers to other areas since they are not everywhere in the County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Good, Honourable Member for Githiga.

**Hon. Peter Waigwa***:(Member for Githiga):*Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't know whether I got it clearly but maybe it is because I am seated right next to Honourable Wilson Wakahiu. I disagree with him on the matter of hiring experts who are to confirm the problems in the areas we represent. Mr. Speaker, when I went on my campaigns, I assured the electorate that if I made it as the ward representative, it was not for the salary I was to get but because I felt the right of the people was being undermined.

This is why I made it to this House and that is the reason why I disagree with him on the matter of looking for experts and not to concentrate on our areas of focus but to talk broadly on the whole county. I come from Githiga Ward and what I present here are the problems facing my ward but I believe the 15 of us represent all the wards in the County. Mr. Speaker, allow me to present the problems of the people of Githiga which has been the trend all through despite the new constitution. When I stand here to talk on roads, I would prefer to focus on my ward and that is why am asking for permission from my colleague from Olmoran Ward to allow me to touch on his ward because we are neighbours and he can agree that we face similar problems.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of experts should not arise here because we are experts like any other expert. I therefore kindly point out that people from my ward have a problem of water which I mentioned yesterday that they are still in the old age where the young girls and old women still carry around jerry cans for fetching water, I bring this before the House so that the issue can be addressed so that it comes to end. I repeat that Olmoran Ward is in problems; the area has thousands of acres of land which have been neglected. The area has been abandoned despite the people having title deeds to the lands. I don't know if that is correct English but you will correct me Mr. Speaker. The area has been left behind knowing very well that these people have title deeds. I request the Honourable Members that we assist these people so that they are also entitled to good roads and clean water. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Honourable Michael followed by Honourable Jacob later.

**Hon. Michael Kinyua** *:( Member for Thingithu***)** Asante Sana Bwana Spika, ninamuunga mkono Mheshimiwa Peter kulingana na vile Mheshimiwa Wakahiu alisema kuhusu mambo ya kutafuta wataalamu wa kutatua shida za babarabara Laikipia. Ninataka kumjibu Mheshimiwa Wakahiu ya kwamba asijifanye kuwa hajui shida na wakati wa kampeni aliwaeleza watu ya kwamba yeye ni mtaalamu wa barabara na kwamba ataweza kutatua hizo shida. Kwa hivyo, hiyo mambo ya kutafuta wataalamu ili waweze kutatua hiyo shida za barabara ni kujificha na kioo.

Mimi nitazungumzia hotuba ya Gavana. Nitaangalia maoni ya Gavana tangu achukue maono ya Kaunti yote. Nataka kusema kuwa Gavana aliweza kuguzia mambo yote kuhusu Kaunti yetu na kazi yetu ni kutafuta mbinu za kukamilisha maono ya Gavana na jinsi tutaanza na kukamilisha ndoto yetu katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Maoni yangu kuhusu sehemu ya kilimo ni ya kuwa lazima tuchimbe bwawa katika kila kata la Kaunti. Ninataka kudokeza ya kwamba kabla tuchimbe bwawa zingine, ni lazima tuhakikishe ya kuwa zile bwawa za kitambo zimerekebishwa kwa sababu kuna zingine zinazopitisha maji.

Katika sehemu ya afya, kama vile Mheshimiwa Beth alisema ya kwamba ni lazima tuboreshe hospitali zile ziko kama vile zahanati, ziwe hospitali na kujenga maabara ili watu wasaidike katika sehemu hiyo kuliko kusafiri mbali. Ikiwa ni mambo ya kuandika vijana kazi, ni lazima kwanza tutatue mambo ya wafanyikazi waliofanya kazi na baraza ya zamani ili waweze kufanya kazi. Kama vile mheshimiwa alisema kuhusu wale wanaoshuhudia mambo ya soko ya mbuzi na kupeana risiti za mbuzi sita badala ya kumi zilizouzwa.Ni lazima tusuluhishe mambo hii kwa sababu kabla tutafute raslimali nyingine, tukamilishe zile ziko. Kwa mfano, Juzi nilikuwa katika eneo la Nanyuki kutafuta wafanyikazi nane ili waweze kutatua mambo ya mafuriko katika nyumba ya watu. Lakini nilipoulizia mfanyikazi wa kufungua mitaro, nilielezwa ya kuwa katika hiyo sehemu wafanyikazi ni watatu pekee ilhali wale wengine ni wanne na wako kazi ya kulipisha gari zilizoegeshwa. Hapo kuna shida kubwa na ni lazima itatuliwe. Hiyo ingine kwa upande ya pesa zinazopotea kila wakati ipate suluhu.

Na tukiangalia upande wa shule, Gavana alisema ya kuwa tutaongeza shule za sekondari na za msingi. Kabla ya mambo hii kufanyika, ni lazima tukamilishe mambo ya shule hizi zingine kama zile zina watoto mia moja kwa darasa. Maoni yangu ni tupate suluhisho ili hizi shule zipate madarasa na walimu kwa sababu tunaweza kuongeza shule zingine na tupate kuwa badala ya kupunguza shida, ni shida tunaongeza zaidi.

**INDUSTRIES-MINERAL WATER**

Nakumbuka Gavana aligusia kuhusu viwanda ndogo ili vijana waweze kupata kazi na vile vile kujiandika. Sisi kama serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia, tunaweza kuanzisha kiwanda cha kutengeneza maji ya kunywa kutoka Mlima Kenya na kuuza ili ilete mapato katika Kaunti. Najua ya kuwa maji kutoka Mlima Kenya ni tamu kuliko ile ya Nakuru na nina tumaini ya kuwa ni maji safi na itapendwa na watu kama ile pombe inaitwa Jubilee inavyopendwa na walevi. Kwa hivyo kabla ya kuanza mambo mengine, ni lazima tutekeleze ile mambo ya sasa. Asante.

**Speaker:** Thank you, let us have Mheshimiwa Jacob.

**DAMS**

**Hon.Jacob Endom: (Member for Sosian)** Asante sana Bwana Spika. Gavana aliweza kusema katika hotuba yake ya kuwa anataka Kaunti hii iwe maridadi kuliko kaunti zingine na iwe ikitembelewa sana. Ya pili, ni kuwa hakutakuwa na shida ya chakula katika Kaunti hii na kuwa atachimba bwawa katika kila kata ndio tuweze kufanya kilimo vizuri. Kwa hivyo, hiyo ni kitu tunaweza kuzingatia tupate kuona vile hii kazi itafanyika kuliko kusema tu. Ukiangalia mambo ya njaa, katika eneo langu watu wanategemea chakula ya msaada sana kwa sababu hakuna mabwawa na watu wanachimba kisima ili wapate maji.

Kama vile Mheshimiwa Peter alisema kuhusu barabara, mambo hiyo ni kweli kwa sababu ukienda sehemu ya Olmoran mahali ninapoishi hamna barabara na ilibidi nitengeneze moja juzi nikitumia pesa ya LASDAP. Mambo anayosema ni ya kweli kwa sababu sehemu hiyo ni kwa msitu na wakaaji wa huko wana cheti cha mashamba lakini kufika huko ni kazi. Unapotafuta gari la kwenda huko ni shida kwa sababu utaagiza lakini haitafika. Inabidi wakati maoni inatolewa, inafaa ifuatiliwe kwa sababu mtu anapokuwa mgonjwa hawezi kupata msaada kwa sababu barabara ni mbaya na haipitiki katika msimo huu wa mvua. Ukienda eneo la Olmoran katika sehemu ya Plot 10, watu wanasababika kulala kwa majirani kwa sababu hawawezi kufika huko. Jana nilimuazima mheshimiwa lori na trekta ili barabara itengenezwe. Kwa hivyo, mambo anayosema ni kweli na inabidi mambo haya iangaliwe. Asante bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** Okay. Hon. Wilson is it a point of order? We shall know, give him a chance for the point of order before we continue.

**Hon.Wilson Waithaka:** *(Member for Salama)* Bwana Spika, ningetaka kurekebisha mambo nilisema hapo awali. Wakati ninaposema kuhusu wataalamu, nataka kusema ya kuwa nimekuwa nikiona barabara inapotengenezwa hapo kwetu, baada ya miaka miwili, inakuwa mto. Hii ni kwa sababu ukichukua barabara kama imetoka juu ya mlima na kuteremka chini, hakuna vile maji inapotezwa na hakuna daraja inayohitajika. Barabara hiyo ikitengenezwa, haitakuwa barabara sawa. Kile nilikuwa nikisema ni kuwa tungetaka daraja kiasi fulani na mahali itawekwa, sio lazima mtaalamu atoke mbali bali awe mtu wa kutoka Kaunti hii na aje kutupa maagizo ya kutenegeneza barabara kwa sababu baada ya miaka mitano, wakaaji watauliza barabara iko wapi. Hiyo ndio nilitaka kusuluhisha kwa sababu sikusema watu watoke nje kuja kutengeneza barabara.Sitasema niko na kilomita zaidi elfu moja ionekane ni uongo. Ni heri niseme kilomita mia moja ama mia tano ndio ionekane kuwa ni ukweli ili wakati wa bajeti tuangalie yale mabarabara yanayohitajika.

Wakati nasema tuangalie Kaunti nzima, ni vizuri tujichukue kama kaunti ili nikisema mambo ya shule kama mwakilishi wa Salama, tunaweza kuwa bila shida ya shule na baadaye tukose kujenga shule zingine. Katika eneo la Ngobit, mwanafunzi anachukua kama kilomita ishirini kuenda shule kwa hivyo ni vizuri kama wakaazi tuelewe eneo lote la Laikipia. Asante.

**Speaker:** Asante, basi tuanze kwa Mheshimiwa Suge.

**Hon. Joseph Suge: (***Member for Rumuruti)* Kwa hotuba ya Gavana, ningependa kuwasihi wenzangu ya kuwa wakati tunajadili, tuangalie Laikipia ama pembe zote za Laikipia. Iwapo kuna shida unaona kwa jirani yako, inafaa iletwe mbele ya Bunge. Jambo lingine Bwana Spika ni kwamba mimi naunga hotuba ya Gavana na ninataka kusema ya kwamba maongeo yake iliweza kuridhisha watu wa Laikipia. Na iwapo sisi tutaweza kuungana na kuhakikisha ya kwamba yale yote yaliyotajwa hapa yanaweza kukamilika, nina hakika watu wa Laikipia wataona umuhimu ya serikali iliyo sasa. Ingawaje kuna mambo tofauti katika kusema na kutenda, ningewasihi ya kwamba tuwe watu wa kusema na kutenda. Wakati tunapoangazia maandalio ya bajeti ya 2013-2014, tunataka kuona ya kwamba ile mambo ambayo tumepewa kipao mbele iwe tayari katika maandalio ya bajeti.

Jambo la pili ni kwamba ninamshukuru Gavana kwa sababu aliweza kuguzia na kualika wanalaikipia walio sehemu za nje na walio na ujuzi waweze kuleta ile ujuzi kwa sababu wakati uliyopita kulikuwa na ubinafsi katika eneo tofauti kwa ajili ya vita kati ya wanasiasa na pengine mashirika tofauti. Kwa hivyo tunaomba Mheshimiwa Gavana aweze kukaribisha wanalaikipia walio sehemu za nje na vile vile mashirika yasiyo ya serikali yaweze kuleta huduma hapa Laikipia. Ninapo anangalia katika ile hotuba iliweza kufupishwa katika hizi nguzo nne. Ya kwanza, ni umoja wa watu wa Laikipia na hilo ni jambo muhimu sana ambapo sisi kama wanasiasa tusaidiane na Gavana tuone ya kwamba zile kabila zetu zote zije pamoja na ziweze kuheshimiana na kuheshimu mali ya wenzao.

Na vile vile tuone ya kwamba ile msemo ya kuwa *'marginalized'* iweze kufika kikomo katika Laikipia Kaunti kwa sababu tumesikia viongozi kutoka eneo la Doldol wakisema ya kwamba maendeleo haijafika huko kwa muda. Wakati huu, tujaribu kufanya maendeleo katika kila sehemu ili kila mkaaji wa Laikipia aweze kuona ya kwamba ana msemo fulani katika Laikipia. Jambo lingine Bwana Spika ni kwamba kuhusiana na ajira, ninafahamu ya kwamba

wakati mwingine tunafuatwa na wengine kuhusu hii na hatuna jibu.

Jambo muhimu Gavana aliweza kuguzia ni kwamba kutakuwa na mgawo fulani wa pesa ili tuweze kusaidia vijana wetu hata kama ni mkopo. Ningependa hiyo izingatiwe zaidi kwa sababu serikali ya kati ilikuwa na pesa ya vijana. Serikali ya kaunti inafaa iwe na mgawo fulani ili tuweze kuwasaidia ndio waweze kurudisha hizo pesa. Upande mwingine ni ya kwamba kama kuna kandarasi na zabuni katika Kaunti, vijana wa Kaunti hii waweze kupewa hii nafasi ya kwanza na kusiwe na mtu wa kaunti ya nje aneyeleta manufaa katika ofisi zetu na vijana wetu hawana ajira. Kwa hivyo wapewe nafasi ya kwanza kwa sababu tumeshuhudia sana watu wa kaunti za nje wakipewa nafasi za kwanza.

Jambo lingine ni tuko na zile polytekniki katika Kaunti na nyingi zimejengwa kupitia usidizi wa serikali, hata hivyo nyingi hazifanyi kazi kwa kukosa vifaa zinazo hitajika. Kwa hivyo ningeomba Kaunti yetu kupitia Bunge ili tuone ya kwamba zile shule zote zilizo katika Kaunti hii zipate msaada ili vijana waweze kupewa ujuzi ndio wajitegemee. Lingine Bwana Spika ni kwamba Gavana aliguzia mambo ya mabwawa na naunga mkono ili tuone ya kwamba kila mwaka tunaweza kuchimba bwawa katika kila eneo ndio vijana wafanye kilimo na wajitafutie ajira. Hii ni kwa sababu wengi wakija wanataka kazi ya kuokota pesa na kufagia, nafikiri hii itafanya Kaunti hii iwe na shida zaidi.

Jambo lingine ni kuhusu pande ya viwanda. Katika eneo la Rumuruti, tuko na mpango kubwa tuliopitisha juzi na tumetenga sehemu fulani kwa upande ya viwanda na ningeomba Gavana wetu aweze kuleta wawekezaji katika sehemu hii ili vijana wetu waweze kupata ajira. Tuko na kiwanda kimoja huko Rumuruti ambacho ni kichinjio kinachopeleka nyama na ngozi hadi eneo za Nairobi, Thika na Athi River. Kwa hivyo naomba ya kwamba kuwe na kiwanda cha ngozi hapo Rumuruti ili vijana waweze kupata kazi. Jambo lingine Bwana Spika ni kwamba kama wanakamati ya Bunge la Kaunti tunahitaji ujuzi, katika mpango wako ningeomba tutembee nchi za ngambo zilizo na viwanda ili tuweze kujiangalia vizuri na kueneza ujuzii katika sehemu zote. Ninasema hivyo kwa sababu kuna mwekezaji mmoja alikuja Rumuruti akitaka kuanzisha ukulima wa maua na alitupeleka hadi Naivasha kusomea ukulima. Tuliweza kuwafunza wengine na wakaweza kujisaidia, kwa hivyo tukiweza kwenda kama nchi ya Japan, nafikiri tutaweza kuwa na ujuzi mwingi.

Lingine, kwa upande wa barabara Bwana Spika ni ya kwamba kila mwakilishi wa kata awe na kiasi fulani cha pesa ya kuweka kwenye trekta ili kila mmoja wetu aweze kurekebisha zile barabara na nafikiri wananchi watafurahia huduma hiyo. Katika upande wa elimu Bwana Spika ni kwamba katika eneo zetu, wazazi wengine hawana uwezo zaidi na tungeomba tuwe na pesa kiasi fulani ili tuweze kupeana kama pesa za shule. Niliona ya kwamba, Gavana aliweza kuguzia kuwa Kaunti itaweka pesa kiasi fulani za masomo. Kwa hivyo tungeomba hiyo iwekwe maanani katika maandalio ya bajeti kwa sababu watu wamezoea hizo pesa. Miaka iliyopita tulikuwa tunapata pesa kiasi fulani ya kuwasaidia watu na tungependa pesa hizo ziongezwe.

**AMBULANCES**

Kwa upande ya afya ni kwamba tuko na hospitali za eneo kama vile Nyahururu, Nanyuki na Rumuruti na ningependa kusema kuwa hospitali hizi hazina magari za kubeba wagonjwa. Ningependa tuweze kuangalia vile tunaweza kununua magari kama mawili kila mwaka ili wagonjwa wapate huduma kwa urahisi. Nasema hivi kwa sababu kunaweza kuwa na hali ya dharura kama vile mama akitaka kujifungua. Bwana Spika, tungependa hilo jambo lingeweza kuangaliwa kabisa na tuwe na hospitali kubwa

katika Kaunti itakayo kuwa na mashini zote za matibabu. Ni hayo tu Bwana Spika, Asante.

**Speaker:** Asante, nitawapa hawa wawili tukianzana na Mheshimiwa Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga:** *(Member for Umande*) Asante sana Bwana Spika, kulingana na hotuba ya Gavana wetu, ni vizuri ikisemwa na ikisomwa. Kulingana na maoni yetu kama wabunge kuna maoni mengine matamu kuliko ile hotuba kwa sababu tunajaribu kujua vile tutafaidika kama wanalaikipia lakini kuna shida moja tu.

Katika maandalio ya bajeti ya mwaka huu, ningetaka kuwapa changamoto wajumbe wa Bunge hili, je mnachangia kuhakikisha kwamba kama ni bwawa mnataka zitengenezwe ama barabara? Haya yote yanafaa kuchangiwa ili yawekwe katika bajeti kwa sababu kama haitakuwa kwa bajeti kutakuwa na mfurugano. Utakuwa unapitisha kitu ilhali unajua ya kwamba hakuna fedha. Waswahili wanasema kupanda mcHon.goma ni rahisi lakini kushuka ndio ngoma. Ni kawaida kwa mtu yeyote kuwa na ndoto na saa zingine ndoto haitokei kama unavyotaka. Kwa mfano, mzazi anaweza kutaka kumsomesha mtoto wake hadi afikishe kiwango cha juu lakini ako na ukosefu wa fedha. Apende asipende hataweza peke yake, ni jukumu letu kuhamasisha umma na kuhakikisha serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia inaokota kodi ili tusiwe tunapoteza pesa ilhali tunataka maendeleo. Kulingana na pato letu (levy), kama hatutaweza kukamilisha hayo mambo yote iwe katika bajeti hakuna mahali tutaenda. Kwa hivyo ni vyema hata kama tunachangia tungetaka makuu tuhakikishe kwamba yako kwenye bajeti na ni changamoto kwenu kama wajumbe. Asante sana, Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** Okay, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** *(Member for Olmoran)* Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think that when all your neighbours rush to your home to respond to your scream, that means you are in danger. I therefore thank Mr. Jacob and Honourable Member for Githiga since they have really supported me. Through this House Mr. Speaker as a matter of emergency, I would request the House to issue me with the necessary machinery such as tractors to rehabilitate the roads before the end of the week so that the people from my ward can access other towns since they are currently walking for over 25 km to access a road. Not even a bicycle can be used for those kilometers. This is a humble request Mr. Speaker.

Another issue is that of security as pointed out in the Governor's speech. With this, I mean that of property and this includes the security of our homes and our businesses. Mr. Speaker, I would also humbly ask the Member for Nanyuki Town to address the issue of fires which have gutted down businesses. I cannot believe that the old engine that I see in the compound can respond to fires. Mr. Speaker, I request that these engines be repainted and repaired. Long ago, I was an employee of the County when I worked at the Mountex Factory in the early 90s and it was the same engine that was responding to fires in town and it was unable to extinguish the fire. So please Mr. Speaker and the Honourable Member for Nanyuki Town, Mr. Kimondo, take action.

**Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Member for being so gracious towards the Honourable Member for Nanyuki Town. I am sure he is taking notes, if one of the Committees on infrastructure was up and running and the cabinet secretary who is in the executive was available, I would ask the Committee to take it up with the minister for infrastructure. I would encourage the Member for Olmoran to take it up with the Governor directly since we currently lack the Committees and the cabinet minister. Be at liberty to get to his Excellency the Governor since they are pertinent issues which need to be picked up with the committees and the executive

Committee member in-charge to answer those questions. That is our role and responsibility. Member for Thingithu, Do you want to be the one to continue until we close? So you have the floor.

**Hon. Michael Gichangi: (Member for Thingithu)** Asante, nilikuwa nataka kumjibu mheshimiwa kuhusu gari la kuzima moto kwa sababu hio ndio ilitupa kura zaidi tulipokuwa tukiongea kuhusu hiyo katika wakati wa kampeni hapa Nanyuki. Hii ni kwa sababu wale waliokuwa hapa kitambo walishindwa kutunza hizo gari. Hata hivyo Bwana Spika, wakati kuna moto hapa Nanyuki tunapata shida sana kwa kuwa ile gari ni moja tu na wakati mwingine yule dereva hapatikani. Hapo mbeleni nilisema ya kwamba inabidi tumulike wale wafanyikazi walio hapa ili kazi ikamilike kabla ya kuandika wengine. Kwa kesi kama hii, dereva lazima achukuliwe kutoka mbali na kabla apatikane, moto itakuwa imechoma kila kitu. Kwa wakati mwingine ni gari la jeshi, linafika kabla gari la baraza la Kaunti lakini sasa tutahakikisha ya kwamba tunapata gari lingine na wafanyikazi wawe wakilala hapa kwa sababu ni kazi yao. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika nafikiri Mheshimiwa Kimondo ataangalia mambo haya kama vile alipewa changamoto na mwenzangu. Hata mimi nitakupa changamoto ili tuweze kurekebisha. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, if that is what gave you votes then you must take care for the same issue not to make people reject you. Hon. Members, we have the order paper for tomorrow which is a continuation of this so that we finish early tomorrow. Leader for majority, do you have anything to say for tommorow's discussion or we can leave it at that and pick up in the morning?

Iwant to suggest Majority Leader, that what you are saying is a motion of whether to start at 9.30 a.m or 9.00 a.m. I would like to subject that to the floor that we meet at 9.30 a.m. instead of 9.00 a.m. Yes Honourable Kimondo.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** *(Member for Nanyuki*) Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to disagree with the Leader of Majority since we have a retreat scheduled for tomorrow and I suggest that we meet as early as 9.00 am so that we can wind up the business for the day and proceed to the retreat.

**Speaker:** Okay, yes.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira***:(Majority Leader)* Mr. Speaker, the reason why I suggested this is that we discuss this matter of the Governor's speech for an hour so that we are done by 10.00 a.m. or 11.00 a.m. so that we can prepare ourselves for other issues afterwards. We don't have to come so early and you know we have to be prepared.

**Speaker**: Honourable Kimondo looks happy that it is scheduled for 9.30 a.m., it seems he has conceded and happy to come at that time. He is being lobbied by Honourable Wachira. Honourable Engineer, what do you have to say?

**Hon. Francis Githinji :***(Member for Marmanet)*Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't see the reason why we should push the time forward because maybe he comes from far and the rest of us are sleeping here. We'll be wasting time just staying idle while waiting for the session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker**: Let me make a ruling, we will meet at 9.00 a.m. the usual time as per the Standing Orders so that we can finish the business early and proceed to other matters. Thank you very much and we have adjourned to tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.00 p.m

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### PRAYERS

### MOTIONS

**Leader of Majority** (*Ephraim Mwangi*): Honourable Speaker, Sir and Members, I hereby present a motion on the Governor's speech. This is the last day of this discussion which reads;

> The thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday 18th April, 2013at 2.30 pm.

You are free to deliberate. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Good, thank you Honourable Member, Leader of Majority Party. This is the last day for the deliberations on the Governor's speech as the motion goes. I know literally, everyone had spoken so you don't need to be constrained and if there's anyone with anything left to say, you can say it so that it can be recorded. The floor is open. Yes, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Francis Githinji :**Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say that it's a good morning for us to see the way forward so that we can make these Honourable Members know that this is the place we need to deliberate and give the electorate the best we can. When I look around, I ask myself that the previous councillors who were here before, were discussing the same issues as we are doing and from all those who were here, only three are present here; Honourable Kipruto Suge, Paul Leshuel and Jacob Endom. I ask myself, where are the rest?

I then concluded that they were thrown out because they did not fulfil what the electorate wanted. These are pillars Honourable Members; we need to ask ourselves as to why only a third of the Members were able to come back. What is the difference between them and us in this House that would enable us to come back in 2017? We need to do as per the people's expectations in these five years. When I was going through the Governor's speech, I was thinking that it is important for us to know the issues so that we do not have a hard time in the coming five years. This is because we are expected to introduce change, ideas and do things in an organised manner. We need to look at better ways of introducing development for the electorate as promised and also guide them on the way forward. I know they also need us to uphold transparency and accountability as pointed out by the Governor on his speech. The most crucial part for the Members to look at so as to come back, is improvement of infrastructure such as electricity and roads. We need to know what makes us not solve the issue of infrastructure. What is the cause of this problem?

I know one issue is that we have only one grader in the whole County and all representatives are relying on it to address their issues. I know Honourable Members that you will agree with me

that we have problems but the electorate cannot see this. They ask me, since you were elected, what have you done for us? They are expecting

too much from us. When I ask for a grader, I am told there's only one.

**MODERN FARMING**

The other issue is that farmers are not being encouraged to do modern farming; this is a problem because we are not able to make profit. When we combine agriculture with livestock there were areas that were done as captured in the Governor's speech. In livestock, we have Artificial Insemination whereby we had centres that implemented this and facilitated modern and hybrid cattle. Nowadays, they have made everything expensive and farmers are being charged between Kshs.3, 000 and Kshs. 4, 000 for insemination. I don't know your opinion about this Honourable Members. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to urge Members to ensure these AI's are close to the farmers so that we can have good cattle breeds for various areas.

I also want to add that when there is a disease outbreak, there are problems since all cattle dips are not functioning. This forces farmers to spray their cattle from their homes. Can we try to revive these as per what the Governor said in his speech by reviving those cattle dips that were there before? He also promised to establish a disease free since the chemicals used to control ticks are very expensive and you find the farmers are unable to meet the costs forcing them to spray using crude methods such as hand sprays. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want you to note this since it is my hope that these cattle dips are revived in time so that we can control livestock diseases.

**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS**

The other matter is about products which we get from livestock such as biogas and manure. I think we need to educate farmers on how they can produce biogas for energy. This will allow them to utilize these products from animals. I have been asking myself, since we are constructing dams for animals, where are those farms? I ask the Honourable Members since they live in these areas, is there any public land set aside for the construction of these dams? We need to answer this because when I looked at my home area, I discovered that every land is occupied and the occupants have title deeds. This makes it hard to find a place to construct and the only way is to buy land or lease. I don't know what to do about that, Members kindly note that.

When it comes to agriculture, this concerns land and when you look at areas such as that of Honourable Thomi (Githiga Ward) people lack title deeds and have been there for 5 to 10 years. This is the reason why people can't develop, keep cattle or plant trees. Honourable Members, let us forge a way forward for these people to get their titles so that they can develop those areas.

In this regard we are able to promote livestock, farming and also control theft since some land is left idle and people fear borrowing loans since they lack title deeds to use as collateral. This leads to farmers losing appetite for this leading to rural - urban migration.

**HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT**

The other issue is about human wildlife conflict. I noticed that the Governor talked about this. Surely our areas don't need help and all we need is to confine the animals where they are since this is what we promised our electorates. We have to confine elephants and other animals that affect people so that people will see our work. In my home area, people will say that you chose someone who doesn't care about the animals. Honourable Members, I request this House to pass a motion that will give us funds to put up solar fences that will last until 2017 and to maintain

these fences because human wildlife conflict has been a problem in areas such as Rumuruti, Marmanet and Mutetu. We also observe the cartels that have taken advantage of these areas; they come in to benefit by getting money from the Community Based Organisations.

I thus request the House to allow us to have new Committees which will focus on fencing because once we secure these animals; they can benefit us by attracting tourists since the areas can be confined in the forested areas. This can generate funds for the County but the big challenge is that animals and human beings have become great enemies. When a person sees an elephant, he wants to kill it and vice versa. We have lost many lives in these areas and I urge you, Mr. Speaker Sir, to note this since we have a huge problem of human wildlife conflict and we need special programmes on this to educate the people on how to control the problem. This is because these animals pass diseases to cattle, destroy our crops and fences. For instance, they have broken people's granaries and people are not compensated for this. I request that we have all the stakeholders come together and have meetings and consequently form a different perspective. Mr. Speaker, I suggest that we have a special Committee for those problems affecting us especially on the issue of human wildlife conflict so that people can see the difference between us and the former leaders.

**DEFORESTATION**

My other point is on the issue of deforestation; we have destroyed forests in a big way such that it is affecting the environment and there are people trying to plant trees in these areas but are being frustrated by people cutting the trees. So, I think we need to have discipline and find a way of starting afforestation in these areas so that we can plant trees and educate people. In his speech, the Governor talked about conservation of the environment so that we can have good areas and control fire outbreaks. We lose a lot of trees every year due to fire outbreaks and illegal logging. I think we can combine the CBO's and CDF after being funded by the County Government so that we can address these issues for good.

**PROFESSIONALS**

The other thing is that we need to encourage professionals. I say this because we have very competent people outside our County since they have gone to work in Nairobi and other counties. This has made us unable to benefit from their knowledge. We have good doctors and PS's from this County who have left. This leaves us using a lot of resources in educating them. For us to be able to attract professionals, we have to ensure that we are focused because they are willing to come and support our projects. Most of them say that they have been supporting the County but after some time the projects have become useless. So, let us encourage these professionals by supporting them through our own pockets or by working with us as the County Government. I know that if we continue encouraging the professionals, we can be able to do and deliver things in time.

**SHORTAGE OF FUNDS**

The Governor spoke about shortage of funds; I urge the House that we look for ways of getting finance from outside the County either through friends, colleagues or advertisement through the media. This can enable us to get a lot of resources for the County. We also need to encourage our brothers and sisters who are away in other areas to come back and help us to create more jobs and ideas.

Therefore, if we want to come back in 2017, we need to work as a team and give each other a chance for the few resources we have. For instance, if one is given a tractor for a few days, pass it on to the other if the allotted days are

expired so that we are able to show the importance of each other in this House. With these few remarks, I thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you. Is there anyone else who is being closed out? Yes, Honourable Thomi.

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. With very few words, I would like to touch on the speech by his Excellency Joshua Irungu on the 18th. In his last paragraph, he concluded by urging us and assuring everyone that he will run a government that is transparent, Honest and very open. He mentioned that everyone shall be included in the County and he said that is was everyone's right to know how many students get bursaries. He added that it was a right for everyone to have good roads. What I am saying Honourable Members is that when we are here, we should know that we have a challenge. It is good to get these words that the Governor concluded with, when he said that we shall be held responsible or be put into account. It is thus important to ensure that we have checks and balances in our wards and the people we represent. In conclusion, I would like to say that we should be careful and ensure that our people are not denied their rights. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Good. I hope no one else is being closed because that is…okay, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am still on productivity so that our County can be self-reliant on matters of supporting itself. Mr. Speaker, I would like my fellow Honourable Members to support me when I say that the executive is moving slowly to second the former council workers and this affects the Laikipia economy. For instance, if you visit the offices around us, you will get a lot of workers who are idle meaning that they have not been designated on what they are supposed to do as they wait for re-employment.

A good example Mr. Speaker, if you visit the toilets next door, you will notice that they are filthy and that is because the executive is moving slowly on this matter, it is hard to work when you don't know about your future. Mr. Speaker, if the executive does not move fast, our economy will be on its knees. Another example is the Mountex Factory where I worked, the laxity started when the company changed hands and was privatised. This made them relax because they didn't know if they would still be employed. Mr. Speaker, the executive should move very fast so that we can start normal business.

Honourable Members have been talking for the last two days about how their areas of representation are much bigger than they used to be before. A good example is that of the Honourable Member for Igwamiti, who is representing an area that was covered by eight councillors. Mr. Speaker, with the meagre salary that we are getting, I wonder how the Honourable Member will be able to travel across his ward when it comes to fuelling his vehicle. I therefore urge the Honourable Members to support me so that the executive can review our allowances so that we are able to serve our people.

Mr. Speaker, once you are elected, you start preparing your marking scheme. It is now about two months from when we started and I think if we proceed this way we might take two years before anything is done and after five years we all know the consequences. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you. Yes, Honourable Kimondo.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I had said earlier, the Governor's speech is wonderful. My only worry is whether the executive is going to implement what they said or it's just going to gather dust. As I was listening to what every Member was saying, I noticed they said that the speech was wonderful. If they could implement the four pillars, we would have a

wonderful County. My only worry is that, it is easier said than done.

**HEALTH**

Secondly, I would like to highlight issues from the health sector; we have only one district hospital which is in Nyahururu since the one in Nanyuki is a teaching and referral hospital. I advocate for the employment of more nurses since we have a shortage both in Nanyuki and Nyahururu hospitals. More so, my colleague tells me that we are going to tarmac the roads. If you go to Laikipia North, there are no dispensaries. We need to upgrade these and ask the executive to look into this matter so that it can become a district hospital.

**YOUTH**

On matters of the youth, we need to talk about it since the old people cannot go around stealing but only the young men can. They do this because they are not empowered or employed. The Governor highlighted in his speech that he was going to empower the youths. Honourable Members, we are only left with three years to work and my worry is whether we are going to implement what they are saying since the first year is gone and we are remaining with only three years. You can agree with me on this because we shall not work in the fourth year since there will be politics. In these three years, I want us to engage the executive and implement what they talked about.

**TOURISM**

I have noticed that we are losing a lot of money on the side of tourism. We have ranchers in Laikipia and what they actually do is that they open up small hotels in their ranches where they host foreigners. They call them homes and they are paid in dollars but the County gets nothing from this. I hope that we are going to have *ad hoc* Committee that will look into this.

**NHIF**

Honourable Members, when we talk to our electorates, I would urge you to carry out civic education on how they can register with NHIF so that it can help them pay their bills. I know Honourable Members that whatever you are being paid, half goes to hospital bills and education but I believe once we educate our people, it will lessen our burden.

**STREET CHILDREN**

I want to answer the Honourable Member who talked about street children if you will allow me Mr. Speaker. Honourable Member, it's unfortunate that it's not only in Laikipia County but everywhere. The community of Nanyuki has a rehabilitation centre called CEDEC and we always pick these children and take them there. You know we have the Children's Act which sometimes ties us because if you arrest and take them to a police station, you cannot lock them up in jail since they are underage. What we are doing at the moment is to try and enlarge that rehabilitation centre so that they can be kept there under very good security to avoid them being arrested. This centre also educates and teaches them to be model citizens of Laikipia County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, Honourable Wachira.

**FAMILIARIZATION TOUR**

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Thank you. Mr. Speaker Sir, mine is only to highlight some issues. It's just a suggestion that we have a familiarization tour when the executive is ready with its own work plan so that we can tour the whole County especially during this rainy season so that we can plant trees in each and every ward

plus meeting the people and seeing their difficulties. When we start our own development, we can relate to what the Members are saying in the House. If the Governor cannot see what we are talking about on the ground, then it will be very difficult for him to implement what we are saying. We are asking the Governor through the Speaker here that one day he can have a familiarization tour with us.

**Speaker**: Honourable Member, that is absolutely within your right and you are right in requesting that. Now that you are a Member of County Assembly Service Board, may I request you to pick that up because I think it's a good idea. Not only one tour since it is important for the Members to go round not only when they have a bill or a petition to go through but also a designed opportunity to go and see the County they represent. So record it within the County Assembly Service Board and please discuss it to see how Members can be facilitated to do that. Very well, Member for Igwamiti, do you want to say anything?

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci Murua**: Mine is just but a reaction to the comments of the Honourable Member for Olmoran. He has said that there's negligence or reluctance in various parts of this place. Am sure that there is a lot of work that is undone but in one way or another I would also like to notify this House that many areas or towns such as my ward are understaffed. It is my request Mr. Speaker that we are allowed to add more casuals to assist in these areas since there's a lot of work pending. For instance, the drainage systems are blocked and there are no people to address this. It is my request to the House that the senior staffs are allowed to add more casual labourers so as to sort the issue.

I request through this House Mr. Speaker Sir that the management of Nyahururu Town be allowed to continue constructing culverts so that we can use the roads that are impassable. I think the culverts can serve my ward, Marmanet and Githiga since we have the equipment and only need to be allowed to do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Good, Honourable Member. Just to remind you that it would be good for you to raise that next week. You remember that the Majority Leader said that the sectoral Committees will be up and running next week. I would request you to raise that issue after the Committees have been formed and then we can subject that matter to them. It is probably not our responsibility to direct that but you can call whoever is responsible within the executive and seek answers on what is happening when you engage them. So hold your horses and let's have the Committees so that they can see if the work is cut out. I want to remind you that most of the work of this Assembly is through the Committees and it's good that we are forming them. We shall ensure that they pick up and ensure that some of what the Honourable Member for Olmoran has raised will be subjected to the Committees so that they can call upon the executive. You are aware that we haven't received the names of the executive Committee and it would be good that we get them as soon as his Excellency presents them because then you can have a person who you can call to your Committee. If it's the minister for roads, you can call and engage him. There's a bit of freeze there at the moment but I suppose in one or two weeks, matters will be clear especially on the executive. Yes, Honourable Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob Endom:** Asante Sana Bwana Spika, katika hotuba ya Gavana alisema ya kwamba atafanya kazi sawa lakini nasikia Mheshimiwa mhandisi ameuliza swali. Mheshimiwa mhandisi, tuko tofauti sasa kuliko tulipokuwa kwa baraza kwa sababu tuko sasa kwa Bunge. Kitambo tulikuwa tunapewa kazi ya barabara kama miradi ili mheshimiwa aweze kufanya kazi ndio wanaanchi waone kazi unayofanya. Tulikuwa tukipata pesa ya watoto wa shule ili tuwasaidie

wenyeji wa huko na wanapoona hayo, wanajua tumefanya kazi. Tulipokuwa na kazi kwa vijana, mheshimiwa alikuwa anaenda mashinani na kuwaita vijana wafanye kazi.

Tulikuwa pia na vikundi vya vijana ambazo tulikuwa tukiwapa pesa kutoka kwa baraza wakati wanafanya kazi. Kwa hivyo, wakati huo naona ukiwa tofauti kuliko wakati huu kwa sababu kila kitu kilipitia mkononi mwa '*councillor'*. Sijui vile huku tutaendelea kwa sababu najua tutapoteza tusipofanya kazi. Hakuna mtu atarudi muhula huo mwingine kama kila kitu hakitatoka kwetu. Saa hii tunaendelea na bajeti, kuna mheshimiwa amehudhuria bajeti?

Tulipokuwa tunafanya kazi kitambo, tulikuwa tunarudi kwa wananchi na kuzungumza nao ili tufanye mipango ya miradi wanayotaka. Wananchi wakikuta mheshimiwa hayuko, watauliza kama anawatumikia kweli. Ni lazima mwananchi akuone. Tuko hapa kama wabunge kila wiki, ninauliza ni siku gani tutapata ili tuonane na wananchi? Ni lazima tujitahidi ili tuone tumefanya kazi na hawa wananchi ili tuweze kurudi. Hapo awali nilikuwa naenda kukutana na wananchi wakati mikutano ilikuwa ikiendelea ili nijaribu kufanya kazi lakini sasa najua mko hapa na mambo imebadilika na kila kazi tutafanya. Kitambo tulikuwa na trekta moja na hii ilikuwa ikienda magharibi mwa Kaunti, tulikuwa tukigawana ili mmoja atumie siku 15 ama 5. Wakati huo hakukuwa na barabara ilibidi tujitahidi lakini saa hii kuna barabara kwa sababu nilikuwa na miradi ndio unaona matatu inapita Olmoran kwenda Maralal. Nafikiri mheshimiwa mhandisi ilikuwa hivyo. Asante.

**Speaker**: Good. Leader of Majority Party, I think you heard what the Members have said. You are the link between the Assembly and the Executive. It is good to convey some of those points even what the Member for Igwamiti said about the staff everywhere, I hope you are noting. It will be good to take that message to the executive so that they don't delay. We are raring to go ourselves as the Assembly but we want the executive to also move with the same speed. So you are our link person, take this matter to the executive. Good, I suggest we adjourn now and…yes, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Francis Mukuria Githinji:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, there are some questions which I wanted to ask concerning the executive. They promised that they would do something on the urgent matters in our areas. We had communicated to the Deputy Governor what we needed and since then there has been no communication and nothing has been done. In fact, matters are worse there. For instance, if you go to the garbage sites in our home areas people are complaining and toilets are full. We are being frustrated Mr. Speaker Sir, because if you had something urgent in your home area and it has not been done, what are you going to do?

The other issue is that the Governor asked us to give one hit point which we gave the people; he came to our areas and asked us to give him one thing to do so that people would feel that he was the Governor which we did but it has not been done to date. They are asking what's happening and we haven't received any communication. We have a lot of pressure, Leader of Majority; please ensure we are addressed. If you write things on paper and they are not being addressed, what's the point of them being written? You write today and after a week or so, things are not done. I just request that you communicate to the executive because what we have asked has not been done, thank you.

**Speaker**: Good, did you get that Honourable Wachira?

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira:** Honourable Speaker, I was with the Deputy Governor yesterday on the issues he was taking about. He told me that he was working on them with the officers concerned

and will be giving me the answers today or tomorrow. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Honourable Wachira, why don't you organise for some time when the Honourable Members can meet his Excellency the Governor and his Deputy so that your life is easier here at the Assembly?

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira:** I will do that Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Maybe that will be easier…

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira:** We are learning issues now; we shall know how to handle them.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Okay, Yes Honourable Mwangi.

**Hon. Stephen Mwangi Maruga***:* Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to notify this House through the Leader of Majority that sometimes we may not need the answers but we need that work done and that would be the answer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Good. I wish to have it adjourned at that level and I would request that we consult for a few minutes about the trip. So for that reason, may I ask the Serjeant at arms to lower the mace for us to have a '*kamukunji*' before I go out?

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 3.45 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. I would like to notify Honourable Members that;

I have received two official communications as relates to the 2013/2014 Budget estimates and I have formally received the 2013/2014 budget estimates for the County Assembly from the office of the Clerk.

I know you don't have the copy, but it's a budget of **Kshs. 541,299,400**.

At the same time, I have also received budget estimates for 2013/2014 from the office of the Governor, and the submission letter is signed by his Excellency, the Deputy Governor, Gitonga Kabugi. The two have been formally received in this House and before I proceed, I want to read for purposes of our memory and to remind you on the process and the procedure Standing Order No. 207. There is quite a bit of 208, 209, 210, 211, 212 and 213. There is a whole 214,215, 216,217, 218 but I will not read all of that because I know you have the Standing Orders but for purposes of the session today, I will read Standing Order No. 207. It says,

*'The member of County executive Committee responsible for finance and the accounting officer of the County Assembly Service Board, shall not later than 30th of April , respectively submit to the County Assembly budget estimates, and related documents, specified in law for the County Government and the County Assembly.'*

The two budget estimates expected are both from the member of executive Committee and the accounting officer. But as you already know, I have been notified by the office of his Excellency the Governor that at present the executive Committee is not executed and so his Excellency the Deputy Governor has lightly done the submissions on the side of County Executive and also from the accounting officer in the Assembly who is the Clerk.

Subsection 2,

*'The estimates and related documents submitted under paragraph 1 will be tabled on the County Assembly within 3 days of submission (*but we received them today the day of deadline not earlier as expected*) Upon being laid before the County Assembly, the estimates shall be deemed to have been committed to each sectoral Committee without question put for each Committee to deliberate according to their respective mandates.'*

You will note that when we get these two estimates, they should be subjected to the sectoral Committees. The sectoral Committees of the Assembly have not been constituted because of the transition that we are going through. You will remember Hon. Members in an informal gathering last week we agreed that all the Members will be involved in the public

participation forums across the County and so the sectoral Committee Members can engage with the budget estimates at that level.

*'Each sectoral Committee shall consider, discuss and review the estimate according to its mandates and submit its report recommendation to the Budget and Appropriation Committee within 21 days after being laid before the County Assembly. The Budget and Appropriation Committeeshall discuss and review the estimates and make recommendation to the County Assembly taking into account the recommendation of the sectoral Committees and views of cabinet secretaries and the public. The County Assembly shall on a motion that the County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the budget estimates for the County Government tabled on the County Assembly on the date that I will specify today, consider the report and adopt it with or without the amendments. Upon the County Assembly resolution on the report, the recommendation for increase or reduction on any particular vote, as resolved by the County Assembly will serve as notice of intention by the chairperson of the Budget and Appropriation Committee , to move the particular amendments on the concerned vote in the Committee of supply. The Speaker may require that an appropriate addendum be made to the estimates as tabled to reflect the amendments made by County Assembly on the estimates as respective votes…'* I will not read the rest of the Standing Orders, that you can read.

Upon receiving these estimates;

- I wish to make the following direction; I wish to direct the Budget and Appropriation Committee to take up now the role of scrutinizing the two budgets both that of Assembly and also that of the Executive. In so doing, in accordance with the law and the constitution they will be expected to engage and let the public participate in that process. It is not a board room process, they are obligated by law to go round the County and get the views of Laikipians.

- I also want to direct that, in that public participation we involve all Members of the Assembly as much as possible, so that both the Members of the sectoral Committees as well as individual Members of County Assembly can make their input to those budget estimates.

- I have to direct that the Budget and Appropriation Committee to do that, the rest of the days within the month of May and bring a report on the afternoon of Thursday, 30th May, 2013.

- I direct the office of the Clerk to formally write and attach the budget of the Assembly and send to the office of the Governor to seek their views.

The Leader of Majority is supposed to lay and present the Membership of various Sectoral Committees to the House.

**Leader of Majority**: (*Hon. Wachira*) Hon. Speaker, Members, Good afternoon. I hereby present to you the names of the Sectoral Committees and before I do it, I read section 191of the Speaker's orders on appointment of Sectoral Committees:

- *There shall be elect Committees to be known as Sectoral Committees of which all shall be nominated by the County Assembly Business Committee in consultation with County Assembly Parties at the*

*commencement of every County Assembly.*

- *A member appointed to a sectoral Committee at the commencement of County Assembly or at any other time during the term of a County Assembly shall unless the County Assembly otherwise resolves, serve for the term of that County Assembly.*

- *Unless the County Assembly otherwise directs the sectoral Committees that the subject matter respectively assigned to them, shall be set out in the sectoral second schedule.*

- *The mandate of the sectoral Committee in respect of the subject matters assigned under the second schedule of Standing Orders shall only be exercised within the limit contemplated under section 2 of the 4th schedule to the constitution.*

*The function of a sectoral Committee shall be;*

- *To investigate, to inquire into the report in all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments.*

- *Study the programmes and policy objective of the departments and the effectiveness of the implementation.*

- *Study and review all County legislation referred to it.*

- *Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared to their stated objectives.*

- *Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly.*

- *To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution and law requires the County Assembly to approve except those under Standing Orders 185, Committee on appointments.*

- *Make reports and recommendation to the County Assembly as often as possible including legislations.*

**SECTORAL COMMITTEES**

1. **Finance, Planning and County Development Committee**

   - Joseph Kabaci Murua – Chairman

   - Joseph Kipruto Suge - Vice chairman

   - Francis Mukuria Githinji

**Speaker:** Order Member! I have heard you say Chairman and Vice Chairman. I want to tell you that you may not say who the Chairman or Vice Chairman is because this Assembly has no such obligation. That will be done by the Committee themselves later. For now, we are appointing Members only, but we can deal with that first Committee. You can have your seat Leader of Majority. That's the presentation done by the

Leader of Majority, are there any comments Members?

**(Motion agreed)**

**Leader of Majority**: (Hon. *Wachira*) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

2. **Health, Sanitation, Gender, Youth and Sports**

    - Hon. Beth Waithera Muchiri
    - Hon. Stephen Mwangi Maruga
    - Hon. Dann Ndegwa

**Speaker:** It would be good to hear from one Member who is proposed in that Committee. Hon. Member, you could be proposing Members who don't belong in those Committees. Yes, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I think it could have been better if we had copies of what he is reading because we are floating. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Ngobit, you seem to be the only one having a copy of what you are reading.

**Leader of Majority** :( *Hon. Wachira*) Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I got this copy from your office and I thought everybody had it but if you don't have it, it is unfortunate Members but you are going to have it. As you know I don't have an office as I got this from somebody who got it from the Speaker's office.

**Speaker:** Member, are you saying the Speaker failed and failed miserably?

*(Laughter)*

**Leader of Majority** :( *Hon. Wachira*) Am not passing the ball to the Speaker but when I will have an office you are going to ask this question and…

**Speaker:** Order Member! That is noted. Members, I think the explanation is enough and let him read the names slowly so that we can make our comments. Next time we shall ensure that the office of the Clerk and the office of the Speaker provide copies to all Members. Apology Members, but Member for Marmanet, you wanted to say something, I hope it is not about copies.

**Hon. Francis Mukuria Githinji**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to make some awareness to the Members in the Health Department. I know they are competent but I need them to be aware of the challenges we have in our hospitals. In fact, from the ward I come from (Marmanet) you will find that there is no doctor to attend to the patients. Go to Nyahururu District Hospital, there is no generator. When power goes off and for instance somebody is under surgery, surely that person will die there. One day I had an accident and when we went to that hospital, there was no single doctor to attend or give first aid to us, but luckily I had a brother who attended to us as a doctor. So it's a challenge to us as Hon. Members to note that we have very poor health facilities in those hospitals. Dispensaries have no microscopes, no medicines in their labs and neither qualified doctors in those areas.

Hon. Members who are taking up the office, we kindly request you to borrow finances so that we can reach people. People have now run away from public hospitals and they are relying on private hospitals. We should not be having people dying in this County because we don't have maternity wards and good facilities. Therefore, it is up to the Members to ensure all these are done and qualified doctors are there because it is just like having a car without fuel. I

kindly request the House to work hard and put pressure on the executive. Personally, I have approached the executive on the issue of faulty generator in Nyahururu Hospital.

There is also a lot of corruption especially in pharmacies. Some medics are selling medicine from the Government hospitals as seen in these areas. It is upon ourselves to ensure we have zero tolerance on corruption. Some doctors employed by the government there own those clinics nearby and advice people to go to their clinics so that they can pay some fee there and later one can be admitted at the district hospital and you will be amazed to see that young and old women are dying because people don't care.

Somebody had an accident in Nyahururu last week and there was no doctor on Sunday to attend to him. I had to call and challenge the Member from Igwamiti on the absence of doctors in that hospital. It is our responsibility to make sure that those workers are doing their work because in his response, the Hon. Member said, "Don't you know that that hospital is under the central government?" I don't know whether the central government is going to pick people when they die. It is important to ensure that those workers from MOH are responsible no matter their status and they attend to the people who have problems. Whether it is Central Government or County Government, we are serving the people of Laikipia. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** We shall have only a few of those comments then we go to the next Committee. Member for Thingithu.

**Hon. Michael Kinyua***:* Asante Sana Bwana Spika. Nikimuunga mkono mheshimiwa kutoka Marmanet, ningetaka hiyo kamati iliyochaguliwa izingatie ya kwamba hakuna ambulansi na vile vile gari la moto. Jambo la pili ni kuwa wiki mbili zilizopita tulipatwa na ajali na tukapelekwa katika hospitali ya wilaya. Jambo la kutia changamoto ni kwamba wakati tulipata ajali, huenda ikawa singekua na chochote baada ya kuporwa na wale wasaidizi. Lakini, nilikuja kujua ya kwamba wale ambao walikua wamenusurika, kabla ya kupewa dawa iliwalazimu kutoa shilingi mia moja ya dawa na kuona daktari. Nilipoandikiwa dawa, mimi hasa nilishauriwa nikanunue 'brufen'. Nilishangaa kuwa katika hospitali kubwa kama hii, hakuna dawa ya kutuliza uchungu.

Kwa hivyo kama kamati, mtakuwa na kibarua kigumu cha kuchunguza hayo mambo na kuelekeza yale kama watu tunayofaa kupata. Mimi najua ya kwamba serikali inapeana hizo dawa lakini huenda pengine zinafungiwa hazipeanwi ili baadaye ziweze kusafirishwa katika zile zahanati za kibinafsi na maduka ya dawa. Asanteni.

**Speaker:** It shows that this Health Committee is of great interest. Let us have Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob Ekoeli Endom**: Nataka kuchangia ya kwamba, kamati hii iangalie maslahi sana kwa sababu ukienda Sosian kuna zahanati mbili lakini dawa hakuna. Kitu cha kwanza, ukifika utaambiwa utoe shilingi 200, kisha unatumwa Olmoran ama Rumuruti. Unaweza fikiria ni kilomita ngapi kutoka Sosian hadi zile sehemu? Ni kama kilomita 100. Ndio mnapata sisi tunapoteza watu wengi katika sehemu hiyo kwa ukosefu wa hosipitali. Kwa hivyo lazima kamati hii izingatie masilahi kabisa kama wasimamizi wa hosipitali za sehemu hizo. Pia niunge mkono mwakilishi wa Marmanet kwa maoni yake. Asante.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank Hon. Member for Marmanet for challenging us. I am a Member of that Committee and I think we shall take the challenge but still it won't be better as much as we want. Mr. Speaker, you just notified us that when you read budget estimates **Kshs. 541,299,400** but if you quote from other counties they are reading from 10 billion annual

budgets, and I doubt if this amount will do us any good. Am worried if those hospitals will remain without medicines for the coming one year and I would like the budget Committee to scrutinize that budget properly and seek professional advice otherwise we shall continue having those hardships. I wonder, when you have Kshs. 500,000,000, how much will you allocate for roads, security, medicines…?

**Speaker:** Order, Point of order! Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo Ngari:** I fail to understand whether the Hon. Member is aware that, we are not referring to the Kshs. 500,000,000 which is the budget of the Assembly. You don't know or is it ignorance? Do you know the actual budget of the whole County? Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Member for Nanyuki for rescuing the Member for Olmoran. Actually for purposes of record, I read that the budget for County Assembly is Kshs. 541,299,400, but there is a different budget that was submitted today by the office of his Excellency the Governor and the total amount is 6.7 billion. So the amount of Kshs. 541,299,400 is a small fraction of 6.7 billion. I am certain Members will get copies of this shortly, hoping there are no further comments around that Committee and the challenge is clear.

***(Motion agreed)***

Member for Ngobit, you can continue and as you do so, I want you to clarify to the House about the Committee Membership. I know when we were approving the standing Committees there was a motion of the Membership between 3-5. Does that motion apply also to this sectoral Committee? Then secondly, for purposes of record, I know there was a discussion around the gender issue, please reiterate that discussion.

**Leader of Majority**: (Hon. *Wachira*) I here confirm what you discussed about 3-5 Members in each sectoral Committeestands and was approved.

**3. Education, Information and Technology**

- Hon. Stephen Mwangi
- Hon. Charumbo Ole Kaparo
- Hon. Dann Ndegwa

**Speaker:** Are there any comments from the floor? Member for Sosian.

**Hon. Jacob Ekoeli Endom:** Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nataka kushukuru kamati hii na kuelezea katika Laikipia Kaskazini mjaribu kuangalia watoto wa Sosian. Kuna shule mbili tu za watoto wachanga huko eneo ya Kilimon, ambazo zinahudumia Samburu Kaunti na Laikipia hadi inabidi watoto kukaa hadi miaka saba kabla ya kujiunga pale. Hata shule ya msingi hamna pale Kilimon ambayo ni eneo kubwa. Ukienda Lonyek watoto wanasomea chini ya miti. Kwa hivyo muangalie eneo hilo sana kwa sababu tuko nyuma sana. Nashukuru, na muwe na nguvu ya kufanya hiyo kazi. Asante.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Member for Rumuruti.

**Hon. Joseph Kipruto Suge:** Asante Bwana Spika. Langu tu pengine itakua machache. Kwanza ni kuwashukuru, la pili ni kuwahimiza ya kwamba katika sekta ya elimu ni vyema muweze kuweka juhudi kwa ajili elimu ni nguzo ya maisha. Bwana Spika, na kama tulivyo ahidi, tutainua elimu katika kaunti ya Laikipia. Kama tunavyongea katika maeneo mengi ya Laikipia Kaunti, kuna uhaba wa madarasa. Kwa mfano, katika eneo langu tuko na shule chache za msingi na nyingi ziko na uhaba wa madarasa. Wanafunzi zaidi ya themanini wanatumia darasa moja. Kwa hivyo kuna shida kwa sababu ya ule

msongamano ambao kwa upande wa afya sio mzuri. Kwa hivyo, ningependa hiyo kamati ya elimu iweze kuangalia, tuweze kujenga mashule mengi katika kila wadi ya Kaunti.

Lingine ni kwamba wototo wachanga hasa zile shule za chekechea (nursery) wanalazimika kutembea kilomita nyingi ili kuweza kupata elimu. Ningehimiza ile kamati iweze kuongeza shule nyingi katika kila wadi ili wale wanafunzi waweze kupata huduma karibu zaidi kwa sababu watoto wanajiunga na shule wakiwa na uMr.i mdogo sana.

Jambo lingine ni kwamba kuna shida katika upande wa malipo ya walimu wa shule za chekechea. Wakati huu tunakuwa na serikali ya ugatuzi, ningeomba kamati iweze kuangalia ili Kaunti iweze kushughulikia yale mambo. Hii ni kwa sababu kuna sehemu ambazo wanafunzi wanalazimika kukaa nyumbani sababu wazazi wanashindwa kugharamia ile karo ya shule za chekechea. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** Member for Umande.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to notify this House that our Governor, his Excellency has stipulated in his speech that he is committed to building schools in these areas. I will also like to send a message to the Governor that he should also consider opening up roads connecting to those schools.

As a Member of this Committee we are talking about Education and ICT. We are living in a digital era, we need to have computers and printers instead of those old typewriters. It is also important to let the office of his Excellency the Governor to make sure that at least every school in this County is connected to electricity and internet so that it can be supplied with those digital equipment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Paul Leshuel***:* Kwa mambo ya elimu ningetaka kuangazia yafuatayo:

- Walimu wa chekechea, tuwalipe kwa sababu wako chini ya serikali ya Kaunti ndio watoto waweze kusoma vizuri.

- Lingine lazima tuhakikishe tumenjenga mashule ya chekechea kwa sababu sehemu zingine kama Bwana Jacob alivyosema, watoto wanaenda kilomita nyingi na inakuwa ngumu kwa watoto wadogo kufika huko ikizingatiwa ya kwamba lazima mtoto apelekwe shule ya chekechea kwa wakati unaofaa huenda akakataa kujiunga na shule ya msingi kwa sababu ya uMr.i.

- Mambo ya *bursary*, kamati hii lazima ielewe wanafunzi wengi wanatoka shuleni kwa sababu ya wazazi wao kutokuwa na pesa au nguvu za kuwalipia shule.

- Lazima tuangalie sheria gani tutaweka ambayo inaelekeza hatua itakayoshukuliwa iwapo mzazi hatampeleka mwanawe shuleni, kwa sababu sheria iko lakini haitekelezwi. Mtoto ana haki yake na pia mzazi ana sababu zake ambazo atakweleza ushindwe na lakufanya.

- Walimu katika shule za msingi na sekondari wanachangia matokeo kwenda chini, bila shaka lazima waangaliwe. Kama mheshimiwa alivyosema, mambo ya tarakirishi katika shule za msingi lazima izingatiwe kwa sababu wengi wanamaliza bila kuzijua na ni vizuri tuanze pale chini ili tuweze kushidana na Kenya mzima. Asante sana, Spika.

**Speaker:** We shall have atmost 3 per Committeeso that we move a bit fast, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Still on Education and ICT, I would like the Committee to be much committed and try as much as possible for the establishment of Laikipia Website so that we can interact all over the world. The executive should try as much as possible and establish an education kitty that will cater for the poor families. For instance, if you go to my place, Olmoran, you might find a very bright student with may be 400 marks and after being admitted to Alliance High School, he instead joins a local day school. Therefore, it would be better to rescue such children. Let them go to where they have been admitted.

Nursery school teachers are paid pea nuts. Like in Olmoran, no teacher is paid over Kshs. 5,000 and it is high time we consider them, let them be employed permanently and they will lay foundation for our children. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Finally, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Francis Mukuria Githinji:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I just want to comment on ICT. I am afraid because y as the president was talking about computers; in my place 20 computers were donated. One, we don't have power to run those computers and let me tell the Members concerned, that we have computers, but the teachers are computer illiterate on how to operate them. It is upon you to get teachers who are computer literate to educate those students.

Another issue is the Street children. Education is the background of everything. We need to set mechanisms of educating those children. It is high time we see that those street boys and girls are catered for instead of wandering round the streets and taking drugs.

High School drop outs as a result of girls getting pregnant at primary level. I don't know if it is a problem to do with teachers or the society. Therefore, it is upon us to find out the problem and initiate a programme as we take this office. In my neighbouring school, we have two girls who are already pregnant. It is upon you to study the challenges we are facing in such areas.

During this rainy season, there are areas that schools don't report back because bridges are broken down. I remember like yesterday our H.E, the Governor, was going to Rumuruti but he could not cross over to the other side even by a vehicle. What about the schools? It is upon us to note that we have a major problem in accessing those roads. Like now we have lost three kids who were swept away in Muchungui on their way to tuition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Leader of Majority**: (*Hon. Ephraim Wachira*)

**4. Agriculture and Natural Resources**

- Hon. Paul Leshuel
- Hon. Wilson Wakahiu
- Hon. Peter Kimondo

**Speaker:** Maximum of two comments only. Yes, member for Nanyuki town.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo Ngari:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Members you all know Agriculture is the backbone of our County, we the Members are going to engage the executive to see that they are equal to the task on what they actually promised the *wananchi* and we hope we will be able to do the necessary. Thank you.

**Hon. Paul Leshuel:** I want to thank all the Members for giving us the chance to be

Members of this Committee and I am sure that this Committee is going to face a lot of challenges especially with the water, agriculture and again in forestry but I assure you that we will work hard to make sure we have met the challenges. It is obvious with your support because everything we do out there we will bring here for approval. Thank you.

**Speaker:** We had said a maximum of two but let me not close you out. Make your comment sharp and straight Hon. Thomi**.**

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Briefly on Agriculture, I believe this Committee is also a very important one. I will request and urge those in the Committee to ensure that if it is fertilizer, we need it during the planting season not when it is too late. At the moment, the maize has been planted so the government's fertilizer which just arrived might not be of much help as it could have been better if it arrived by January or February.

Equally to that, there is rehabilitation of dams, if this is not done before the onset of the rains; it will not be useful because dams cannot be rehabilitated at that particular time. I request those in that Committee to ensure that this exercise is done so that it can suit everybody. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Let your neighbour speak as well, Hon. Waithaka.

**Hon. Wilson Wakahiu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to mention something to this sectoral Committee concerning livestock and agriculture. When his Excellency the Governor was reading his speech, he emphasized much on livestock. Laikipia being one of the producers of may be the byproducts of livestock, there are many things that we as an Assembly or a Committee are supposed to address.

For the case of disease control, I believe we as County Members need to address these issues particularly on cattle dips and also establish a certain institution that will ensure the County will be free from modifiable diseases. The Committee that will be addressing this issue is important that they look at it at a wider perspective because we have seen our livestock dying due to lack of vaccination from the previous governments.

As far as this Committee is concerned it is good you come up with an agenda or a bill whereby you will establish a kitty for seedling planting at least to ensure our County is well covered by forest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Okay, Thank you. Yes Member.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo Ngari:** Is it in order for the Hansard to wear informally?

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member for quickly noting that. We would like to take this opportunity to advice especially the staffs of the Assembly to actually be properly dressed. We shall not eject you now but am sure from tomorrow you shall be properly dressed. You can tell if you want to know how being properly dressed means. Look the Hon. Members, you will see a difference. Thank you, Hon. Member for raising that. We want to raise the bar.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Leader of Majority**: (*Hon. Ephraim Wachira*)

**5. Industrialization and Enterprise Development**

- Michael Kinyua
- Paul Lebeneyio
- Jacob Endom

**Speaker:** Hon. Dann

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** I think Members in this Committeeshould do as much as they can to enable Laikipia County to have a single industry. We are competing with counties with accountable industries yet in Laikipia we do not have a big one only the middle level ones. Let them do proper planning for establishment and creation of more and middle level industries to cater for youths, with measures put in place for maintaining them, through obtaining funds from NGOs or the Government so that they won't collapse like Mountex where I once worked. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Leader of Majority** :( *Hon. Ephraim Wachira*)

**6. Security and Home Affairs**

- Dann Ndegwa
- Jacob Endom
- Peter Thomi

**Speaker:** Let's start with Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob Ekoeli Endom:** Asante Bwana Spika. Nataka kuwashukuru wajumbe kwa kunichagua katika kamati hiyo. Kama kuna mahali hatari katika Laikipia ni Sosian, Olmoran na Kinamba. Nawahakikishia kama mmoja wa kamati tutawafanyia kazi kwa sababu kama wilaya ya Samburu, Baringo na Isiolo tumepakana na wao na ni sisi wanatugonga. Nataka usaindizi wenu kupata gari la jamii ambalo litasaidia upande wa usalama. Kwa hivyo nikileta huo mswada hapa muwe tayari kunipitishia. Asante.

**Speaker:** Member from Marmanet**.**

**Hon. Francis Mukuria Githinji:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I just need to give a comment to this Committeeso that we can see whether security is going to improve. Security is the main challenge in our area. For us to improve security in our home place; one, we have transport problem for our Members and if we rely on central government for our security, there is no one time this problem will end.

I am proposing that every ward should have its own private vehicle with A.Ps. We request both the community in those wards and the County to contribute so that we won't have one time that we shall say we don't have fuel or drivers, and we will also be able to mark the corridor areas that are a security problem of livestock like Olmoran.

We have to insist that the government together with the stakeholders in those forests to sit down with them and strategize on how we can be able to uplift security. It is upon this House to make sure that the executive are cooperating with the government so that we can be supplied with police, enough finances to fuel those government vehicles and also the County Government to have their own vehicles so that we are able to monitor them and our DCs, DOs and chiefs to improve security. Even if you have industries, security is the main thing, even if it means going for witchcraft like I hear from the Member of Olmoran, that they are catching thieves through witch craft, we are ready to do that in this County. Thank you.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I happen to be in this Committee for Security and Home Affairs and I think am up to task because I happened to be in the District Security Committee for the last 5 years to date. We have much challenges in Olmoran, we do not have enough personnel and the few who are there are not equipped including vehicles. It is worrying because when a theft occurs 30 kilometers away from their post, and you expect them to be there

on time, it is impossible and therefore, I urge Hon. Members to support me as I will be tabling the bill on Establishment of Community System in every village.

Another challenge is feeder roads, even if we had a vehicle today, you cannot access Olmoran because we do not have proper bridges or roads and in some areas there are no roads completely. As I was in that Committee in the last 5 years, there was lack of political will and therefore am asking this House to support the Committee and we shall deliver.

As we open the House soon, I will bring the motion; dealing with the security of Hon. Members. While traveling from Meru on Saturday I arrived at around 11.00 pm and before I had arrived my neighbour was attacked with bullets everywhere before we stumped. It was raining heavily and still I was on the road. Therefore, I think we need security as Hon. Members, even if we can't get a policeman each, let us be given licenses to carry guns because it is volatile there as Mr. Endom can confirm. You cannot survive and I pray one day you come there and spend a night, God willing. They steal cows, you will sleep in toilets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker: Thank** you, yes please**.**

**Member for Mukongodo East:** (*Hon. Paul Leshuel*) Mr. Speaker is the Hon. Member referring all the public to have license to carry guns or Members of the Assembly?

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** Mr. Speaker, I was on a point of security of Hon. Members. It is only Hon. Members. Thank you.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Leader of Majority** :( *Hon. Ephraim Wachira*) Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and Members.

**7. Infrastructure Development**

- Hon. Francis Mukuria
- Hon. Joseph Kabaci
- Hon. Wilson Wakahiu

That is the last sectoral Committee.

**Speaker: Member** for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I happen to be in this particular Committee and I would like to say that those Members are equal to the task. I will like to say that when the executive will come to a point of employing an engineer, I will suggest that we should have a County engineer who will be paramount to the County. Through experience Mr. Speaker Sir, many roads have broken down to negligence of engineers and as we know that a constructor has a tendency of bribing them hence ending doing shoddy jobs. I suggest that this engineer to be somebody of high integrity and it is my opinion we have to guide him. The corruption lies there and I will like the Committee as one of them to consult the executive and the Committee please, so that we can work hand in hand to ensure the work is done. As the Leader of Majority has said that this is the last Committee, I will suggest that the executive to consult this Committee without undermining us for the ministry to run smoothly. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth Muchiri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. On the issue of infrastructure we have many feeder roads which require to be upgraded. The Committee entrusted on roads should ensure they are wide enough to accommodate two vehicles at a time. I may also request to have additional machineries because the entire County have may be 2 tractors which are shared and after 5 years we might have done nothing, so I

urge this Committee to put more effort in purchasing these machines. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Ngobit.

**Leader of Majority**: (*Hon. Ephraim Wachira*) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I contribute to this motion, this Committee must take its business seriously as it is the key to every sectoral Committee. There can be no meaningful development in our County if there is no infrastructure, be it security, Industrial Enterprises, Agriculture, Education, Health and all these other sectoral Committees. The key Committee that guides all others is infrastructure especially here in our County where security has been jeopardized. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker: Mheshimiwa Jacob.**

**Hon. Jacob Ekoeli Endom:** Asante bwana Spika, nataka kuambia kamati hii kwa sababu ndio wanaangalia maslahi ya barabara. Mifugo inapoimbiwa upande wa Kilimon lazima upitie shamba la Ngorisishio ili ufike upande ule mwingine. Tukifunguliwa barabara huko tutakuwa tumesaindika hasa upande wa usalama. Kuelekea Wilaya ya Baringo tuna barabara moja pekee na mifugo ikiimbiwa hatuwezi kufuata kwa sababu ya hali ya hiyo barabara. Trakta mbili hazitoshi kaunti nzima na lazima ziongezwe. Mimi nikitoka hapa kuelekea Doldol hamna madaraja inanibidi nipitie Nanyuki ndio nifike huko na pia barabara ya kupitia Kimanju. Kwa hivyo kamati hii iweze kuangalia hizo barabara. Asante.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As much as we would like to construct roads in this County, we can not make it with one grader. I will like to echo Mr. Jacob's words that we should purchase more graders so that we can open up our area. Any constructor who might be benefiting from these contracts, I will like to urge the Committee to ensure they are professionals, but for the laborers, let them employ our youth as a job opportunity in this area.

They should also provide quality building materials like murram and not just pure soil to construct our roads, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Francis Mukuria Githinji:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a member of this Committee I must insist that when it comes to the issue of corruption or procurements, I can assure you that we will cooperate with engineers concerned. I am not saying those areas whereby some other Hon. Members have not been in this field, I agree with Members that this area needs a lot of effort to be done.

For us to be in the next County Government, if we don't make laws, friends, let me assure you that you will not come back to the County. So the best thing I want you is for you to support us in all areas;

- We need finances
- Honesty
- Efficiency

We have one grader and that means that for us to complete the work in the entire County, our roads will be complete in 2030. So Hon. Members I need your support, let us have graders not one or two but at least one in every constituency. Once you support us, we will ensure that every road will not only be graded, but every area by 2017 should have murram and culverts and all these need finances. In fact I think if anyone needs to come back to the office, you have to support us.

**Speaker:** Hon. Dann**.**

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just to comment a bit on what Hon. Member from Marmanet has said, when we went for our induction courses, we were told that after you are sworn-in as a County representative, power was bestowed on you, and therefore nobody is undermining you. Go to your ward, breath fire and nobody will dare there; come to my place, breath fire, even the former County council employees will know you are the boss there. If am given a tractor, I know when it is in Olmoran it is under me and nobody else and therefore, Hon. Members I think it's the high time you know your powers, get hold of it, don't let it go and I think your presence and strength will be felt on the ground and you will be able to defend your seats in 2017. Thank you.

***(Motion agreed)***

I see Leader of Majority you have another notice of motion in the order paper.

**Leader of Majority** :( *Hon. Ephraim Wachira*) Mr. Speaker Sir, we have another notice of motion:-

> ***THAT,*** *aware that the House as per Standing Order No. 27 should convene for business at 2.30 pm on every Thursday, this Assembly be adjourned until Thursday 2nd 2013 to give time for budget and appropriation Committee and other Members to prepare and mobilize their public to attend public consultation scheduled to begin on Friday 3rd May 2013.*

**Speaker: Thank** you member, I think the bottom line of whatever you are saying, is that we don't meet next Thursday and we meet the week after, is that the case?

**Leader of Majority**: (*Hon. Ephraim Wachira*) Yes.

**Speaker:** Tomorrow is a public holiday, Hon. Waithaka.

**Hon. Wilson Wakahiu:** As per the notice of the Leader of Majority, we had decided that we will be starting our consultation meetings because of the budget on 3rd but when we were discussing with you, I think we saw it wise we postpone because as per the workshop we are going today, we may come back most probably on Friday and on the same day, it was scheduled for Igwamiti, Marmanet, Githiga and Olmoran. So I think you will discuss about this.

**Speaker :**Hon. Member, I think what you will do is to informally meet the Members on that schedule you are talking about so that it is agreed upon you but in terms of Thursday is there any objection, I think the motion is carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members, we would like to adjourn until the next meeting. Thank you**.**

The House rose at 4: 00 p.m.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### PRAYERS

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker**:

I want to let you know Standing Orders No. 39(1) – Messages from the Governor provides that the Speaker shall read to the House any message from the Governor delivered to the Speaker for communication to the County Assembly.

In this regard Hon. Members I need to convey the following message from H. E, the Governor. This message was submitted by way of letter dated 7th May, 2013 addressed to my office for submission to the County Assembly.

*The least of County Executive Committee Members for approval by Members of County Assembly. Pursuant to section 35 of County Government Acts and other applicable laws I hereby present to you the names of persons to be vetted for consideration as Members of Laikipia County Executive Committee.*

*The various nominees have been selected taking in to consideration their academic qualifications, Work experience, Geographical consideration, regional balance, Affirmative Action and Ethnic Balance. They have been drawn from various County Wards within Laikipia County so as to bring forth the face of Laikipia.*

**Hon. Members,**

*It is my pleasure to submit the list of Members to head the following portfolios:-*

1. *Finance, Planning and County Development.*
2. *Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public Service, Special Programme, Security Cohesion and Intergovernmental Matters.*
3. *Education, Science, Communication, Information and Technology.*
4. *Agriculture, Livestock Development, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.*
5. *Road, Transport, Land, Housing, Public Works and Energy.*
6. *Trade, Tourism, Commerce and Enterprise Development.*
7. *Gender, Culture, Children, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Development.*
8. *Health and Sanitation.*

The letter has also done a note saying that, *in the spirit of off-loading the workload and recognition of teamwork and mutual accountability, I do propose that the Deputy Governor to head the key Department of Water and Industrialisation. I hope the Members will consider the following nominees for approval.*

After a serious deliberation and consideration, H. E, the Governor and H. E, the Deputy Governor have unanimously agreed upon the following names to be considered as respective Members of County Executive.

There is a whole bio-data around these individuals which I will not read;

1. *Finance, Planning and County Development – Joel Mwangi Wamichwe from Githiga Ward.*
2. *Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public service, special Programme, Security Cohesion and Intergovernmental Matters –Agnes Keshine from Mukongodo West.*
3. *Education, Science, Communication, Information and Technology -John Bosco Akaale from Sosian Ward.*
4. *Agriculture, Livestock Development, Environment, Water and Natural Resources – Dann Mwariri from Tigithi Ward.*
5. *Road, Transport, Land, Housing, Public Works and Energy –Virginia Wambui Ndiritu from Marmanet ward.*
6. *Trade, Tourism, Commerce and Enterprise Development –Patrick Lekimin from Sosian.*
7. *Gender, Culture, Children, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Development – Sherry Jepkosgey Rono from Umande Ward.*
8. *Health and Sanitation – Dr. David Njoroge from Nanyuki*

Hon.Members, Article 179(2) of the Kenyan constitution provides that the Governor shall appoint with the approval of the County Assembly, Members of the County Executive Committee. Section 3 of the Public Appointment (*Parliamentary Approval*) Acts no. 33 of 2011, provides for the exercise of the power of the Appointment under the constitution. Under this law, and 36 of Standing Orders, the County Assembly is required to conclude the process of the Approval or rejection of nominees within 14 days of the date of notification.

**Hon. Members**,

Standing Orders No 42(2) provides that the Committee on Appointments shall consider for Approval by the House appointment under Article 179(2) of the constitution that is about the Appointment of the Executive Committee. In this regard therefore, I wish to guide the Committee on Appointments as well as this office as follows:

The Committee on Appointment;

- Should notify the nominees and the general public on time and place for holding the approval hearing at least 7 days prior to the hearing.
- The Committee may therefore commence the approval hearings on May 14th, 2013. The hearing shall be open to the public unless the Committee decides to hold any part of the hearing in camera. I wish to let them know the legal requirements; that all these proceedings must be done in public unless they have a specific reason why it should be done in private.
- Thereafter the Committeeshould table its report before this House on or before Tuesday, May 21st 2013 for consideration.

**Hon. Members**,

The pursuant to provision of paragraph 3 of Standing Orders No. 39 which reads:-

> *When the message from the Governor is read, the message shall be deemed to have been laid before the County Assembly and the Speaker may refer the message to the County Assembly for consideration.*

I hereby refer the message from H. E the Governor containing the names of the Eight (8) nominees together with the supporting

documents to the Committee on Appointments to undertake the necessary hearings.

Thank you.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[*Leader of Majority*]**

**Hon. Wachira: THAT,** *a notice is hereby given that the House do consider and approve the appointment of the County Assembly Service Board Member.*

That member will be brought here tomorrow for your scrutiny.

**Speaker:** Thank you Member for Ngobit and also Leader of Majority Party, I wish that that notice having been given be dispensed with, tomorrow morning.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**Hon.Wachira:THAT**, *the Interim Standing Orders be approved and adopted for use by this House.*

Those are the orders that we passed.

**Speaker:** I think the Members you will remember that we have some Interim Standing Orders and we have not gotten an opportunity to formally adopt them and what the Member is asking is that we approve them. I know that you have been carrying photocopies and I think we should do them probably better so that you can actually carry them in your pockets because that becomes your reference book when we approve them. Member for Ngobit, maybe what you should also ask as part of the additional motion, is that the Rules Committee picks up these Standing Orders and do a review.

There are some areas that need amendment so that when they are complete we can bound copies for the Members, that is of a small size. So I think we can approve them but then i will make a ruling referring this to the rules Committee so that the amendment that used to be there can be done and then we have a final copy for all Members. Anyway the motion is on the table, Shall we approve these Standing Orders? We can have a few Members contribute to this and state how best we can ensure that all Members have these Orders. Yes, Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members I wish we can approve the Interim Standing Orders so that we can move on but I will request the Hon. Speaker to give direction on the Rules and the Procedures Committee to make some amendments.

*(Amendments Approved)*

**Speaker:** We have approved the Standing Orders but also as the Hon. Member for Nanyuki has proposed, I wish to direct the Rules Committee picks up the Standing Orders, there are some amendments that had been proposed in the previous sessions and as quickly as it can be, bring up the amendments so that we can have the final Standing Orders and have them printed for each member.

**STATEMENTS**

**{Hon. Ole Kaparo}**

**Hon. Kaparo**:Bwana Spika, ya kwanza ni kushukuru mwenyezi mungu lakini zaidi ya hayo yote hata nyinyi wenyewe mlikuwa mwajua mahali nipo ambapo sikuwa nikifikiria kama naweza kuwa hapa tukijenga Laikipia yetu ili iendelee mbele. Kwa kweli sikuwa nafikiria naweza kuwa hapa siku ya leo kutokana na yale yaliyotokea Jumatatu 12 lakini nashukuru nimerudi kwa hili bunge letu la Laikipia ili

tujenge taifa letu la Kenya. Nawashukuru nyote mlionitembelea pale hospitalini na vilevile Gavana wetu kwa kuhakikisha nilipata matibabu yaliyoniwezesha nifike mahali hapa.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am grateful to God for bringing Hon. Ole Kaparo back to the House and for the three who were in that vehicle who came out unscratched. I also thank the Members for we cooperated very well by visiting Ole Kaparo several times with messages of wishing him well, and if that continues Mr. Speaker, I think this House will be something to be emulated.

**Speaker:** Member for Ngobit.

**Mhsw. Wachira:** Yale yaliyotokea siku ile ni kusema Mungu alikuwa nawe. Bwana Spika kuna Bima yetu ya kila mtu tunapotembea nje, ningeomba iangaliwe haraka sana ndio maneno kama haya yakitokea usoni kila mtu awe 'covered'. Asante sana.

**Speaker:** Member for Sosian.

**Mhsw. Jacob:** Nashukuru sana kwa sababu mungu ametufanya tukutane na Bwana Kaparo kwa sababu si mbaya sana kama alivyosema. Langu ni yale mnayeongea hapa kwa sababu manaongea Kiingereza na yeye Kiswahili. Kwa hivyo nawaomba tushanganye na pia na yeye ajaribu kuelewa kinachoendelea. Asanteni.

**Speaker:** Member for Githiga.

**Hon. Thomi:** Hon. Members of Laikipia County Assembly. I want to thank God because of one of us.

**Spika:** Mheshimiwa wa Sossian amesema tuchanganye.

**Mhsw. Thomi:** Nadhani anaelewa lugha zote. Namshukuru mwenyezi Mungu kwa sababu wengine walikuwa kwa hiyo gari. Bwana Spika ningeomba Bunge la kaunti liweze kuangalia hilo jambo kwa sababu tuko na magari ya kaunti ambayo ningeuliza yaangaliwe kwa makini sana. yafanyiwe marekebisho kwa sababu ikiwa sisi tunaweza kuzitumia hata Gavana wetu, na wafanyikazi wa serikali, tungetaka kuona ya kwamba gari hizo zimefanyiwa marekebisho thabiti na zimekaghuliwa kuwa kwa barabara.

Ningeomba vilevile Bunge la Kaunti lihakikishe kila Mheshimiwa ana bima, sababu hili litakuwa ni jambo la kutahadharisha sana. Vilevile ningeomba tujulishwe wakati wa kuhudhuria masomo haya ya nje ili tusiwe tunasombwa kwa gari moja. Kuwe na mpango mzuri. Asante Bwana Spika.

**Speaker**, Member for Umande.

**Hon. Maruga**: Kwanza nashukuru mwenyezi mungu kwa uhai. Nikirudi kwenye kumbukumbu ya siku ile mimi nilihusika katika hiyo ajali, tulikuwa tumeketi na mheshimiwa Kaparo na Mheshimiwa Gichangi. Tulikuwa tukinong'onezana tukiongea, hatukufikiria hata dakika moja kwamba tunaweza patwa na ajali. Yaani mita sabini kutoka mahali tulikuwa tunafika; kufumba na kufumbua tukajikuta katika ajali na yaliyotendeka yakatendeka.

Lakini baada ya siku mbili nilipata jamaa mmoja kutoka kwa bima akiuliza hali ya hiyo gari, lakini sijapata hata mmoja wakuniuliza nilipogongwa au kiasi cha pesa nilichotumia. Ina maana kwamba gari ndilo lilikuwa muhimu kuliko binadamu. Kwa hivyo, washika ndau wa Laikipia wafaa wajue uhai ni muhimu kuliko hilo gari, na hatukujua kwa sababu tulipoanguka mimi sikugongwa lakini baada ya siku tatu nne, nilirudi hospitalini hata madawa nimemaliza jana jioni.

Mheshimiwa Mwangi Maruga anatembea tu hivyo na maumivu na hakuna mahali anaweza kudai aligongwa kwa sababu amewekewa bima yake. Kama mfanyikazi wa kaunti, je bima yake iko wapi? Na kama ilikuwa inafanya kazi tangu nilipochaguliwa inafanya aje hadi wasasa? Hayo ni maswali ningetaka tujiulize kama bunge hili la Laikipia na serikali ya Laikipia. Asante sana.

**Speaker:** Very well, yes Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think there were very pertinent issues raised by Hon. Maruga. Can you please answer those questions, please?

**Speaker**: Who wants to help me answer the questions? Hon. Members, I think the issue that has been raised by the Hon. Member for Umande, we have discussed that before in an informal gathering and that has not changed. Member for Ngobit.

**Hon. Wachira:** Sir, I was requesting the office of the Governor to issue tomorrow's motions to the Members so that they can scrutinize them better before they come here tomorrow for discussion. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, what are you asking?

**Hon. Wachira:** You were reading a paper there, we want this paper ourselves.

**Speaker:** Member for Nanyuki do you want to help the Majority Leader on that?

**Hon. Kimondo:** I think the Majority Leader is enquiring about the message that you have just read to us and it is not for H. E., the Governor to give us.

*(Leader of Majority interrupts*)

**Speaker**: Order Member! One Member is standing, let that Member complete.

**Hon. Kimondo**: So whatever he is enquiring should be facilitated by the clerk of the Assembly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker**: Thank you Member for clarifying that. I think the request is clear that each Member gets a copy of the the papers that the Governor has presented particularly on the laid nominees. However, I want to make it clear that the said message has already been commited to the Committee on Appointment but all the other Members are at liberty to get the copy. The work starts from the Committee on Appointments and that work starts immediately. Therefore the clerk will facilitate each one to get a copy by tomorrow morning. Thank you very much. I wish to have it adjourned at this point but as soon as we adjourn, I will ask that the serjeant-at-arms lowers the mace so that we can have a consultation for a few minutes.

The House rose at 10.15 a.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**Speaker:** Member for Ngobit, you can bow where you are. But anyway, thank you for being faithful.

**STATEMENTS**

**Hon. Peter Thomi Waigwa:** Hon. Members for Laikipia County Assembly, I would like some matter of concern to be brought to your attention. Last night, thugs broke into a House and killed a thirteen-year-old girl while she was sleeping. This has been a trend Mr. Speaker because two weeks ago, the same group shot and killed a nursery school girl while she was asleep. Last night at around 12.00 a.m. when they shot that young girl, they stole five goats.

Mr. Speaker, as a matter of concern, I would like this House to discuss this issue because it's something that is worrying when we see this kind of incident every day. Two days ago 35 goats were stolen; eighteen were recovered while the rest are still in somebody's homestead and have not been recovered. Mr. Speaker, I am not very sure of how committed the police are because they have been informed of where the stolen animals are but have not been able to recover them.

Mr. Speaker, I would like us to discuss this issue and come to a conclusion because it's already worrying. I have had sleepless nights since I have been talking to my people and it seems they are not satisfied. I am left wondering what I am doing in this House because I have told my representatives that I am here to file a submission on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, if we don't find a solution, I would cease to come to this House and stay with my people or take leave to my home so that I may go to jail rather than staying in this Assembly without finding an answer to this problem. Mr. Speaker, with the support of these other Honourable Members, kindly assist us.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member, I think we already have a definitive order of today but in light of what the Honourable Member for Githiga has raised, I wish to read you Standing Order Number 30.

*'Any member may at any time rise on his or her place and seek leave to move the adjournment of the County Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definitive matter of urgent country or County importance. Any member who wishes to seek leave to move the adjournment before the County Assembly shall at least two hours before the commencement to the sitting, hand to the Speaker a written notification of the matter, but the Speaker shall refuse to allow the claim unless he is satisfied that the matter is definitive, urgent and of national importance and may properly be raised on a motion for adjournment in the County Assembly. If the Speaker is satisfied in terms of paragraph 2 and not less than 20 other Members* (I guess that is one of the areas of amendment) *rise in their place in support, the Speaker shall nominate a time of the same day at which that*

*motion may be moved. No member speaking on a matter under this Standing Order shall speak for more than five minutes without the leave of the County Assembly except the mover who shall speak for 10 minutes.*

Don't worry about those minutes. I have heard what Honourable member for Githiga has raised and he did mention it to me but not in writing. I am sure he will do that in writing next time. He did mention before we started this session that he indeed was planning to raise an issue of County importance, that is the issue of security.

Therefore, I would like to observe discretion unless there is a Member objecting and actually plans to leave and suspend the rest of the business to discuss this matter conclusively. So Member for Githiga, I have allowed some time for the Assembly to discuss that matter of security

**Hon. Peter Thomi Waigwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, member for Nanyuki please.

***(Point of order)***

**Hon. Peter Kimondo***:* Mr. Speaker Sir, I see we have a stranger in the House.

**Speaker:** Very well, I don't see any stranger in the House except in the public gallery and the public places, Hon. Member for Nanyuki. There is no stranger in the House but I can see many people in the public gallery and the places the public should seat. So Member, that is fine. Hon. Dan.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I being the Chairman of the Security Committee in Laikipia County want to say that I together with the Hon. member Mr. Thomi, received a call last night and were informed about the incident and unfortunately it is only a kilometre from my home.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I think we have talked too much about security in this House and if urgent security measures are not taken, most of us will get tired of talking about this issue. Hardly a day goes before an issue arises where a person is shot or livestock stolen. Mr. Speaker, it is very alarming to note that this is done by thugs and they go scot free. I don't think we can push 20 goats and cows without anyone tracing them.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, last time we addressed the House about security, we suggested that we deploy policemen to a certain police post in Githiga but nothing has happened up to now and it is about a month and a half. Mr. Speaker, that police post was constructed by the community with money from their pockets.

I think there is someone following it. As a matter of urgency, I propose that we get policemen today to go to Kieni and Eighteen police post in Githiga ward. Mr. Speaker, we should also consider stopping regular police patrols at night. These raiders pass through a regular route and if ambushed Mr. Speaker, am very sure they can go nowhere.

I come from that area and I am actually closer to that location than Honourable Thomi from Githiga ward and what I have learnt Mr. Speaker, is that there is conspiracy between the police, the chiefs and some locals. I therefore suggest that any policeman who has worked in Githiga and Olmoran for more than one year be transferred with immediate effect.

Mr. Speaker, as we are addressing the matter this morning, we were planning for a mass

demonstration very early tomorrow morning but I think we shall follow the right channels. We shall bring everything to a standstill in both Olmoran and Githiga until the County Government addresses this matter. Mr. Speaker, the animals get stolen and when you report to the nearest police station, they take hours to go to the crime scene. I therefore, suggest that since most of the police are cowards, we should get brave policemen.

Last time, I brought a motion to this House that most policemen deployed in those areas are old. We do not want these old policemen in our wards; we need young men who can chase cattle raiders. Mr. Speaker, these police should be well equipped since the raiders are armed with AK47 rifles. I therefore think that they should be equipped with rifles that can match that of the raiders.

As I conclude, I suggest that an urgent security meeting be convened in Githiga ward specifically in the area where the 13 year old girl was shot dead, that is from Burimbi Primary School. Mr. Speaker, another security meeting should be convened in Olmoran ward specifically in Olgosio village where most raids occur.

It is surprising Mr. Speaker, that these people are so daring that they even raid during the day. Therefore I suggest as I did last month that we need police vehicles in Sipili, Olmoran and Kinamba police posts. Please note Mr. Speaker, that we do not want old vehicles being brought from other stations, we want good serviced vehicles.

If we are given these vehicles, they should always be fuelled. If you go to Kinamba Police Station at the moment, you will be told that they have a vehicle but there is no fuel and that the police have gone for patrol duties. Therefore Mr. Speaker, we should have standby policemen in all police posts within the affected areas.

**Speaker**: Thank you Member. Yes, Member for Marmanet, do you wanted to say something?

**Hon. Francis Githinji:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir; I wanted to support the Honourable Members on that issue of security. It is important because as you read the Standing Orders, the issue occurred between yesterday and today morning. We should be guided on the way forward because it is a matter of emergency since we are losing lives now and then. For instance, at a place called Ol Ng'arua, a man was killed just last week and has not yet been buried. So on this issue of security, there is no point of us coming to this Assembly and discuss issues that are not being implemented.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say that we should Honour this House by implementing the issues that we bring before the Assembly since there is no point in bringing the issues here and they are not implemented. Let us implement this issue of insecurity and let us do a follow up on the issues raised. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want us to be serious on this matter of insecurity and not take things for granted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker Sir, I have stood up to support my colleagues who have raised concern over this issue. The issue of insecurity in Laikipia is a critical one from the look of it. It has become the order of the day from time to time.

Mr. Speaker, the killing of children is serious because it is only two weeks ago that we had a similar case where a nursery school girl was killed in Githiga. It seems as if the entire administration in Githiga and Olmoran are reluctant. I would like to suggest that all the

policemen starting with the OCPD be transferred from the area, Mr. Speaker. It is my suggestion that the administration starting with the DC take concern over the issue because we are tired of the villagers fearing for their lives. I would also suggest that old policemen be transferred as my colleague highlighted Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo***:* Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Hon. Thomi as a matter of concern and we would like the executive to tell us what they are actually doing about security. We can't be in this House deliberating while the people we represent are dying. We want an urgent answer from the executive so that we can continue. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Before I come to you member for Githiga, let's hear from the member for Umande please.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's so sad and unfortunate that after 17 days since we had that security forum, there is still insecurity in our County. We are posing a question to the County Commissioner; he promised to conduct another meeting with the security Committee and yet we are still experiencing loss of lives in the County. My message to the County Commissioner is that, he must table a report either through the clerk or to our security Committee immediately. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Member for Githiga.

**Hon. Peter Thomi Waigwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Hon. Members for your concern. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request this House to see to it that the expense of the burial does not go to the residents. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request you to ensure that the County Commissioner sees to it that the government undertakes the burial expenses.

In the week before last, I personally spent over twenty thousand in the burial of the nursery school girl who was shot in her sleep. Mr. Speaker, it is becoming very expensive and time wasting for the residents of Githiga Ward who will now stop planting and taking children to school in order to concentrate in the burial of this young girl. This is becoming very expensive and therefore I would not like to see my residents dig deeper into their pockets but rather the government should meet the bill of the child's burial.

Mr. Speaker, I would also request that the County Commissioner visits Githiga Ward and assure the residents of their security. I would also request the area OCPD not to send a representative but to avail himself and assure the residents of their security. Mr. Speaker, when we go out to demonstrate, it becomes expensive, time wasting and may not get any response. I don't know what we will do but I still support that this House passes a law that will see to it that we have security.

I don't know what is happening in the country because we are seeing this kind of killing in Bungoma and Nairobi. We as the Laikipia County Assembly have to ensure and look towards protecting our people. Mr. Speaker, I know we are yet to make the law but what I am saying is that we are not going to acquire guns illegally and we are not going to be killed. There is what we need to do to ensure that our people are safe, so Mr. Speaker, kindly ensure that we get support, thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you Members for all that. I think this is a serious matter and that is why under that Standing Order, I directed that we actually suspend business this morning and spend a bit of time on this security issue. We

must always remind ourselves that this is the County Assembly of Laikipia and we should not be *a talking shop* since that is not what is expected in the constitution and the laws. We are expected to be a body of representatives for our people and it is important that what is said here is taken seriously, otherwise we shall be underperforming the role that the constitution and the people of the country and County have given us.

For that reason, I hold that this is a serious matter and I wish to make this direction; this Assembly has appointed a Security, Cohesion and Intergovernmental matters Committee and the Members are Hon. Dan Ndegwa, Peter Thomi and Jacob Endom. I wish to direct that this security matter be picked up by this Committee immediately and as per Standing Orders 191, needs to appreciate the power that the Committee and Assembly have. Please, take up this matter since you have the power to sermon anyone that is a stakeholder in this matter. I have heard you mention the County Commissioner, the County Government, the OCPD, OCS and all the rest. So, the Committeeshould take up that and the clerk's office to facilitate the Committee's work even if it means visiting the ground and as soon as you are done, please bring a report for further action immediately.

The next order will be a discussion by the chairs and I will be tasking the chairs to take up these things urgently since it's no longer the business of the Committee but of the Assembly. We will expect a report as soon as possible with recommendations on the actions to be taken by whoever is responsible. Thank you, next order.

**MOTION**

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** This Assembly notes and receives the elected chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees.

**Speaker**: Continue.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, we have the Selectoral Committee for Finance and Planning and the chairman is Hon. Joseph Kabaci and Hon. Joseph Suge is the Vice Chair. Trade and Commerce…

**Speaker**: We can deal with one after the other. For instance, the Chair is Joseph Kabaci and the Vice Chair is Joseph Suge. Hon. Member, I guess this has already been agreed on by the Committee right.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo***:* Yes, they have agreed.

**Speaker**: Good, so this is not for approval as per the Standing Order, it is just for information as the Hon. Member for Nanyuki has noted. The work of the ASSEMBLY is not to appoint chairmen and Vice Chairmen; it is just for information and noting. I want to ask whether the chair wants to say anything about Finance and Planning. That is the elected chair, Joseph Kabaci.

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I want to say that I am glad to be elected to head the Committee on Finance and Planning. As I had said earlier, we the Committee can fulfil that task. What I will suggest is that the executive continue consulting us, otherwise it can have a bad image if the budget is done and materials are bought without being aware. So I would kindly request the executive to be consulting the chair and I am sure that we will work with them well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much, the next Committee.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, next is Trade and Commerce where we have the Chairman being Michael Gichangi and the Vice Chair is Paul Lebeneiyo.

**Speaker**: Chairman, Hon. Gichangi, do you want to say anything? Not anything but something.

**Hon. Michael Gichangi:** Asante sana. Langu ni kusema ya kwamba kulingana na ile kazi tuliyopewa, tutahakikisha ya kwamba shughuli yote inayofaa kutekelezwa itakuwa sawa katika mambo ya biashara na mipango yote ambayo inafaa kutekelezwa. Inatakikana tupewe nguvu na Bunge ili tuingie katika kazi na tuanze kutekeleza maswala yote mapema.

Hii ni kwa sababu mambo mengi yameharibika na tunashangaa ni wahusika gani wanaoharibu na ni kina nani wanaitekeleza wakati kamati iko.Tunataka tupewe nguvu na Bunge ili tuingie kazini na tuanze kuwaita wahusika wote wanaopanga mambo ya jiji na biashara ili tuyachunguze kwa undani na tulete ripoti mbele ya Bunge. Mimi najua ya kwamba kazi tuliyopewa, tutaitekeleza na itakuwa sawa hivi karibuni.

**Speaker**: Thank you, next.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The next one is Public Service, Administration and Urban Development. The chairman is Stephen Mwangi Maruga and the Vice Chair is Charumbo Kaparo.

**Speaker**: Yes, Member for Umande, you have a point of order. Is it as a chairman or as a Member?

**Hon. Stephen Maruga:** As a Member.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Okay.

**Hon. Stephen Maruga:** Okay, what I can see from my list of Committees is something that reads Education and IT which is totally different from what he has read.

**Speaker**: What are you saying member for.....?

**Hon. Stephen Maruga:** According to this document, I can see myself as the Chairman for Education and IT.

**Speaker**: Okay.

**Member for Nanyuki** (*Peter Kimondo*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I beg to clarify that. It is Education and IT. Thank you, Hon. Maruga.

**Speaker**: So Hon. Mwangi, are you okay? Please, now speak as the Chair of the Public Service.

**Member for Umande** (*Stephen Maruga*): Thank you, not Public Service Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Oh! Sorry.

**Hon. Stephen Maruga:** It is Education and IT. When we come to education, I think we have a lot of problems in Laikipia County from security to education in poor schools. In our education, as the Chairman, I would urge both the central and the County Governments to assist us with electronics. Keep in mind that we are in the digital era and we would like to have a communication method. Remember, ICT stands for Information, Communication and Technology. We need to communicate with electronic gadgets just like it's done by our administrator in Nakuru called Chief Kariuki who communicates security matters via mobile phone. I think that is something that we must borrow and bring to our County, so I will urge the County and central governments to cooperate and assist us where necessary in order to beef up our security and improve our education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The next one is Heath and Sanitation, Gender, Youth and Sports. We have Hon. Beth Muchiri as the Chairperson and the Vice Chair is Hon. Mwangi Maruga.

**Speaker**: Honourable Beth, do have anything to say?

**Hon. Beth Muchiri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am grateful to be elected to chair this Health and Sanitation, Youth, Gender and Children Affairs Committee but the major issue is with the health centres. The Committee and the executive have to put up more dispensaries so that they can be upgraded and provided with medical facilities. I also advocate for the employment of new staff. On the other hand, we need to look at our youth who are not employed, we need to create job opportunities for our youth even if it means through the Youth Fund. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker; the next is Agriculture and Natural Resources where we have Hon. Paul Leshuel as the Chairman and Wilson Wakahiu as the Vice Chairman.

**Speaker:** Okay, I don't know whether the two are present today? It seems they are not present. So that is fine, we have ...yes, member for Rumuruti.

**Member for Rumuruti** (*Joseph Suge*): Mr. Speaker Sir, I wanted to report to this House that Hon. Leshuel and Hon. Wakahiu are in court for the petitions debating their elections at the Nanyuki law courts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: It is important for Members to note that. I think that is significant information. That is fine, okay; we can go to the next.

**Member for Nanyuki town** (*Peter Kimondo):* Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The next one is Security and Home Affairs. We have Hon. Dan Ndegwa as the Chairman and Hon. Peter Thomi as the Vice Chairman.

**Speaker**: Member for Olmoran, you know your work is cut out already?

**Member for Olmoran** (*Dann Ndegwa):* Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad that you gave me this task of heading the Security Committee and I want to assure the House that I am up to the task. I have a lot of experience since I have worked in security Committees for over five years and I know that through your cooperation, we shall work together. Mr. Speaker, I am requesting that while tabling the budgetary estimates; security should be given priority since they will need more money than what was indicated which will enable us to tackle the task ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, member for Olmoran. I will mention about the Committee and business towards the end of this session and thanks for raising that. Okay, Next?

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker; we have Infrastructure and Development which will be chaired by Hon. Francis Mukuria and Joseph Kabaci as the Vice Chairman.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Mukuria.

**Hon. Francis Mukuria***:* Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to thank the House for the appointment and I want to note that transport and infrastructure is very crucial. If you go around this County, the big challenge is our roads and how this will be coordinated for our security. In order to succeed, we need to have good roads which should be done in time. I thank God because I am a professional in that area and I assure you that I will do my level

best to ensure that these roads are done in time. I know we will face challenges with finances allocated but I promise to ensure transparency and accountability because I know this area is of big concern due to the level of corruption when it comes to road construction. I assure you that I will do my level best to coordinate with the executive and Committees in charge and make sure that we do this in the standard way and ensure that there is no corruption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The next is the County Assembly Business Committee and the chair is Hon. Patrick Mariru and the Vice Chair is Hon. Ephraim Mwangi.

**Speaker**: Okay. The Honourable Wachira, would you want to say something?

**Leader of Majority** (*Ephraim Mwangi*): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Members for electing me to this Committee. We will do our work diligently to see that we meet the challenges of this House and the field where our people are. Thank you very much.

**Speaker**: Thank you, next.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The next one is the Committee on selection where we have Hon. Ephraim Mwangi as the chairman and the Vice Chairman is Paul Lebeneiyo.

**Speaker**: Yes, Honourable Mwangi, do you have anything to say?

**Leader for Majority** (*Ephraim Mwangi):* The same thing applies to this, Mr. Speaker. I thank you Members for electing me as the chair for the selection Committee and I will do my level best to uphold it. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, next.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have the Public Accounts Committee on Investment. We have Hon. Peter Thomi as the chair and Hon. Michael Kinyua as the Vice Chair.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Thomi, do you have anything to say?

**Hon.Peter Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the chair of the Public Investment and Accounts Committee, I want to assure the House that I will be very transparent, will not hide anything that I will find out and will table anything before the House. I know that at the moment, we have a grader, excavator and trucks in Githiga and we have embarked on investigating the consumption of fuel not only by machinery but also by some human beings which I will table before the House when I get more information about it.

**Speaker:** Good, thank you for being spot on. That is your work, the next one?

**Hon.Peter Kimondo:** The next one is the County Budget Appropriation Committee and the chairman is Hon. Wilson Wakahiu and Hon. Francis Mukuria as his Vice Chair.

**Speaker**: Honourable Wilson Wakahiu is absent. Vice Chair, do you want to say something?

**Hon. Francis Githinji:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think this is a very crucial docket for budgeting in these areas and I assure you that we are doing a lot to get enough knowledge about this. In fact, we are consulting experts so that we bring the right budget to this Assembly. Our greatest challenge is the equal distribution of resources in the budget. It is the duty of this House to ensure that when we are passing this budget, we uphold equal distribution of resources for the County. Therefore, we have to live up to the task and need your support to

ensure that the Committee is utilised and budgeted for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, next.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** We have the Committee on Implementation which will be chaired by Hon. Joseph Suge and Hon. Beth Muchiri as the Vice Chair.

**Speaker**: Hon. Suge. Do you have anything to say?

**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. First and foremost, I want to take this chance to thank my colleagues for giving me an opportunity to head this docket. I also want to report to this House that this is a very important Committee because we can always discuss but without implementation, nothing will be done. I therefore, want to request my colleagues that though there are challenges in implementation, I ask for your support so that whatever we approve, it will be my duty to ensure everything has been implemented to the satisfaction of this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker**: Okay, the next one.

**Hon.** *Peter Kimondo*: We have the Committee on Delegate Legislation which is chaired by Hon. Jacob Endom and Hon. Paul Leshuel as the Vice Chair.

**Speaker**: Okay, both are absent so we will go on to the next one.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have the Committee on Appointments which is chaired by Hon. Patrick Mariru and Hon. Ephraim Mwangi as the Vice Chair.

**Leader of Majority** (*Ephraim Mwangi*): Thank you Members again. This is a very challenging Committee which will deal with a lot of staff matters and we shall see to it that employment is done fairly. We will be your eyes in that Committee, thank you.

**Speaker**: The next one.

**Member for Nanyuki Town** (Peter Kimondo): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The last but not the least is the Committee on Procedure and Rules where we have Hon. Patrick Mariru as the chair and Hon. Peter Thomi as the Vice Chair.

**Speaker**: Honourable Thomi, do you want to say something?

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to say on this.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Lastly, we have the Liaison Committee which I am the chair.

**Speaker**: Please, say something.

**Hon. Peter Kimondo***:* Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I want to appreciate the Hon. Members for actually doing a very good job electing the chairs and the Vice Chairs of all the Committees. I believe you are up to the task and want to repeat what the Speaker said to the Committee on security that they should urgently do something so as to defend the people who are dying and so that we can say we are doing something. We are equal to the task and I will be calling you every now and then for meetings. I urge all the chairs to scrutinize the budget and get the reports so that we can have a meeting to discuss the findings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Liaison Committee chair and Deputy Speaker. I don't think I can say more than what he has said. Please, let's take the work of the Committees very seriously. In fact, all the business of the Assembly will happen

through Committees. I thus encourage all the Members to work very seriously with the Committees and our office should be able to facilitate these Committees to continue working. I would encourage you to read Standing Orders 191 especially for the 7 sectorial Committees that are in line with the executive Committee in structure. Just familiarize yourself with that Standing Order 191, understand it and just do your work and obligation as it is stipulated in that Standing Order. I would also like to reiterate what the Hon. Member for Nanyuki has said that the Committees have liberty to look at the budget, for instance, in Agriculture and make comments. All those comments should be written by the chair. It doesn't need to be thirty pages even if it is one issue, just raise it to the chair of the Budget and Appropriate Committee. Let the Committee have the benefit of hearing what the Committees are saying on the budget. You can even do that today. Thank you very much, next order.

**Clerk**: Next order is part of Roman 2, motions by the Leader of Majority.

**Leader of Majority** (*Ephraim Mwangi):* Hon. Members, I now read what is contained in this motion: Recommendation for approval of our County Assembly service board member. The motion reads that this Assembly approves County Assembly Service Member as per the report laid on the Table on 8th may 2013. Mr. Speaker Sir, this is a report of the County Assembly Service Board which is based on section 12 of the County Government Act. Section 12 of the County Government Act establishes a County Assembly Service Board which consists of the following persons:-

1. The Speaker for the County Assembly as the chairperson;

2. The Leader of Majority Party;

3. The leader for the Minority Party; and

4. One person appointed by the County Assembly from among persons who have knowledge and experience in public affairs, but who is not a member of the County Assembly.

5. The County Assembly Clerk as the secretary to the County Assembly Service Board.

The County Assembly Service Board has the following responsibilities:-

a. Providing services and facilities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the County Assembly;

b. Constituting of business in the County Assembly service, and appointing and supervising office holders.

c. Preparing annual estimates of expenditure of the County Assembly service and submitting them to the County Assembly for approval, and exercising budgetary control over the service.

d. Undertaking, singly or jointly with other relevant organisations, programs to promote the ideals of parliamentary democracy; and

e. Performing other functions necessary for the well-being of the Members and staff of the County Assembly; or

prescribed by national legislation.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to the statute requirement, the Laikipia County Assembly invited the applications from suitably qualified persons who have relevant experience. By the end of the application deadline, there were 22 applications.

Guidelines from the Commission on Implementation of the Constitution required a constitution of a selected panel. This panel (which had required diversity in terms of communities and regional balance) was constituted. This panel opened the applications, shortlisted and interviewed seven candidates. The panel recommended **Mary Ngima Wanjau** to be appointed as a member of the County Assembly Service Board. The County Assembly Service Board has met Mary Ngima Wanjau and recommends her for appointment.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Mary Ngima Wanjau is concluding a Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Management from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. She has a degree in Commerce - Human Resources Management Option, a certificate in Counselling, extensive experience in Human Resource Management, Administration and Financial Management and Office Administration among other areas. She is currently a consultant in these areas.

At this early stage of setting up our Assembly, Mary Ngima Wanjau will be extremely helpful and valuable.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore move that Mary Ngima Wanjau be approved as a member of the County Assembly Service Board. She will serve on a part time basis. I also wish to table this report for record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member, you can table that report that you are reading.

**Leader of Majority** (*Ephraim Mwangi*): I now put this motion on the table of the clerk for Members to deliberate upon.

**Speaker**: I hope this Mary Ngima Wanjau is not present because if she is present, she will need to leave. Thank you. Good, so the motion is posing Mary Ngima Wanjau to be the 5th and final person in the County Assembly Service Board. So before we conclude it, it is good to hear a few Members. The office of the clerk can also avail the file of the applicants for the Members to see through the whole procedure of the Selection Panel. Is that okay, Hon. Member for Ngobit? That information can be made available for Members to scrutinize. Good, the motion is that, this Assembly approves County Assembly Service member as per the report laid on the table on the 8th may 2013, will as many as of support….

**(Point of order)**

**Speaker**: Member for Umande, you have a point of order?

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, it's the first time we are seeing Mary Ngima Wanjau and I don't think we move a motion when we are yet to see the documents of Mary Ngima Wanjau. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Marmanet?

**Hon. Francis Mukuria:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I also feel ambushed. I feel we need to be given time before we move this motion.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Michael.

**Hon. Michael Gichangi:** Asante, Bwana Speaker, ningetaka tu kusema kabla tumpitishe,

tungepewa nafasi ya kumjua na kumfahamu. Pia tujue alikuwa anashidana na nani ili tujue kama kuna mwingine aliye bora kumliko na kukikosa mwingine tutampitisha. Hii ni kwa sababu hatujawahi kumwona na kumsikiza, hii ni mara ya kwanza. Kwa hivyo ningeomba tupewe muda ili tuweze kumjua ni nani.

**Speaker**: Yes, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kimondo had inquired earlier whether there was a stranger in the House which you denied. Mr. Speaker, since we have not approved this Mary Ngima Wanjau, I think she was a stranger…

***(Point of order)***

(Laughter)

**Speaker**: Member for Umande.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: I don't think the member for Olmoran understood the Standing Orders very well. The Speaker said that there was no stranger in the House and that means in this County Assembly but he said there are many people in the gallery which is totally different from the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Speaker**: Member for Olmoran, you cannot question my ruling. I made a ruling that…you will have to sit down as I speak. I indicated that the Assembly ends where Honourable Mwangi is. Thank you, but you may make your contribution.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I was saying it seems we are being ambushed and it is my humble request that we have more consultation before we have such a motion. Mr. Speaker, I don't think we can get a name ten minutes ago and then we pass the name unanimously. This therefore raises a lot of questions especially since she is concluding her masters in Human Resources Management. I would like to have a look at that file and confirm that she is concluding her masters. Thank you

**Speaker**: Okay, I think it is clear. I can read the chemistry of the House so I will conclude this matter in light of what has been said. Hon. Ole Kaparo, I would like to give you a chance.

**Hon. Ole Kaparo:** Asante Bwana Spika. Yangu ni kidogo ambayo ningependa kuchangia kwa hili swala. Nimesikia ya kwamba kuna mambo imeletwa mbele yetu na hatujadili zaidi. Ni vizuri tujadili zaidi ili tusipitishe mambo ambayo sio bora kwa hili bunge. Hii ni kwa sababu ni mara ya kwanza kusikia hilo jina na sio kupinga tu lakini kuchunguza yeye ni mtu wa aina gani na amepitia wapi na mambo yake imetii matarajio yote.

**Speaker**: Thank you. Let me conclude this matter because I think it is clear that Members want to have more time on this matter. I also want to raise this matter that, it is not possible for the whole Assembly to be interviewing every person that comes here. It defeats the reason why the Standing Order and law requires the Assembly to have Committees. It will therefore be very hard because we will be doing appointments for both the executive and the Assembly in future. If we say that the whole House will be interviewing people, it will be impossible for us to run business. I think the question I should be asking is, do we trust the Committee that has been given that mandate? If we don't trust it, we will have to reconstitute that Committee.

The second thing that is fundamental is that, I agree with you that it is important that we have some bit of information before we do that appointment which I agree on and respect. It is also important for us to understand the Committees that we have given work. For instance, the Committee for Agriculture will

have a Permanent Secretary appointed to it. The Committee on Agriculture will be entrusted by the Assembly to interview the people proposed by the executive and bring the report before the Assembly where it will be rejected or accepted. That is the only way we will go into the future using the Committeesystem, but since we are still in the early stage of learning the process, I agree with you that we actually hold this motion.

Member for Ngobit, you will withdraw the motion. Secondly, that Committee will find a way where the seven interviewed can be scrutinized by the Members. I think that is okay so that we can give them an opportunity to have a look at it and view the guidelines by the Commission on the Implementation of the Constitution. We need to operate in an open way where we are happy when we approve rather than some Members feeling that they have been left out. I agree with you on this that we have openness and embrace the sense of involvement. I wish the Member for Ngobit to withdraw the motion and bring it when the House business Committee will consider fit. We need to let the Members have the opportunity to go through the full application of the member proposed and if they so wish, they should have an opportunity to meet Mary Wanjau. When the Committee is satisfied, they can bring the process much later.

**Hon. Ephraim Mwangi:** I formally withdraw the motion until it is brought again to the House. Thank you, Members.

**Speaker**: Member for Ngobit, commit yourself to the office of the Clerk to let the Members see the applications and the process.

**Hon. Ephraim Mwangi:** I will do so, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay and they should be able to meet the proposed person if they wish to do so. I think that they should be at liberty. Good,

**Hon. Ephraim Mwangi:** Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay. Thank you Members. I can read the chemistry since I am quick at noting. For those who raised the issue, please note that you are totally in order. This is our Assembly, thank you very much. Next order… there's a motion. Member for Igwamiti, do you have a motion?

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I have one motion that this House adjourns sine die.

**Speaker**: Okay, there's a motion to adjourn sine die until it is convened again. I open that for a few Members to contribute before we take a vote. Yes, Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon.Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I humbly request that the County Business Committee takes up the matter and bring up some business and advise us on the way forward. Preferably the Committee on security, we cannot continue with any other business until that matter of security is well addressed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Good, thank you very much….

**Hon. Francis Mukuria:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sir, I want the Hon. Member to explain his motion.

**Hon. Joseph Kabaci:** Mr. Speaker, I think every Member of this House knows how things are and I think the Hon. Member for Marmanet is not exceptional. Mr. Speaker, I am sure he is aware of what is happening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you for speaking in coded message.

**Hon.Francis Mukuria:** I am aware but I want it recorded as to why we are adjourning this

Assembly. I want it to be clear and not just in code that we are adjourning, but because of a certain reason. Everybody needs to know that. As we were saying Mr. Speaker, we want to know how the security situation is being resolved and also about our welfare. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Member, I think that is good enough. We will allow the Committee on Security to continue its work in light of the motion earlier. It is urgent but also the appointment Committee and the budget process needs to continue. The motion is to adjourn sine die which means until we are convened again.

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 10.30 a.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

OFFICIAL VISIT BY OFFICIALS FROM COMMISSION FOR REVENUE ALLOCATION

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members, today for this session; we have been joined in attendance by a delegate from commission for Revenue Allocation. They had an official visit to our County and had a slight opportunity to meet the Speaker and also the Members and we take note of their visit and we do appreciate.

**MOTION**

APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE 'S REPORT

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Members, this motion reads;

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Article 179(2) of the constitution and Standing Order No. 185(4) the Committee recommends that: This Assembly approves the 1st report of Appointment Committee on the vetting of Executive Committee Members.*

**Speaker:** Thank you very much. For purposes of it being recorded, you could read page 2 & 3, just the forwarding letter, before we discuss it.

REPORT PREAMBLE

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Preface**

On behalf of the Members of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 185, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the vetting of the Executive Committee Members nominees.

**Committee Membership**

The Committee on Appointments was constituted by the House on 30th April, 2013 comprising of the following Members:-

1. Hon. Patrick Mariru - Speaker of the County Assembly/Chair
2. Hon. Ephraim Wachira- Leader of The Majority
3. Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo - Member
4. Hon. Stephen M. Maruga- Member

Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo was absent with apology. He had travelled out of the country.

**Committee's mandate**

The Committee on Appointment is one of the Committees established under the Standing Order No. 185 which provides

that the Committee on Appointment shall consider, for approval of the House appointments under Article 179 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya.

**Nomination of County Executive Committee Members**

Pursuant to article 179 (2) of the Constitution, His Excellency the Governor forwarded to the Speaker of the County Assembly the following eight nominees vide a letter dated 7th May 2013 for vetting by the Committee on Appointment and consideration for approval by the County Assembly for appointment as Executive Committee Members.

| | NAME | MINISTRY |
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| 1. | Joel Mwangi Wamichwe | Finance and Planning |
| 2. | Sherry Jepkosgei Rono | Gender, Culture, Social, Development, Sports Children and Youth Affairs |
| 3. | Dann Mwariri | Agriculture, Livestock, Development, Environment and Natural Resources |
| 4 | Agnes Keshine | Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public Service and Special Programmes |
| 5. | John Bosco Akaale | Education, Science, Information Communication and Technology |
| 6. | Dr. David Njoroge | Health and Sanitation |
| 7 | Patrick Lekimin | Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Enterprise Development |
| 8 | Virginia Wambui Ndiritu | Roads, Transport, Land, Housing, Energy and Public Works |

On Wednesday, 7th May at 2.30pm the Hon. Speaker in communication to the

House informed the House that the County Assembly had received the said eight (8) nominees and directed that the names and curriculum vitae of the said nominees be referred to the Committee on Appointments for vetting and reporting to the House within 14 days.

**Committee Meetings**

The Committee held one meeting during which the nominees appeared and were vetted in accordance with the Public Appointments

(*Parliamentary Approval Act*) No. 33 of 2011 and other applicable laws.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments, I have the Honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions on this important matter.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member, I suggest that we will not take all the time to read the whole report because that will take us ages and instead I request the Majority Leader to read the Committee 's Recommendations on Page 11 & 12 although we will be referring once in a while back to the body of conclusion. I will be proposing that we do the consideration of each name separately.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Members, here are the deliberations of the Committee.

**Committee's Recommendations**

Pursuant to Article 179(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 185 (4), the Committee recommends that:-

1. This Assembly approves the following five (5) nominees for appointment by H.E. the Governor as Executive Committee Members in their respective portfolios:-

    (i) Joel Mwangi Wamichwe

    (ii) Dann Mwariri

    (iii) John Bosco Akaale

    (iv) Dr. David Njoroge

    (v) Virginia Wambui Ndiritu

2. This Assembly disapproves the nomination of:-

(i) Sherry Jepkosgei Rono as the Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Social Development, Sports, Children and Youth Affairs.

(ii) Agnes Keshine as the Executive Committee Member for the Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public Service and Special Programmes.

(iii) Patrick Lekimin as the Executive Committee Member for Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Enterprise Development.

This Assembly recommends that the appointing authority submits the names of other persons for consideration in accordance with provisions of section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Majority Leader for taking us through that. I now want to open up the floor. The motion by the Leader of Majority is;

***THAT,*** *This Assembly approves five nominees for Appointment by H.E, the Governor as Executive Committee Members in their respective portfolios*

The first one is Joel Mwangi Wamichwe. I appreciate Hon. Members that you just got this report now and you may not have time to read through it. I request to go to the body of the report where Joel Mwangi Wamichwe is the subject and read that section through for the Members to discuss that.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr. John Wamichwe appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson: -

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

Mr. Wamichwe stated to the Committee, amongst other things, that his key priority areas would be to improve agriculture as a way of creating wealth for the County and that he would initiate strategic investment projects for economic growth. He would also create Ward Development Boards.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and heard his oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- He is aged 46 and is a career educationist from Moi University with a Masters of Education from the University of Nairobi. He is currently pursuing PhD studies at the same university.
- He has significant knowledge in the affairs of Laikipia and its realities and context. This would be helpful in discharging of his role
- Has never been charged in a court of law.
- Has fully complied with his tax obligations.
- Has never been dismissed from office and satisfies the requirements of Chapter six of the constitution

- **The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Executive Member for Finance and Planning.**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member, the motion is on the floor now,

***THAT****, this Assembly approves Mr. Joel Mwangi Wamichwe as Executive Committee Member for the Finance and Planning portfolio.*

The floor is open**.** Yes Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Francis Mukuria:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for this chance. I want to thank the Committee Members who undertook the vetting exercise. According to the way I have seen the portfolios, we can comfortably say that we hope all these findings were right and we do appreciate that he is a mature person, aged 46 years and seems to be quite familiar with Laikipia County. We hope that God willing we are going to co-operate with him. I support the motion that we approve Mr.

Wamichwe as the Minister for Finance and Planning.

**Speaker:** Member for Nanyuki town, you have something to say?

**Hon. Peter Kimondo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I want to recommend the work done by the Appointments Committee and I hope you were very keen because this is a critical docket as it is the backbone of our County and I hope Mr. Joel Mwangi Wamichwe is up-to-task.

**Speaker:** Thank you, there seems to be no more comments. I now wish to put the question.

*(Report Agreed)*

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Members of the Assembly, this is the report on Dann Mwariri, Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock Development, Environment and Natural Resources.

Mr. Dann Mwariri appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011

He stated to the Committee among other things, that:-

(i) Among other priorities, he would improve irrigation, initiate green House programs and negotiate for interest free loans to farmers.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and heard his oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- He had a good grasp of the mandate of the portfolio nominated to.
- Ably articulated various strategic policy proposals of the portfolio nominated to.
- Is 30 years old with a Master's degree in Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Has a Bachelor of Science degree on Horticulture.
- Has worked with various agricultural organisations.
- Has vast knowledge in the agricultural needs of the County.
- Has never been charged in court of law.
- He is tax compliant.
- Has never been dismissed from office and is in compliance with chapter 6 of the constitution.

- **The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Executive Committee member for Agriculture, Livestock Development, Environment and Natural Resources.**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I will open it to the floor.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was in attendance when these Members were being vetted and I noted something special with Dann Mwariri Wangui. I looked at his CVs and noted that from his primary education he did very well, he had over 400 marks. He passed well in secondary school and he not only holds a Bachelor of Horticulture degree but also a

Master's Degree in Agriculture and Rural Development.

Mr. Speaker, the 30 year old, Mr. Mwariri, proved that he would take us to where we want to make Laikipia a Model County. Mr. Speaker, from his early age, I noted that he had good academic performance, articulated himself very well and looked very focused, composed and informed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. As far as Laikipia County is concerned, I rise to support Mr. Mwariri because of the Agriculture profession and the Master Degree that he has. Young Dann according to what the member for Olmoran has said is the man who can help or join with others to transform Laikipia to be the County where one will wish to live in. Having the profession, I believe he has all it takes in Agriculture. At the same time his age will represent the image of youth in the cabinet. I wish to support his appointment. Thank you.

**Speaker**: I will put the question. Hon. Paul you stopped me; that is fine, just continue.

**Hon. Leshuel:** Asante Bwana Spika. Ningeomba tu labda tuchanganye lugha kwa sababu ya waheshimiwa walio hapa. Kwanza ni kuwashukuru kamati tekelezi ya ripoti hii ambayo kila mmoja wetu anaelewa. Kulingana na mswada, waziri mpendekezwa hajabobea katika masomo ya mifugo. Ningehimiza ya kwamba ingawa siko hapa kumpinga, aangalie mambo ya mifugo kwa sababu imechanganywa pale (Wizara ya Kilimo) lakini hata hivyo nampendekeza. Asante.

**Speaker** Asante Mheshimiwa. Sasa nataka kuweka swali.

*(Report Agreed)*

**Hon.Wachira:** John Bosco Akaale appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011

He stated to the Committee, among other things, that he would have policies to improve access and affordability of quality education especially among the marginalized communities in the County.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and heard his oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- Has a relatively good background experience as a teacher.
- Has good communication skills.
- Has a strategic agenda for education especially for the pastoral communities in the County.
- He is a graduate teacher and holder of Bachelor of Education (Science) from Egerton University.
- Has immense wealth of experience in the education field.

- **The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as an Executive Committee Member for the portfolio of Education, Science,**

**Information, Communication and Technology.**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Nitatoa nafasi moja au mbili ya mjadara kuhusu waziri mpendekezwa katika wizara ya Elimu, Sayansi, Habari, Mawasiliano na Teknolojia ambaye ni John Bosco Akaale.

**Hon. Jacob:** John Bosco anatoka katika Sosian, ninamjua na ni mwalimu kama inavyosemekana, anafunza na kusaidia eneo hilo na najua atafanya kazi tunayotarajia. Asante.

**Speaker:** I now put the question.

*(Report Agreed)*

**Hon. Wachira:** Dr. David Njoroge appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

He stated to the Committee, among other things, that he would largely invest in preventive as opposed to curative medicine. He would also invest in staffing and equipping health facilities in the County.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and heard his oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- Has a good and relevant career background as a medic (20 years).
- Has a clear vision of the mandate of the docket.
- Is 50 years old.
- Has a Bachelor's Degree in Medicine and Surgery and a Master's degree in Medicine (ENT) from the University of Nairobi.
- Has extensive training in the management and administration of health services.
- Is tax compliant.
- Has never been dismissed from office and compliant with chapter 6 of the Constitution.

- **The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as an Executive Committee member for the portfolio of Health and Sanitation.**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Nanyuki.

**Member for Nanyuki**: (*Hon. Kimondo*) Dr. Njoroge happens to come from Nanyuki Ward. He has worked for 19 years in the District hospital and quite uplifted Nanyuki hospital. He is the most qualified and I believe he is up to task and given the chance he will make Laikipia the Model County we are looking for.

**Speaker:** Member for Igwamiti and then Member for Rumuruti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** It happened that I was in the hall where Mr. Njoroge was being vetted and am glad that he managed to satisfy the Committee and me as well. He elaborated very well on how he will fight corruption on the area of pharmacists and I was impressed about that. What I can suggest after being approved is that, H. E the Governor to relocate him to a different place other than Nanyuki where he has a number of interests. Mr. Speaker, it is through investigations that I learned he owns a private hospital and to avoid negligence of his job, I will suggest that his docket be located

somewhere like Nyahururu where we have good offices that he can use while delivering his duties and Nyahururu hospital can be enjoying his services as well because I saw he has a vision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. First is to comment on the findings of the Appointment Committee and also concerning Dr. David Njoroge because of relevant experience that he has for the last 20 years. I think he is in a position to run this docket Mr. Speaker. Also considering his profession in medicine and even being in surgery department, Mr. Njoroge is among the few we have in our County and so I do recommend this approval. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Michael.

**Hon. Michael:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I knew Mr. Njoroge before he took the District Hospital, the way it was and its current situation and for sure he will do a good job. I do recommend him.

**Speaker:** I will put the question.

*(Report Agreed)*

**Hon. Wachira:** Virginia Wambui Ndiritu appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson;-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

She stated to the Committee , among other things that she would work in partnership with other stakeholders to improve the roads network, initiate policies that would generate energy and that she would seek external donors for infrastructural projects.

The Committee having considered her curriculum vitae and heard her oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- She is a holder of Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyatta University with significant professional experience working with various community based programmes in Laikipia.
- Has clear understanding of her mandate.
- She is tax compliant.
- Has never been dismissed from any public office.

- **The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Executive Committee member for the portfolio of Roads, Transport, Land, Housing, Energy and Public Works.**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a young boy I happened to know Madam Virginia. She was given mandate to start Njorua Provincial Secondary School, she did it with a lot of vigour, and at present it is something to admire. I also happened to once work with her and she is quite humble and focused. I do support her.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I know Virginia Wangui. She was in the competition last election and I am sure she understands our roads. With poor roads all the other dockets will not succeed and so I approve her for that docket.

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also stand in support of the nomination of Virginia Wanjiku for that portfolio of Roads and Transport. She knows Laikipia County very well because she was in the race. She went round and I can assure this House she will deliver on her duties. However, she must be aware that in Laikipia there is a lot of insecurity hence we need good roads and thus calls for her commitment.

**Speaker:** Now I want to put the question.

*(Report Agreed)*

**Hon. Wachira:**

This Assembly disapproves the nomination of-

(iv) Sherry Jepkosgei Rono as the Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Social Development, Sports, Children and Youth Affairs.

(v) Agnes Keshine as the Executive Committee Member for the Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public Service and Special Programmes.

(vi) Patrick Lekimin as the Executive Committee Member for Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Enterprise Development.

This Assembly recommends that the appointing authority submits the names of other persons for consideration in accordance with provisions of section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member; we shall discuss each at a time so Sherry Jepkosgei Rono the Committee is saying her nomination is disapproved. Hon. Member, you can read Sherry's interviews and recommendations.

**Hon. Wachira:** M/s Sherry Rono appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

In her submission, Ms Sherry stated to the Committee among other things, that she would make a significant contribution to the County if approved for this portfolio.

The Committee having considered her curriculum vitae and heard her oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- She is 35 years old and holds a Bachelor of Education from Moi University.
- Holds a Master in Education, Management and Administration from Kampala International University.
- Taught under various schools.
- Has never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office.
- She is tax compliant.
- She had minimal understanding and appreciation of the portfolio she had been nominated for.
- She demonstrated little edge to offer strategic leadership in her portfolio and frequently lapsed back to operational matters.

- She appeared before the Committee with prepared notes for reference whenever a question was posed to her thus giving the impression that she did not have a clear understanding of the mandate of portfolio nominated to.

- **The Committee found the nominee not suitable to be appointed to this portfolio. However, the Committee recommends to the Executive – which is absolutely under its discretion- to consider her for a middle level management position**.

**Speaker**: Asante, ningetaka kufungua mjadala kwa mmoja au wawili. Mheshimiwa Michael.

**Hon. Michael:** Ningetaka kusema ya kwamba kulingana na vile kamati ya mahojiano ilionelea kwamba Bi. Sherry Rono, alikuwa akirejelea nakala Fulani, inaonekana hata kwa masomo yake wakati wa mtihani alikuwa akitumia mwakenya.

**(Point of order)**

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Michael tafadhali keti chini.

**Hon. Maruga:** Bwana Spika ningemwomba Mheshimiwa Michael Gichangi aeleze bunge hili kama kwamba ana uhakika Bi. Sherry Rono akifanya mtihani alikuwa akitumia mwakenya.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Michael, lazima chochote unachosema uwe na uhakika.

**Hon. Michael:** Nimesema kwa Kiswahili sanifu 'pengine' alikuwa akitumia karatasi kama hiyo wakati wa mtihani, siku maanisha alikuwa.

**Hon. Maruga*:*** Wakati mheshimiwa anaposema 'pengine' inafaa ajue ya kwamba inasikika Laikipia au Kenya au Ulimwenguni mzima kwa sababu anakaa kama anamwaibisha au kumtusi.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Michael uSirudie hilo jambo ngonja twende kwa mengine kwa sababu ya wakati.

**Hon. Michael:** Bwana Mwangi kulingana...

**Speaker:** Hon. Michael you cannot address Hon. Mwangi, you can only address the Chair.

**Hon. Michael*:*** Bwana Spika, kulingana vile nimetamka, sikusema.....

**Speaker:** Order! I have said you move on now, leave that point behind.

**Hon. Michael*:*** Sawa. Kulingana na maoni yangu, naonelea Bi, Sherry kabisa hafai.

**Speaker:** Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Asante Bwana Spika. Ningetaka kuchangia kuhusu Bi Rono. Kulingana na vile kamati ilionelea, ni kweli hafai. Lakini kuna jambo ningetaka kuongezea. Walipomaliza walisema walipeleka haya mambo kwa Gavana ili apewe nafasi nyingine. Hiyo ina maana kuwa anaweza wekewa nafasi. Bwana Spika, labda kutakuwa na wengine watakaokuwa na ujuzi kutoka Kaunti. Naonelea sio vizuri kumwekea yeyote nafasi...

**(Point of order)**

**Speaker:** On a point of Order, Hon. Jacob you will get your time later, Hon. Maruga.

**Hon.Maruga:** Ningeweza kuomba Bunge hili liweze kuelewa ya kwamba hatuna nguvu za kumwekea Bi. Rono kiti mbali ni pendekezo na si lazima litiliwe. Naomba muelewe ni pendekezo si shurutisho. Asante Bwana Spika.

**Speaker*:*** Bwana Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bwana Spika. Nilikuwa nasema kuwa Mheshimiwa wa Salama asiseme

kuna mtu amewekewa kiti mahali, hakuna mtu anafaa kuwekewa kiti katika Bunge hili. Hafai kusema jambo kama hilo. Alikuwa ametuma maombi yake na kama amekosa nafasi pale atatuma maombi ya kazi tena kama nafasi nyingine itatokea.

**Speaker:** Member for Salama just clarify what you are saying.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** I was just reading what is written in the report.

> **The Committee found the nominee not suitable to be appointed to this portfolio. However, the Committee recommends to the Executive – which is absolutely under its discretion - to consider her for a middle level management position**.

Nikielewa ninaona kuwa walipokuwa wakiangalia waliona hapaswi kuachiliwa na inaonekana ikiwezekana apewe nafasi. Ni vizuri kama kazi zipo zitangazwe kujitokeze watu ambao wana ujuzi na waingie katika ushidani kusionekane ya kwamba anapewa hiyo nafasi.

**Speaker:** Let me give a bit of direction here, Member for Salama, because we need people to engage on this issue, are you saying that the report be amended?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Asante bwana Spika. Inafaa hilo pendekezo limepewa Gavana liondolewe.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, there is a question by Member for Salama for the report to be amended and remove the clause recommending Sherry Rono to be appointed by the executive. Yes, Member for Marmanet and you say if you are in support of that appointment or not.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Asante sana Bwana Spika. Kwa kweli mambo ambayo Mheshimiwa amesema ni ya kweli kabisa. Kulingana na vile wametuandikia hapa ni kama walikuwa wanapendekeza ya kwamba arundishwe ngazi ya chini. Haja yao ilikuwa watuambie mtu hafai lakini sio watushurutishe tumpatie hiyo ya chini. Mimi ningeonelea ya kwamba hicho kipengele kiondolewe.

**Speaker:** I will come to you Member for Umande in a short while. Member for Rumuruti.

**Hon.Suge:** Ningependa kuchangia kidogo. Sherry Rono ametoka katika jamii ndogo katika jimbo la Laikipia. Kulingana na waliomkagua, ana uMr.i wa miaka 35. Hii inamwezesha kuwa na ujuzi fulani kwa sababu ana shahanda katika taaluma ya elimu kutoka chuo kikuuu cha Moi na pia taaluma ya uongozi na Usimamizi kutoka chuo cha Kampala.

Swali langu ni hili. Kama Sherry Rono alikuwa ameandika majibu ya yale maswali ambayo alikuwa anaulizwa, je, alitoa wapi maswali ya yale majibu ndiposa akawa na majibu tayari?

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I happened to be in attendance during her interview. In fact on being asked any question, she used to refer from a certain paper for an answer.

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran that is not a point of order, you are contributing behind the doors. Member for Rumuruti.

**Hon.Suge:** Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, ninavyomwangali Bi Rono ni kwamba amekuwa mwalimu miaka mingi iliyopita. Nionavyo mimi ni kana kwamba hakukuwa na uwazi wa yale maswali alikuwa aulizwe.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa wa Rumuruti tunataka kujua kuhusu mjadala uliopo kwa meza. Eti Bi Sherry Rono apewe kazi ya kiwango cha chini kwingineko kwa afisi ya Gavana. Unakubaliana au unapinga?

**Speaker Suge:** Bwana Spika, ningepeda itolewe kwa sababu kamati ilionelea Sherry anauwezo wa

kufanya kazi fulani. Ni kama ile nafasi ilikuwa ichukuliwe na Sherry ilikuwa imetengewa mtu fulani ndiposa ikasemekana apewe nafasi nyingine.

**Speaker**: Mheshimiwa wa Umande, bado nakuona lakini wacha Mheshimiwa Leshuel atangulie.

**Hon.Leshuel:** Asante Bwana Spika. Ningependa tu kwanza kukubaliana na Mheshimiwa kuwa hilo pendekezo litolewe kwa sababu ukiangalia ripoti hii, ingependekeza kueleza angefaa awe sehemu gani au ipendekeze suluhu nyingine. Kwa sababu sielewi kama ni kushindwa alishindwa kujibu yale maswali yanahusikana na ile wizara, basi mimi naonelea hiyo ripoti haijakamilika.

**Speaker:** Wewe unasema hicho kipengele kiondolewe?

**Hon. Leshuel:** Ndio.

**Speaker** Acha tuje kwa Mheshimiwa Maruga, kisha tutapiga kura kuhusu hicho kipengele.

**Hon. Maruga:** Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Ningetaka kufahamisha Bunge hili mimi nilibahatika kuwa mmoja wa wanakamati ambao waliwachunguza hao watu na kupitisha hiyo ripoti. Kupendekeza haimaanishi tunalazimisha au tunateua mtu yeyote kwa kitengo fulani.

Na kama kuna kazi yeyote itapeanwa na afisi ya Gavana, lazima ipitie katika utaratibu wa katiba. Kama ni kutangazwa kwa umma itatangazwa. Nataka Bunge lifahamu ya kwamba hatulazimishi hata kidogo serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia kuajiri Bi Rono. Kwa haya maneno, tuache kudhania kwamba sisi kama Bunge tuna nguvu ya kuanjiri mtu yeyote kazi.

**Speaker:** Point of order!

**Hon. Mukuria:** Ningetaka kueleza bunge shida yetu iko kwa jina 'Consider her' (kumtafakari) na ndio twasema liondolewe.

**Hon.** ***Maruga:*** Wakati tunasema 'to consider her', Mheshimiwa kutoka Marmanet anasema ni kama tunalazimisha. Hatulazimishi hata kidogo. Afisi ya Gavana ina nguvu ya kupitisha hata wale tumepitisha ama kukata.

**Speaker:** Hon. Maruga, if it is a point of order you have to adhere. Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Bwana Spika, ningetaka kumjulisha mheshimiwa Maruga ya kwamba tukiingia katika Oxford Dictionary, 'to consider' inamaanisha 'favour' (Kupendelea) na kwa hivyo ni kama unaeleza Gavana apendelee yule Sherry Rono. Asante.

**Speaker:** That was on a point of information, Hon. Maruga you have to finish so that we can give chance to a few others.

**Hon. Maruga:** Nitachukua muda mdogo kabisa. Wakati Mheshimiwa anasema ni kupendelea, ngojea hadi wakati ule afisi ya Gavana itampendelea na wakose kufuata utaratibu ndio utajikuta ukiamka na kutetea haki za kikatiba. Asante sana, Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** Hon. Thomi, you wanted to say something. Hon. Members you can also consider amending that clause, think of how this can be crafted to become favourable.

**Hon. Thomi:** Mr. Speaker Sir, this clause should be removed, in fact it is in favour of only one person after disapproving three of them. Why talk of Sherry Rono while there are others who have been disapproved. Mr. Speaker, we should not discuss this anymore, in fact the Committee on Appointments should apologise for having it the way it has done. I feel that according to other Members, Sherry Jepkosgey Rono should not to be approved.

**Speaker:** I will give only two more and then I shall make a ruling on this matter.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Bwana Spika, ningependa kuhimiza ya kwamba hatukubaliani na tamko ambalo wametoa na nikiangalia wamekataa majina matatu. Ni mbinu gani walitumia kumpendekeza huyu na hao wengine kutopendekezwa kwa nyadhifa fulani kama yeye? Mimi naona kuna kitu si dhahiri hapa, ambayo lazima watwambie.

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think we are dealing with a non-issue here. Writing that she should be considered for a junior position does not even merit. May be this lady applied for a very senior position in our County. She cannot go around again and apply for a junior position. It will even demoralize her own career from executive position to come again and apply in the sweeping management area. Even if she is considered as a sweeping overall manager, do you think she will agree? We are only wasting our time. So please, let us proceed.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Michael:** Bwana Spika, Mheshimiwa Wachira ana tupotosha.

**Speaker:** I must now put the question. The question from the member for Salama is that, any reference for Sherry Rono be considered. Simply the member for Salama is requesting that we do remove the statement that says:-

> **However, the Committee recommends to the Executive – which is absolutely under its discretion- to consider her for a middle level management position**.

I will put the question.

*(Clause removed from the report)*

What remains is that the Committee found the nominee not suitable to be appointed to this portfolio; I need to put the question

*(Report Agreed)*

**Hon. Wachira:** Agnes Keshine appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

She stated to the Committee, among other things, that she would ensure that there were harmonious working relations amongst various departments and institutions within the County public service. And she would invest a lot in public service reforms.

The Committee having considered her curriculum vitae and heard her oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- She is aged 28 years old and is a holder of Bachelor of Commerce from University of Nairobi.
- Has worked with various projects in improving the livelihood of the local community.
- Is tax compliant.
- Has never been dismissed from any public office and is compliance with chapter 6 of the Constitution.
- Has less than five years cumulative experience (this is after considering the experience before and after University studies).

- **The Committee found the nominee strong in all aspects but not suitable for appointment to the portfolio of Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public Service and Special Programmes on account of inadequate experience as required under the County Government Act (This law requires that a Member of County Executive Committee would have experience of over 5 years).**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Mheshimiwa Ole Kaparo.

***Mheshimiwa Ole kaparo***: Ya kwanza kabisa, ni kupongeza kamati ambayo ilitayarisha ripoti yake. Mimi naelewa Agnes pamoja na tabia zake na nampendekeza kwa ile kazi ya ile wizara.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran you actually grabbed the mike, but please continue.
*(Laughter)*
**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I witnessed Agnes Keshine being interviewed and I was surprised that she had all the answers at her finger tips as the questions flowed. Looking at her academic performance, she has a future and you will see that at only 28 years she has a degree in Bachelor of Commerce. It is high time we stop oppressing our youths. I urge Hon. Members to support me that we accept Agnes Keshine for this position of the office of the Governor. Madam Agnes gave her life history which was very impressing. The Committee recommended that she had less than five (5) years cumulative experience after considering the period before and after university studies. I think this should not deter her, I do consider her for that post. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria**: I want to say that we have shifted from analogue to digital and as my colleagues have said, we cannot afford to lose youths because she falls short of only one year. With a bachelor's degree in Commerce she proves that her IQ is so efficient. Let us join her in that group and not eliminate her because of just experience.

**Speaker**: Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will recommend Agnes to be approved in this Committee. Agnes is a woman, a youth and for purposes of gender sensitivity let us approve her. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Agnes Keshine ni Kijana, na kulingana na ripoti ningeomba tumpitishe katika Bunge hili kwa sababu ni wakati gani tutawapa nafasi vijana wetu? Amepungukiwa tu na mwaka mmoja na amefanya kazi kwa wananchi hata kuliko wale ambao wamekuwa pale kwa muda Mr.efu. Nawaomba tumpitishe Agnes Keshine.

**Speaker:** Ningeomba pengine mmoja wenu aangalie hilo pendekezo ili ifanyiwe mabadiliko kwa usaidizi wa Karani.

**Hon.Michael:** Mimi nikiangalia, ana uzoefu wa miaka minne aliyoipata tangu atoke chuo kikuu na najua alikuwa ameenda"attachment" ambayo pia ilimpa ufahamu. Hiyo kulingana na sheria ni miaka mitano.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Thomi, unakaa kama unataka kusema jambo.

**Hon. Thomi:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am in support of Agnes Keshine. The Committee on Appointment disapproved her for inadequate experience. She is young and energetic and experienced because she has been out doing something.

**Hon. Maruga:** Mr. Speaker, when we were vetting these people we were being guided by the

constitution which indicated that someone must poses at least five year's experience. Given that Agnes is a youth, there is this agenda of empowering youths and women there being a waiver of 50%. Therefore, I recommend that we amend this recommendation so that it can go with at least 50% of the constitution for Agnes to qualify.

**Speaker:** Someone needs to bring an amendment that is specific, Member for Rumuruti.

**Hon. Suge:** Ningetaka kusema ya kwamba naungana na wenzangu kusema kwamba Agnes apewe nafasi ya kuhudumu. Yeye ni kijana na mara nyingi tunapoangalia ujuzi unapata mtu ambaye ana ujuzi wa zaidi ya miaka kumi ilhali hawezi kufanya kazi. Ningeomba huyu kijana apewe kazi kwa sababu ana uwezo na pia atawakilisha vijana wengine.

*(Clause Amendment proposed)*

**Hon. Leshuel:**

**The Committee found the nominee strong in all aspects but not suitable for appointment to the portfolio of Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public Service and Special Programmes on account of inadequate experience as required under the County Government Act (This law requires that a Member of County Executive Committee would have experience of over 5 years).**

And read,

**The Committee found the nominee strong in all aspects suitable for appointment to the portfolio of Office of the Governor, County Administration, Public Service and Special Programmes.**

**Speaker:** Thank you for bringing that Specific amendment.

*(Clause Agreed)*

The effect of that amendment is that Agnes Keshine has been recommended for appointment by this Assembly. No need for further discussion on that report.

Leader for majority please continue.

**Hon. Wachira:**

Patrick Lekimin appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 14th May 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:

a) That after inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, one was received contesting his nomination. However, the memorandum was inadmissible as it was not under oath.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

Engaged by the Committee, Patrick stated that his interests were in Laikipia and not Samburu County. However, when the question was put as to whether he had applied for any position in Samburu County, he confessed that he had applied for the position of Executive Committee "just to try his luck".

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and heard his oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- He is a holder of Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Chemistry and currently pursuing Masters in Science.
- Has worked as a Laboratory Technologist at the University of Nairobi.
- He is tax compliant.

- Has never been dismissed from office.
- The Committee deliberated on his loyalty to serve Laikipia County wholeheartedly especially after his confession that he had pursued a similar role in another County.

- **After deliberations, the Committee found the nominee not suitable for appointment as the Executive Committee member for Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Enterprise Development.**

Thank you.

**Speaker**: Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Asante Bwana Spika. Kulingana na vile wameona hafai kupewa nafasi kwa sababu sio mkaazi tu wa Laikipia Kaunti pekee mbali pia Samburu Kaunti ambayo inaonekana alikuwa ameulizia kazi pia. Hiyo ni kumaanisha huyu si mkaazi wa hapa na kama kamati ilivyoonelea, hafai kamwe kupewa kazi.

**Speaker:** Three Members will speak, Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I happened to be in the interview room as I had said earlier and Mr. Patrick Mariru to my observation...

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** Order Member! Did you say Patrick Mariru?

**Hon. Kabaci:** Am sorry for that Mr. Speaker, he is Patrick Lekimin, am sorry, I was there when he was being vetted and he was very good for the docket but he confessed very well that he had applied for the position of Executive Committee both in Laikipia and Samburu implying that he did not have the County of Laikipia at heart and it is to my observation that he should not be nominated to hold the docket in Laikipia County.

**Speaker**: Hon. Suge

**Hon. Suge:** I just want to concur with the findings and recommendation of the Appointment Committee that Patrick Lekimin is not suitable to work or serve in any position in this County. I happened to meet people who knew him and he is from Samburu County specifically Samburu North District a place called Baragoi.

At the same time he had asked for a consideration in a post in Samburu County which has been reserved for him. I want to put it very clearly that the first priority should be given to our young men and women. I also support that he is not suitable.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform this House that we cannot put our County on the hands of people like Patrick Lekimin. This young man told the vetting Committee that he did not register as a voter and that sounded irresponsible and therefore I support that he should not be given this post because in the first place it showed he did not have his nation at heart.

**Hon. Leshuel:** Asante Bwana Spika, langu ni kupongeza kamati iliotoa hii ripoti kwa sababu ikiwa mtu ana uzoefu wa kazi inajumuishwa tu hivyo. Kuhusu Patrick, hatuwezi kukubali mtu labda tu jana alihama kula nyasi na anakuja kutafuta kazi. Tumesema kipaumbele ni watu wa Laikipia na kama tunavyosema mtaka yote hukosa yote.

**Speaker:** I now put the question.

***(Report Agreed)***

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Speaker:** Today things happen in real time. The Hon. Member for Marmanet said we are moving from analogue to digital. When I was seated here I

communicated to his H.E. the Governor in real time digital manner that two of his nominees M/s Sherry Rono as well as Patrick Lekimin had been disapproved by this House. H.E. did write to me and that,

In accordance to section 7(10) of the Public Appointment and Parliamentary Approval Acts 2011 which reads;-

> *Where the nomination of a candidate is rejected by parliament the Appointing Authority may submit to the relevant House, the name of another candidate and the procedure for approval specified in this Act shall apply accordingly.*

In that regard the two names that have been rejected, H.E the Governor is at liberty to fill those names at his pace. He has written to me and nominated two persons for the position of the two rejected. The two are:-

- Anne Cheptoo Chuma for the position of Gender, Culture, Social Development, Sports, Children & Youth Affairs
- Jane Putunoi for the position of Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Enterprise Developments

In accordance to Article 179(2) of the constitution and the Standing Orders 185, I wish to direct that Committee on Appointments in accordance with the Public Appointment and Parliamentary Approval Acts of 2011, consider those names and do the public vetting as you had done on the first batch and bring back those names for the entire Assembly to approve.

The Committee must be reminded by law that they must put the notice, inform the public about this and give them 7 days before looking at those names, and after that bring the names to the Assembly for consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** I think there is no other business and I wish to adjourn. Remember Hon. Members that we are actually on recess, and probably the serjeant at arms can lower the mace and then we have a consultation for one minute.

The House rose at 4.30 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

Hon. Members, after this we will be having a meeting and part of what will be discussed is about our training next week and I will be mentioning about the presence of distinguished Hon. Senator later on.

**MOTION**

**{Leader of Majority}**

**Speaker:** Leader of Majority welcome.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members and our guest today, Laikipia Senator.

The first motion reads;

> **THAT**, *this Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Appointments dated 23rd May, 2013 on the nomination of two Executive Members namely,*

1. *Jane Putunoi*
2. *Anne Cheptoo Chuma*

**Speaker:** Let us deal with that one first. Since the Members have the report, you can read the forwarding letter first, two three pages and then we can discuss.

**Leader of Majority :(** *Hon. Wachira)*

On behalf of the Members of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 185, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the vetting of the Executive Committee Members nominees.

**Committee Membership**

The Committee on Appointments was constituted by the House on 30th April, 2013 comprising of the following Members:-

1. Hon. Patrick Mariru- Speaker of the County Assembly/Chair
2. Hon. Ephraim Wachira- Leader of Majority
3. Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo- Member
4. Hon. Stephen M. Maruga -Member

**Committee's Mandate**

The Committee on Appointments is one of the Committees established under the Standing Order No.185 which provides that the Committee on Appointments shall consider, for approval of the House appointments under Article 179 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya.

**Nomination of County Executive Committee Members**

Pursuant to Article 179 (2) of the Constitution, His Excellency the Governor forwarded to the Speaker of the County Assembly the following two (2) nominees vide a letter dated 7th May, 2013 for vetting by the Committee on Appointments and consideration for approval by the County Assembly for Appointment as Executive Committee Members.

| | NAME | MINISTRY |
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| 1 | **Jane Tingis Putunoi** | **Trade, Tourism, Commerce and Enterprise development.** |
| 2 | **Anne Cheptoo Chuma** | **Gender, Culture, Social Development, Sports Children and Youth Affairs.** |

On Thursday, 16th May at 2.30pm the Hon. Speaker in a communication to the House informed the House that the County Assembly had received the said two nominees and directed that the names and curriculum vitae of the said nominees be referred to the Committee on Appointments for vetting and report to the House within 14 days. This was done pursuant to Section 7 (10) of Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

**Committee Meetings.**

The Committee held one meeting during which the nominees appeared and were vetted in accordance with the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval Act) No. 33 of 2011 and other applicable laws.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointment, I have the Honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions on this important matter. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I think this is the best thing because they have the report. I will suggest that you go to the two persons; Jane Putunoi, read her section and then Anne Cheptoo and you also read her section and then the Committee's recommendations.

**Leader of Majority:**

Ms Jane Putunoi appeared before the Committee on 23rd May, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

a) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

In her submission, Ms. Putunoi, stated to the Committee among other things that she would propose a legal framework to ensure business thrives in the County; invest in robust marketing of goods and services from Laikipia as well as establish boards to boost tourism.

The Committee having considered her curriculum vitae and her oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- She holds a degree from the University of Nairobi (Sociology and Communication)

- Has worked with the Ministry of Public Health, at the National Measures Focal Point, disease surveillance and other posts.
- Has never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office.
- She is tax compliant.
- She had minimal understanding and appreciation of the portfolio she had been nominated for.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable to be appointed as a member of the Executive Committee for the portfolio nominated to.**

**Thank you Mr. Speaker, this is the report of that nominee.**

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member, just as we did last time I will like to open it up for discussion. Jane Putunoi as per the Committee's report is recommended for approval and the Committee found her suitable for appointment as the Executive Committee Member for the portfolio nominated to. I would like to open the floor for Members. Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. First I want to commend the Committee on Appointments for having done a good job. Secondly, I wish to propose that we adopt that report and she be nominated to that post.

**Speaker:** We open up for a few more, there is that freedom. Yes, Member for Marmanet**.**

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to contribute on Jane Putunoi. I see she is qualified enough for this sector, because she holds a master degree in Sociology. Her docket being the tourism sector, I propose that she be approved to this docket.

I came to know her during the campaign period. I know very well that she is someone who can deliver particularly in the tourism sector, for she is able to communicate fluently and thus suitable for that position. Members, let us propose this lady to lead us in this docket. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran**.**

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have known her for quite some years and Madam Jane Putunoi has the education that is required to make Laikipia County to become a Model County. From the way I know her, Madam Jane is humble, focused, and someone ready to listen to your complaints. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Mheshimiwa Lebeneiyo.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I support the appointment of Jane Putunoi to the Executive Committee for Trade and Tourism. I know much about Jane. She comes from where tourism in Laikipia County thrives. She is qualified and thinks beyond her education. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Beth**.**

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I propose Jane Putunoi to be appointed in that Committee because previously we had a man in that docket and now it's a lady. This is a chance to give our women priority.

**Speaker**: Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. First I want to commend this Committee for the good work that they have done. I was present during the vetting and it was very commendable. I also concur with my colleagues and I support fully for the approval of Jane Putunoi to serve this in this docket maybe because of just two reasons;

1. She was among the few women who contested the general election and although she lost the seat, she had been looking forward to work in this County and take it forward.

2. She has the ground experience. I think Madam Putunoi has traversed all over the County of Laikipia looking and searching for votes. Having worked in several fields, she has the experience to take this County forward. I fully support her appointment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob, do you want to say something?

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bwana Spika**.** Mimi ninapendekeza Jane kwa sababu anatoka Laikipia na alikuwa akifanya kazi kwa 'Public Works'. Tunavyoelewa, Ile kazi alifanya vizuri. Asante, Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** I want to put the question that this Assembly approves the report on the Committee of Appointments dated 23rd May, 2013 on the nomination of Jane Putunoi as the Executive Committee Member.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: Leader of Majority, you may go to the next person.

**Leader of Majority:** Ms. Anne Cheptoo Chuma appeared before the Committee on 23rd May, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

She stated to the Committee among other priorities, she would invest in youth and women's economic empowerment.

The Committee having considered her curriculum vitae and her oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- She had a good grasp of the mandate of the portfolio nominated to.
- Ably articulated various strategic policy proposals of the portfolio nominated to.
- Has a degree in Education (Science).
- Has worked with various schools.
- Has never been charged in a court of law.
- She is tax compliant
- Has never been dismissed from office and is in compliance with chapter 6 of the constitution.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Executive Committee member for the portfolio nominated to.**

**<u>Committee's recommendations</u>**

**Pursuant to Article 179(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 185 (4), the Committee recommends that:-**

This Assembly approves the following nominee for appointment by H.E. the Governor as Executive Committee Member in their respective portfolio:-

**Anne Cheptoo Chuma** for Gender, Culture, Sports, Children, Youth Affairs and Social Development

Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Members.

**Speaker:** The Motion is;

***THAT**, this Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Appointments dated 23rd May, 2013 on the nomination of Anne Cheptoo Chuma as Executive member for Gender, Culture, Sports, Children, Youth Affairs and Social Development.*

I will open up the floor for Members before we vote on that. Hon. Member for Nanyuki, you are very quick to shoot and you are welcome to start us off.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Once again let me appreciate the work done by that Committee. Mine is just to propose that they did what was required to be done and it's good that we now have a full Executive Committee and we are looking forward to working with them. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Salama**.**

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also propose to support Anne Cheptoo to be an Executive Member for Youth and Development.

Considering her education background or qualifications, I believe Anne has qualified since she has been a teacher and has taught in many schools. So I want to support her because of both her qualification and work. She has a good relationship with communities and also the youth who fall in her docket. So I support her appointment.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I start by thanking the Members of that Committee for conducting that exercise. I also concur with my colleagues that Anne Cheptoo Chuma be approved to that docket.

This is because she managed to satisfy the vetting Committee and she showed them that she is capable of holding that docket by investing more on youth and women as regards economic empowerment.

Mr. Speaker Sir, having worked in various schools is a clear demonstration that Anne Cheptoo has learnt a lot about youth and I am sure that she will take the docket forward. I support that Chuma be approved to hold that docket. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Let's go on. Let us get Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Mr. Speaker, my name is not Maruge but Hon. Mwangi Maruga.

**Speaker**: Thank you for that correction.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Mr. Speaker, I happened to be in the Committee that was vetting Anne Cheptoo Chuma. As we were vetting her, we did not receive any complain from the public directly to the office of the clerk but there were some rumours.

I would like to stand here and clear the air; that after vetting her, the rumours that were there to tarnish her name and that of the Governor name were not confirmed.

Later, even after the vetting and writing of the report was complete, rumours still continued and this now goes to the public that Anne Cheptoo Chuma is qualified for this position. Those rumours that were going round are not varied as much as this report is concerned. Thank you and I wish to support the nomination of Anne Cheptoo Chuma.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Stephen Mwangi Maruga, Member for Umande. Member for Marmanet please.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to thank the Committee for giving us this gender balance. I can see we have 4 women and 4

men. When I look at her education she has a degree in Education and I support the proposal to nominate Jane Cheptoo as I hope she will support many youths who are stranded in streets.

**Speaker:** Point of order! Member for Salama what do you have to say?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** As per the report she is Anne not Jane.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Anne Cheptoo Chuma fits that docket to see that we have no street children in our towns.

**Speaker:** Let's proceed like that.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First and foremost I would like to report to this House that I know Anne Cheptoo Chuma for the last ten years since she was a teacher in Olmoran. First I support her approval and appointment, one because she is academically qualified. Secondly, she has worked in various institutions as a senior teacher and principal and in that she has gained enough experience and leadership qualities. So I support Chuma for approval by this House Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to support the appointment of Madam Anne Cheptoo Chuma. When she was young and fresh from the university, she was posted to Sipili Secondary school which is in Olmoran and I happened to know her. Mr. Speaker, Anne Cheptoo managed to rise through the ranks to the Deputy Head mistress and she was able to raise the academic performance of that school

Later she became a proprietor of a private primary school where I happened to take my children. Madam Chuma is a good manager who is focused and I am sure she will take us far as a County. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Mukongodo West.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** I am a member of Committee on Appointments. I think it is time to invest back on our professionals in our County. I do not know her background but the lady is very educated. When asked a question it is just in her finger tips, correct and straight away. So, I support her approval.

**Speaker:** Member for Githiga.

**Hon. Thomi:** I also stand here to support the approval for Anne Cheptoo Chuma to be nominated for this portfolio simply because she is compliant with Chapter 6 of the Constitution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I now want to put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**Hon. Wachira: This is the motion that we deferred for County Assembly Service Board. It is based on section 12 of the County Government Acts which establishes the County Assembly Service Board which consist of the following persons:**

1) Speaker of the Assembly- Chairperson
2) Leader of Majority Party - Member
3) Leader of Minority Party - Member
4) One person appointed by the Assembly from among persons who are knowledgeable and experienced in Public Affairs but who is not a member of County Assembly.
5) Clerk of County Assembly - Secretary

**County Assembly Board Responsibilities**

a) Providing services and facilities to ensure the effective running of the County Assembly.

b) Constituting Offices of County Assembly Service and appointing and supervising office holders.
c) Preparing annual expenditures of the County Assembly and submitting them to the Assembly for approval and exercising budgetary approval over the service.
d) Undertaking singly or jointly with other relevant organisations programmes to promote the ideals of parliamentary democracy.
e) Performing other functions necessary for the well-being of the Members and staff of the County Assembly as prescribed by the National Legistlation.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the statutory requirement, first the Laikipia County Assembly invited applications from suitably qualified persons who have relevant experience. By the application deadline, there were 22 applications. Guidelines from the Commission of the Implementation of the Constitution required a constitution of a selection panel. Thus a panel with diversity in terms of communities and regional balance was constituted. This panel opened applications, shortlisted and interviewed seven candidates. The panel recommended Mary Ngima Wanjau to be appointed as a member of the County Assembly Service Board.

The County Assembly Service Board has met Mary Ngima Wanjau and recommends her for appointment.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Mary Ngima Wanjau is concluding a Master of Science in Human Resource Management from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. She has a degree in Commerce, Human Resource Management option. She has a certificate in Counselling.

She has extensive experience in Human Resource Management, Administration, Financial Management and Office Administration among other areas. She is currently a consultant in those areas. At this early stage of setting up our Assembly, Mary Ngima Wanjau will be extremely helpful and valuable.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I therefore move that Mary Ngima Wanjau be approved as a member for the County Assembly Service Board. She will serve on part time basis. I also wish to table this report for record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir and Members.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much. The question that will open for discussion is that, this Assembly approves the report by the County Assembly Service Board on the nomination of Mary Ngima Wanjau as a Member of the Board as per the report laid on the table dated 8th May, 2013. Yes, Hon. Ole Kaparo.

**Hon. Ole Kaparo:** Bwana Spika, nachukua hii nafasi kushukuru ile kamati iliyomhoji Mary Ngima. Kwa maoni yangu, huyu Mary anastahili kwa ile kazi aliyeomba kwa sababu ni mama amesoma na ni mama wa kipekee kutokana na bidii yake.

**Speaker**: Point of order.....Hon. Kaparo just a minute, there's a point of order. From whom...where's the point of order from. Okay, Hon. Mwangi.

**Speaker**: Yes, is it a point of order...is it a point of order? Hon. Member, thank you for that. Who has a point of order before I respond to that? Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Michael Gichangi:** Nilitaka kumuunga Mhw. Mwangi, Bwana Spika. Hatuna uhakika wa ripoti hii kwa sababu haina sahihi. Kwa hivyo haijulikani ni nani aliyeileta, hatuwezi kudhibitisha.

**Speaker**: Sawa, nitalitatua hilo jambo kwa wakati lakini kwanza nitampa Mheshimiwa wa Salama.

**Hon.Wilson Wakahiu:** Asante Bwana Spika, kulingana na hii ripoti ile kamati ambayo iliketi chini na ikatengeneza hii ripoti na wakafanya mahojiano wako katika hili Bunge. Kwa hivyo, wale ambao wanaleta utetezi walikuwa katika hii kamati. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri kama ni kamati imetuangusha sisi tusilaumu wengine....

**Speaker**: Let him, he's on a point of order. I will come back to you.

**Hon.Wilson Wakahiu:** Kwa hivyo, hii....

**Speaker**: Na Mhsw. wa Salama, hiyo siyo 'point of order'. Wewe unachangia….

**Hon.Wilson Wakahiu**: Ninachangia?

**Speaker**: Ndio, lakini keti kidogo tusikie. Is he on a point of order?

**Hon.Mwangi Maruga:** Mhsw. kutoka Salama anataka kusema ya kwamba wenye wanaleta ulalamishi walikuwa kwa hiyo kamati iliyochunguza huyo mtu. Anafaa aombe msamaha kwani chenye anasema hana uhakika.

**Speaker**: Okay, I have to make a ruling on this one. Honourable Member for Salama, you will not speak anymore until we listen to Honourable Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob Endom:** Asante Bwana Spika, nafikiri.....

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga:** Point of order Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: He's on a point of order; please let's listen to Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob Endom:** Bwana Spika, ninaunga kile Mhsw. Michael anasema. Kwa hivyo ukiona hao wengine tumepitisha katika 'executive' hapa, inaonyesha ukweli ya kwamba mliweka sahihi na hiyo kamati ilipitisha ya kwamba walifanya mahojiano lakini tukiangalia hii, haionyeshi ya kwamba kamati yoyote ilifanya mahojiano kwa sababu hakuna sahihi yoyote ya kuonyesha sisi tumehakikisha wamepitisha. Kwa hivyo ningeomba waheshimiwa hawa ya kuwa huyu abaki ili tumpitishe siku nyingine kama tumeangalia ya kwamba wamemhoji vizuri kwa sababu inaonekana kuwa wale hawakufanya mahojiano vizuri.

**Speaker**: Okay, let me make a ruling on this one. I think that is a very important point of order that Honourable Mwangi has raised. It's a point on technicality of the report rather than the merit and substance of the report itself. But its a very critical one because this paper and this report gets to the records of parliament and gets to be read many years from now and its a question of the authenticity of this report. So I wish to make this ruling so that we don't depend on this technicality for long. I want us to get to the next order of the day and then the Majority Leader who is the sponsor, if this paper will have to confirm by having it signed or disowning it before we get back to that order.

So I want to make a ruling that we go to the next order and the Majority Leader who sponsored this paper to sort out this issue and then we will come back to it. So the next order is on address by the Laikipia County Senator. Now Hon. Members, we are privileged this afternoon to have in our presence the Hon. G.G Kariuki who is our Senator and you will remember last time that we did note that in our Standing Orders, we have an express provision for the Hon. Senator to address the House. I am being reminded that there's another order, that's fine, we will go back to that. Our Standing Order gives provision for the Hon. Senator to address us, not in any particular time but for any time he wishes and deems fit to address us and so this afternoon we are Hon.oured to have him. Hon. Members, I want to underscore the centrality of the Senate not only to the Laikipia County but indeed to all devolved structures in the County.

The constitution is clear that the senate is actually the guardian of the devolved system and structures in our country and so by having the senate we actually in other quarters call the senate the friend of the County and so when we have our Hon. Senator we get that assurance that the Senate is not only keen on what we are doing but also keen to support us and more specifically, in a more recent example. You remember the discussion that allowed the division of the Revenue Bill and the discussion between the National Assembly and the Senate. I don't want to get to that but you can tell from the Senate even the monies that were allocated, around 48 billion more than what the National Assembly allocated. I guess this is a show of the friend that we have in the Senate and so Hon. Senator we are very Hon.oured to have you today to address us.

I know you will address us formally here but you will also have a session later on to talk informally. So welcome again and we do appreciate you coming in your official capacity as the Senator of Laikipia County and please be assured not only now but in the days to come, we shall come to you both formally and informally as a County Assembly on issues that we would like pushed and addressed at the senate level because in you, we see an opportunity where we can now officially have our issues brought up at the Senate. So Hon. Members, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our Hon. Senator G.G Kariuki, Karibu.

**Senator G.G Kariuki**: Mshw. Bwana Spika, Waheshimwa wa Bunge la Kauti, nataka kutoa shukrani kwenu na kwa Bwana Spika kwa kunikubalia kusimama mbele yenu na kuwa pamoja nanyi wakati huu wa jioni ingawa sikuwa nafikiri nitakuwa na nafasi ya kuwazungumzia. Nilikuwa na 'mission' ingine ambayo nilitaka kuwazungumzia nje ya mkutano kama huu.

Lakini nataka kuwambia jambo kubwa nimeona ni kwamba, nimesoma vizuri sana mchana huu kazi inayofanywa na Bunge la Kaunti. Mimi nataka mjione kwamba kweli ni Bunge, vile nimesikiza nimekuwa katika Bunge kwa muda Mr.efu na nimeona nyinyi mmeanza vizuri na kwa hakika Bwana Spika wanaelewa kazi gani wanafanya na ni jambo kubwa sana.

Kaunti ambazo zitafaulu zaidi ni kaunti ambazo wataanzisha mipango yao kwa njia nzuri kama vile naona mkianzisha. Naona maswali yakiulizwa na mazungumzo yakiendelea vizuri. Lakini nataka kusisitiza ya kwamba katika serikali zote 47 za kaunti, kila mtu ni kama nyumba yenu, nyinyi mna mji wenu unaitwa Laikipia Kaunti. Msisikize sana mambo ya mji mwingine lakini muwe mkiweka sikio moja kusikia wale wengine katika miji yao wanafanya nini, ndiposa nyinyi muweze kutumia masikio yenu kabisa kuelekeza katika mambo ambayo wananchi waliwachagulia.

Kwanza ninajua mpaka sasa miezi miwili imepita, najua mmesoma katiba vizuri. Najua Bwana Spika wenu ni wakili na pengine mnaweza kumuuliza maswali yoyote nje ya mkutano ili muweze kufaulu. Kufaulu kwetu kutategemea kama wajumbe wa Kaunti wanaelewa kazi ya Spika kwa sababu sisi sote tunajifunza.

Hakuna mtu anaweza kusema alikuwepo wakati ule wa maseneta. Tulikuwepo lakini hatukukuwa na "senate", Bunge la kaunti na hatukukuwa na serikali ya majimbo. Kwa hivyo sote tunasoma na kwa hivyo itategemea wale watasoma haraka sana waweze kufaulu.

Jambo kubwa sana nilikuwa nikisema katika 'Senate' juzi ni kwamba ingawa tunataka pesa ya maendeleo, ikiwa tunataka mishahara yetu iongezwe lakini jambo kubwa kabisa ni kutafuta pesa ya kuwafundisha wabunge wa serikali ya kaunti waelewe kabisa ili waweze kusongesha milima na waelewe kabisa wemetoka wapi na wanaenda wapi.

Ikiwa una elimu na ujuzi, hutaogopa, utakuwa kila mara kifua mbele kwa sababu unajua uko hapa kwa sababu gani na itakuwa kazi rahisi sana

kwenu mkishaelewa na kuelewa ni nini? Soma kazi ya Spika kabisa uelewe, soma kazi ya mtu anaitwa gavana kabisa uelewe. Soma ya mtu anaitwa Seneta, ni kazi gani anafanya na amechaguliwa kufanya nini, elewa kabisa na usimwongeze madaraka ambayo haiko kwa katiba kwa sK, kazi yangu ni gani? Ukishaelewa hiyo utakuwa na elimu ya kuendesha nchi yenu sio tu katika Bunge la Kaunti hata wakati ule mtafaulu kwenda katika 'Senate', wengine watakwenda katika Bunge. Muwe mmesoma vizuri kwa sababu mtafaulu.

Kwa hivyo, sidhani ninahitaji kupoteza wakati mwingi kwa sababu ninajua mna jambo moja mtataka kukamilisha kabla mmalize lakini nitataka kuwapongeza kunipa hii nafasi ya kuwazungumzia lakini nitataka kurudia mambo niliyosema. Kama mnaelewa kazi ya 'Senate' katika katiba, mtaona ya kuwa ni kiungo cha serikali cha kipekee ambacho lazima mfanye kazi nacho. Ni kiungo cha serikali ambacho kimeundwa na nchi kufanya kazi na serikali ya kaunti na kuunga serikali ya kaunti na pia kuunga serikali ya majimbo kwa sababu nyinyi.

Lazima mjue nani ni mtu mzuri katika hivi vita vya maendeleo na ni lazima mfanye kazi na hiyo ofisi. Wacha tujue kuna siasa kwa sababu hii ni bunge la siasa iliyo na nia ya kuleta maendeleo. Hii inamaanisha kuwa masilahi yenu ya kibinafsi ni ya nguvu.

The beginning of power started with what you call interest. You all have interest to see that this County has achieved a lot of development by the time you go for another general election but let me tell you, we shall not be elected back by the people because of the language you have been talking here. Whatever you do here must be supplemented by the developers.

People must see what you are doing. As an individual representative, you must be very selfish to make sure that your place is also considered. So you must make your budget which we expect you to have a united front. In making your decision you must look at the most urgent things. If you look at the Schedule Four of the constitution, it will give you the information of all that you require so that you know what the government wants or the job or the function of the national government and the function of the County Government which is very important.

That is why I ask the Members of the Senate when we are talking, we need to deal with what we have in the constitution before we move to think that the constitution is not above it, so that we can have whatever we want in the constitution accepted by ourselves.

So Mr. Speaker, I don't have much to say but I will when I am invited to speak to the Members of the Assembly when the time is right but now I was just passing by. During the elections I saw your faces and I have noticed that you are well and will urge you to do your best and struggle for the people to have a good standard of living. Thank you very much and God bless you.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much, Members we do receive the address of the Hon. Senator G.G Kariuki with gratitude and appreciation. As I have said we will continue getting a lot of this if it is provided for. We will also get an informal session with him after this. I want to go to the next order, number three; the chairman of the Budget and Appropriation Committee. Member for Salama is absent. This is odd, the vice chair is present, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon.Francis Githinji:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We want to notify the House that because of the challenges that we have for the budget and the timeline, we are not able to present the House with the budget as required today due to the technicalities encountered that were required to be amended before this day. So we apologise for not bringing this budget to the House so we require the issue to be postponed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: What is the time indication that you have to bring this to the House?

**Hon. Francis Githinji:** We have a timeline of about one week to come.

**Speaker**: One week to come?

**Hon. Francis Githinji:** Yes.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Member that is fine. I do take note and also do appreciate this is a new process for us. I am also informed that you have gone round the County and gotten views from the wananchi on the budget and that is significant progress and so I am appreciating the difficulties and the complexity of this process being the first one. I am ready to do a concession on that but that one week takes us to Monday the 10th. I wish to give you up to the 13th.

The report should be ready because the House Business Committee will meet that week to allocate the time when that matter will be discussed. So let the Committee work in overdrive within the process and be ready by the 13th of June. After that the House Business Committee will allocate the date for discussion on that. Let us revisit the order, the motion number 2.

**Hon.Ephraim Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Members, the motion is now owned by the Committee on Appointments.

**Speaker**: Okay.

**Hon. Ephraim Mwangi:** The motion reads...

**Speaker**: Yes member for Nanyuki?

**Hon.Peter Kimondo***:* Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Is the Majority Leader not misleading the House? Was the Committee on Appointments, the one that was nominating the member for the County Assembly Service Board?

**Speaker**: Well I... Yes Majority Leader?

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira:** It is the Committee for Public Service Board, sorry member.

> ***THAT****, this Assembly approves County Assembly Service Board Member as per the report on 8th May, 2013. Mr. Speaker Sir...*

**Speaker**: Order Member! I don't think you need to read back on that so that we save on time. I think the issue is the timing; I would like to open it to the floor so that we move on from this matter. Yes, Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon.Peter Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We just wanted to know the author of the report because the report that we had previously, had a Committee and the author of that report but this one does not have the author. We want to know the author and I am thinking the chairman of the panel that was doing the work should be the author of this report. It is not the Leader of Majority. He now misleads us and takes a pen to sign the paper as if he owns the paper; he was just a mover of the motion.

**Speaker**: I don't want to spend time on this, certainly this is a product of the County Assembly Service Board and in that report it is clear how the County Service Board is constituted. We have the Speaker, the leader of majority party, the leader for minority party, one person and the clerk as well. Now the Committee can agree who signs on that, all of them can sign but one person can also sign and particularly the leader or the Vice Chair.

It is clear that the leader is presiding over this session and so it is totally in order for the vice chair in that circumstance to sign unless there is any member in that board disputing and I don't know whether there's any member from that Committee disputing the report. Of course it is a good practice if all Members sign but there's no legal necessity that all Members of the Committee

must sign, but if the chair should sign and in this circumstance the chair is chairing the session, so it is totally in order for the vice chair to sign. Yes, Member for Githiga.

**Hon.Peter Thomi:** Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, I want to stand before you and propose Mary Ngima Wanjau as a member for the Board of the County Assembly of Laikipia. The motion before me is signed so I don't see the reason why we should keep on moving around this. If yours is not signed, mine is signed so I support and propose Mary Ngima as a member of the County Assembly Service Board of Laikipia.

**Speaker**: Yes, Member for Marmanet?

**Hon.Francis Githinji:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I support Mary Ngima Wanjau for the task ahead of her. It has taken us a long time to pass this so I propose that we support this since it is a very important docket so that the County can move ahead. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Salama and then Member for Thingithu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to support the approval of the County Assembly Service Board Member, Mary Ngima Wanjau. As per the report at this early stage of setting up our Assembly, she will be extremely helpful and valuable. According to her qualifications, she has experience in Human Resource Management Administration and Financial Management which are very critical at this particular time when we are setting up our County Assembly. So I beg to support her appointment.

**Speaker:** Member for Thingithu.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante Bwana Spika, langu ni kukataa huyu Mary kuwa katika hii kamati kwa sababu mimi langu ni, kwanza wale ambao tumepitisha nasikia wanafahamika vizuri na wengi wanajuana na huyu Mary Wanjau. Mimi sina uhakika na yeye na sina uhakika wowote ya kwamba atatusaidia ama atatuongoza katika Laikipia. Kwa hivyo langu niko na tashwishi kwamba tukimpa yeye kazi atafaulu. Kwa hivyo mimi ninaweza kusema la na la.

**Speaker**: Yes, Let us start from there. Member for Umande.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I go through the report, it does not indicate when this Committee met, or who and who was present. Although it may not indicate who and who was present, but a fact, when did they meet and was there a quorum?

**Speaker**: So Member, it is important for you to be clear whether you are proposing or objecting.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Of course am not clear that…

**Speaker**: Or you are abstaining?

**Hon. Mwangi**: Am abstaining because if you provide the date, I will know whether am satisfied or not. But the report does not quench my thirst.

**Speaker**: Ok. Yes, Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you very much. I stand in support of the lady to be appointed Mr. Speaker, otherwise we have stayed on that issue for too long and we have returned that report twice, this is the third time.

For us to move forward, the position she holds is to ensure that she provides services and facilities and to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the County Assembly. To my observation Mr. Speaker, there are issues un-tackled due to lack of that person in this House. I suggest that we stop dragging on that issue for it is high time we stopped politicking and confirm the lady, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**Speaker:** Ok. Hon. Beth

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is a clarification on this clause that states that she will provide services on part-time basis. This is because in our County we want someone who will serve fully, so just for clarification.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I said before, I think this is the time that we should invest in our professionals and according to how I see Mary Ngima Wanjau, I did not see her physically but her education background tells me exactly what kind of a person she is.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Point of order!

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Umande. What is the point of order?

**Hon. Mwangi:** Mr. Speaker, can you please guide us on who and who belongs to that Committee. The Leader for Minority has said that he has never met Mary and I understand that he is a member of that Service Board and House Business Committee. If then Hon. Lebeneiyo was absent, then the Committee did not meet the quorum. So, I don't know where they met at. Can you please guide us on who and who attended that meeting?

**Speaker:** I will come back to that issue because I think we need to deal with that technical issue but Lebeneiyo; you have been mentioned on this.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I think Hon. Mwangi you know that I was absent when you guys interviewed this lady. But surely, we see the education background of this lady and the public is there waiting for us to start working for them. When are we going to start working for them if we deal in small matters like signatures, not pleasant with somebody and you see the education background of the lady?

**Speaker**: Let him finish first before we come to your point of order. Hon. Lebeneiyo, please finish.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** So what I was trying to say, I think this is the time we finish up because most of our work is hanging in that Board as I am a member. So I was just thinking….no, not thinking actually. In my opinion, I support this lady so that we go forward and think of other matters. So guys, the public is there waiting for our work. If we put all the things pending, there are other things thereafter to do.

***(Point of order)***

**Speaker**: Before I get that point of order, Hon. Lebeneiyo, there are no guys here, there are only Hon. Members. Hon. Jacob. I will come to you; he is on a point of order. Hon. I have made a ruling, we are listening to Hon. Jacob on a point of order then we shall come to you Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Jacob:** *:……( off record)*

**Speaker**: Order! I think the microphone is not…

**Hon. Jacob:** Vile Mheshimiwa Lebeneiyo anasema hata hivyo ukiangalia hapa, Bwana Lebeneiyo ndiye 'minority leader' na kwa ukweli kabisa vile aliwekwa hapa hakuwepo siku hiyo na bado anasema tuchangie na hata yeye mwenyewe haelewi na amewekwa kwenye orodha na hiyo si mzuri.

Inafaa Bwana Lebeneiyo kwanza atuelezee ya kwamba hakuwepo. Akubaliane na sisi hakuwepo siku hiyo, akubaliane na sisi ndio tutasikiza maoni yake kwa sababu huwezi kupendekeza mtu na hukuwepo siku hiyo ya "vetting" na yeye ni mmoja wa "vetting Committee ".

**Speaker**: Yes, I see the exciting discussion on this, Hon. Mwangi I will come to you on a point of order. But Hon. Lebeneiyo has said again that he was absent and so he does not need to confirm

again that he was absent. On this meeting, as a Member he has a right to contribute and that is what exactly he is doing. Hon. Mwangi, you have been on a point of order for a long time, please, I know there are so many people who want to contribute, and I will give space. Let there be discussion. I will not close since I see that it is an interesting matter for everyone.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Ok. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to address the chair and say that no matter how long the public is waiting for us, we cannot assume some mistakes just like signatures and dates. We cannot assume those. We are professionals and we want to run our County in a professional manner. So could you please provide the fact: where did they meet and from Hon. Lebeneiyo, I understand that he was not present and who and who is a member of that Committee and was there a quorum in order to pass these minutes? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Before I contribute, let me give a bit of direction and I will not close down anyone, I want people to engage. This is why we are an Assembly and people have a right to say but I want to clarify that this report has been tabled. We are not in the business of opening what happened in the Committee unless we don't trust the Committee. We have three options today, you have the option of voting yes; you have the option of voting no; and you have the option of abstaining. Those are the three options.

The report has been tabled today and so that is the discussion. If we go on and open the veil, where did they meet, when did they meet and all that, I said if there is no faith in the Committee, then a motion needs to be brought here to reconstitute the Committee but in terms of insinuating, probably they did not have a quorum that is a very serious matter if the Committee met without a quorum.

The issue here is yes, no or abstaining but you are at liberty to say many other things but end up with one thing, are you voting yes or no or proposing or objecting and then we shall vote at some point. Yes, I want to have those who haven't spoken. Member for Githiga, you stood before I gave you permission but continue.

***(Laughter)***

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This one is very technical but Hon. Members, the motion that made us approve Anne and at the same time approve Putunoi is a continuation of this motion that we are discussing concerning Mary. It is only that this paper is not together but according to my understanding this is page five. So those who were in the Committee are the Speaker for the County Assembly, the leader of the minority, and all the others who are meant to be in this Committee. So I feel Mr. Speaker we are dealing with something that is self-explanatory. All the papers have page five, so I believe that there is one paper that is not meant to be here. Mr. Speaker, I think you can correct that.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Member, I think you have misguided us a bit, those are two separate motions. There are motions today but they are two separate motions. Thank you for noting that to us. I want to have those who have not spoken, Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Before we go to the final stage of voting yes or no, I just want to humbly request the Members to… as we know all of us that this is a very important Committee especially to the Assembly, we cannot stay without one person for that long yet we know we are there to recruit the staff or Members to work for us.

So I will just request you … I know we must make the procedures and legal process but because we have already signed let us please agree. Let us not vote no or yes, it is better we agree all of us instead of just… because of small, small issues. That is my request but I am here to

support the lady to be one of the Members. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Sawa, Mheshimiwa Suge.

**Hon. Suge:** I just wanted to say that it seems that some of the Hon. Members want to mislead the House. Sincerely speaking, Hon. Maruga knows very well that the Hon. Member, in this Committee , Hon. Lebeneiyo was absent with apology and we have faith in the Committee which conducted the exercise unless the Hon. Member wants to say that he should be in every Committee conducting the exercise in this House. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say that I support this motion for this lady to be approved to serve in this docket, Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Marmanet. I will have everyone, don't worry, Hon. Michael, we are coming to you shortly.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I get challenges, there are challenges that are coming ahead of us and remember when Mary Ngima was tabled a month ago, and this issue was not raised, Hon. Maruga was in but did not raise the same issue here. So I don't understand, let us know the importance of this docket. Let us not just look for small issues.

We have been assured that the leader of majority and the Speaker were there and we trust that a person like Ngima…, I can see the qualifications of this lady. Let us not dwell in small issues that will drag this County because of just a date, which has been signed now and also I don't see the importance of this matter. Let us look at; what we are going to do if we don't have this County Assembly Service Board.

I remember when we met we said that this docket is a consultation matter so that is why we are hiring her on contract basis. When we need her she comes in. According to me, she is a lady who is qualified for this docket, so let us not dwell on small issues that can drag this County behind. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Ok. I promised Hon. Michael.

**Hon. Michael**: Asante Bwana Spika. Langu ningetaka kufafanua kabisa vile Mshw. Lebeneiyo amesema kuhusu watu kungojea sana na tumekaa tukichunguza juu ya kuleta yule mtu ambaye atatufanyia kazi. Kwa hivyo hatutamleta ama hatutampatia kazi kwa sababu tumekaa zaidi. Kama watu wanangonjea pale nje wacha wangojee nje halafu tulete mtu ambaye anafaa kwa hiyo kazi. Pia inasemekana "small, small issues" hizo "small, small issues" tukikosa kuziangalia vizuri ndizo zitakuwa "issues" zile kubwa na zitakuja kutuletea shida baadaye. Kwa hivyo langu nikusema la na la.

**Speaker:** Member for Nanyuki, I will come to you but we should be getting to some conclusion now.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Asante Bwana Spika. Langu ni ombi tu nililokuwa nimeliomba hapo mbele lakini hukufafanua ili tujue na kulingana na sheria nimesikia "leader of majority" amesoma tujue ni nani walikuwepo ripoti ikiandikwa na wanakamati (panelists). Hiyo kazi, ilikuwa inaletwa kwa "County Assembly Service Board" ama ilikuwa inaletwa katika Bunge?

Pili, tunasikia huyu mwana kamati wa nje atakuwa "part time". Ni "part time" aje? Ni wakati mko na mikutano, ama ni wakati "Service Board" iko na mkutano? Ama atakuwa anafanya kazi nyingine za ziada. Kwa sababu nimeona ni madam ambaye amesoma, je, tutamlipa kama vile waheshimiwa wote tunalipwa - shilingi elfu tatu kwa kukaa katika kamati.

Je mwaona atakubali kuja kuketi kwa ile kamati ilhali kuna pahali pengine angeenda apate pesa nyingi? Na ni shilingi elfu tatu kwa kukaa katika kikao kimoja? Ningetaka ufafanusi tujue atalipwa pesa ngapi, atakaa kwa wakati gani, ni wakati

tunakutana ama 'panelists' mtueleze vizuri nani waliwachagua wale "panelist?" Tunajua walikaa wakawahoji. Je, hiyo ripoti walikuwa wanatakikana wailete kwa Bunge la Kaunti ama kwa "County Service Board?"

**Speaker:** There are two things there. Majority Leader, if you want to respond to some things you can as well respond. Member for Olmoran, I thought you wanted to say something.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the approval of County Assembly Service Member, Madam Mary Ngima. Mr. Speaker, when the name was tabled here last month, Hon. Members, it was their responsibility to go and do research whether you want to know the person more than how you knew her by the time the name was tabled, you had enough time to know the member.

Mr.Speaker according to her qualifications, I think Madam Mary Ngima deserved this position and Hon. Members, the way we continue delaying and dragging our feet on constituting County Government, the more we are wasting a lot of time and Mr. Speaker, I know that time is running and we shall be judged by what we shall do and so I beg these Members to approve Madam Mary Ngima so that we start working. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: We will have one or two more, Hon. Paul we will come to that later.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I still stand my ground by saying I support Mary Ngima Wanjau. Niongee kwa lugha ya Kiswahili kidogo. Waswahili walisema mwenye macho haambiwi tazama. Tuangalie masomo yake hasa shahada yake ya pili (Masters). Ni kweli kama wengine wanavyo niuliza, sikuwepo. Lakini unajua kuwa kuna macho ya wanaume wengine ambayo huona mita hamsini kama inzi na wengine kilomita mia moja kama twiga. Asante.

**Speaker**: Leader of majority party.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion of appointment of Mary Ngima Wanjau. Hon. Members when we constituted this Committee we had faith in every chairman and his own Committee. For example, there was a Committee here on budget whatever job they did, we congratulated them. We have been having various Committees on various subjects and if we cannot Hon.our these Committees; just disapprove what these Committees are doing then I fail to see the reason why we are here.

This one member here has been a subject of this House for a very long time. She was even here before we employed these executive officers. We have been deferring her now and then, so what, and for what! Members, if we are to carry out the business of this House, it has to be done seriously. Lobbying here and there must be done behind the scene and when we come here in this House, we should regard this House as a National Parliament in Nairobi.

This House is greater than any one of us and this Committee of ours is chaired by the Speaker. I being the leader of majority, I will request you to tell this House if you are not pleased with our work or do not have faith in me, so that we constitute that Committee again. I beg you Members please support this motion so that this lady starts working for us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: I can see the spirit in the House, Hon. Member Jacob; you went ahead and started conversing when the Speaker is talking. Continue.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bwana Spika. Nafikiri ile shida tulikuwa nayo sana ni kwa sababu ile ripoti ya kwanza haikuwa imetiwa sahihi na sasa tumeletewa yenye imetiwa sahihi. Kwa hivyo 'Majority Leader' angeomba msamaha na sisi hatukuwa na shida. Kwa hivyo aombe msamaha.

**Hon. Wachira**: I apologize.

**Speaker**: Order Member! You cannot take the micropHon.e before I conclude and I must conclude this discussion here because we may not want to be here for a long time on this matter, but I do note the energy, indeed Hon. Members, this is why we are an Assembly; it's indeed not good to just get a report and say yes or no.

Am very excited and in the presence of Hon. Senator to just see the energy and the zeal and the enthusiasm of Hon. Members. This is perfectly in order. We are not here just to approve or disapprove names or motions; we are here to debate and do what is right for this County, so it's totally in order.

The question that has been raised by Hon. Member, specific issues like Hon. Beth did mention about part time, remuneration and also the process of all that, the process is captured on guidelines brought to us by the commission on Implementation of the Constitution that guided the Board. Members who may want to see can always go to the office of the Clerk and get a three page guideline on the process by the Commission on Implementation of the Constitution. How the panel is constituted, how it is and what step you will take and those guidelines are in the hands of the County Assembly Service Board. It is not the role of this Assembly to open up that but it is the role of this Assembly when the name is brought to say Yes, No or to abstain but it is perfectly in order for this Assembly to raise issues.

I have heard Hon. Members raising that it is not in order for this Assembly to raise small technical issues but you are totally in order. In terms of remuneration because it is a legal question I will like to just take note that this remuneration and the terms are being guided by the famous Salary and Remuneration Commission of Madam Serem. She guides on the part time, the full time and the month that go with that. With that Hon. Members I want to put the question;

> ***THAT**, this House approves the report of the County Assembly Service Board on the nomination of Mary Ngima Wanjau as the member of the Board as the report laid on the table dated 8th May 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Members thank you very much. I wish to adjourn this House as you know we are in recess. Of course the next session will be clear.

The House rose at 4:20 p.m.

| SITTING NO 11 | Tuesday, 25th June, 2013 | 2.30 p.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**[Chairman Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**[Hon. Wakahiu]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will request this House to give Budget and Appropriation Committee more time to conclude the budget making process for us to table the report tomorrow morning, 26th June, 2013.

**Speaker:** Chairman, that is fine. We shall postpone that order to tomorrow morning at 9.00 a.m.

**STATEMENTS**

***Construction of roads***

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand here and I beg for your intervention because as a chairman of PAC –Public Investment and Accounts Committee, I feel that there are areas that need the intervention of Members of this House. Mr. Speaker Sir, I come from Githiga Ward and although I am the PAC chairman presenting the County, I feel that there is a very good work that has been going on in my ward. Mr. Speaker, for the last one or two months there has been road repairing work going on and I feel that the Members of this House should intervene through your assistance to see that the fuel consumed in every ward is exactly the kilometres being repaired and serving that purpose.

Mr. Speaker, I have evidence that when that work was being done, the tractors were moving from areas where that work was being done to other counties. Mr. Speaker, without elaborating much, I would just request for your intervention and to ensure that a Committee from this Assembly intervenes and comes up with a clear report of what I am trying to say. Mr. Speaker, we have the Executive on Finance who can come up with a report on this one.

***Governor's office-Githiga Ward***

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also come from Githiga Ward and I have another report that there is a construction of the said Governor's office. Mr. Speaker, being the area representative, I have not been involved in that construction or even been let to know what is happening. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I sent somebody on my behalf who was denied from getting information. I stand here requesting for your assistance but also an audit should be done to come up with clear information on the kind of repairs being done, the period of time that that repair has taken place and the contractor who is doing that work.

***Ghost workers-Rumuruti***

Mr. Speaker, we also have this issue of employment. This issue is going to spoil our revenue because we have ghost workers as far as I am concerned. Mr. Speaker, in Rumuruti, we have names that we have established that are not in the

payroll. People who have been given responsibilities lately and yet we cannot be able to tell who the employer is or who is paying these people. Mr. Speaker, we have one employee who is working on the grader, a very new face, somebody who does not know how to run the machine or the grader. Half of the day he is using the grader to train himself or learn how to use it and the other half he constructs the road. So Mr. Speaker, I need your intervention on this. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I request that an audit be done on the fuel consumption and again an investigation should be done to establish the real employees and the ghost workers, thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I have stood in support of what the Hon. Member for Githiga Ward has said that there is illegal enrolment of people at Rumuruti Township and it has come to the concern of Nyahururu people because these people as they are enrolled in Rumuruti they are deployed to Nyahururu Town. I have a number of them; they were eleven last week and I raised the issue to the Sub-County Administrator and I understand most of them have gone back to Rumuruti where I do not know in which office they have gone to work. In the Governor's office, I understand there is a lady there who is employed there from Rumuruti. Initially, a former councillor employed 38 people and 17 casuals adding up to 55 people and I understand the list form in Rumuruti has about 49 people right now. We would also like the House to be notified through the Committee that will be proposed to be sent to Rumuruti to investigate and to come up with a report and tell us what is going on. We would also want to know the privilege that person has from Rumuruti for employing people while we are still waiting for the Public Service Board to be constituted to employ people. Mr. Speaker Sir, it's my concern that those people had come from over 100 km from Nyahururu raising complains. Does it mean that Nyahururu does not have learned people? The issue should be elaborated further Mr. Speaker Sir, and I would kindly request the House to send the PAC team to go and investigate that issue. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** I want to be clear about the issues, not to debate about the statement because that is further work, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to comment because right now the grader is in Olmoran Ward from yesterday. It is true, as the Member for Githiga has said that the young man who has been employed does not know anything about the grader. He is being trained and digging some roads and therefore Mr. Speaker, I wonder how it came that they employed someone who cannot even drive a grader. To add what the Member for Igwamiti has said, Mr. Speaker, it is very true that workers are employed in Rumuruti then deployed in Olmoran and I have several of them. To make matters worse they are coming from one tribe, therefore Mr. Speaker, I request the Chairman of the Committee to do much of the investigation and give us a report. Rumour has it that the person employing these people is the former clerk.

**Speaker:** Order Member! Do not pre-empt the investigation that will happen or debate that because I think there will be much investigation. Hon. Suge, just talk so that we can move ahead.

**Hon. Suge:** Asante Bwana Spika ningependa kuchangia mambo kidogo tu. Ombi langu ni kuona ya kwamba hili Bunge liweze kutengeneza kamati ambayo itafanya uchunguzi kamili na kuleta ripoti ambayo itatuwezesha kukadilia lile jambo. Mimi nikiwa mwakilishi wa kule Rumuruti na tumekuwa na shida. Tangu mwanzo

wa mwaka huu, kumeajiriwa watu wengi na hatungependa kodi ya mwananchi...

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, now you are discussing the matter, let us not pre-empt the work of the Committee. I wanted to be clear, who is the Chairman of the Public Service Committee. I was looking at the Committee structure and none of them is expressed under Public Service and this is helpful. I will make those two rulings because I think the issues which have been raised are very serious.

1) The Chairman of the Public Investment Committee raised the issues of the misuse of the Public Funds. The role of the County Public Investment Accounts Committee shall be responsible for, that is Standing Order No. 186, the examination of the accounts showing the appropriations of the sum voted by the County Assembly to make the Public expenditure of such other accounts laid before the County Assembly as the Committee may think fit, and
2) Examination of the report, accounts and working of County Public Investment, the examination in the contexts of the autonomy and efficiency of the County Public Investments whether the affairs of the County Public Investment have been managed in accordance with sound financial or business principals and prudent commercial practices.

That therefore tells you that the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee do not investigate. It sanctions audits and that is what Hon. Thomi did raise. On the issues of the misuse of Public Fund around the road construction and the office of the Governor, I would say that the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee picks up that matter and sanctions an audit and the report comes to that Committee and then it is able to take action and bring a report finally to us. I hope that is clear and the office of the clerk will help to do that.

On the issue of the ghost workers, I would recommend that the Leader of Majority and Minority, in consultation with all of us to come up with an Ad-hoc Committee of three people and report back to us tomorrow morning and we will sanction that Committee to go and investigate fully on the ghost workers. The Chairman of Liaison Committee, it is important to look at our Committee structure so that we can discuss about Public Service because it's a critical area. Thank you.

Chairman of the Public Investment Committee, how long do you think you will get back to us after the period of sanctioning an audit?

**Hon. Thomi:** Mr. Speaker, as a Committee I think we can get our findings and then bring them to the House maybe in a weeks' time

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, I do not think you will do that in a weeks' time because if that cannot happen in a weeks' time I suggest you meet tomorrow and you give us a timeline. I will also be asking if I remember very well, there was a Committee on Security that was given tasks sometimes back. Hon. Member for Olmoran, this is not for you to respond but I think there was a task you were given as a Committee. We will be seeking that when the Committee is sanctioned the report is brought back just for our information but Hon. Thomi tomorrow you can tell us what time you need to do the work but make sure you have enough time so that you are not also rushed.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MOTION**

**{Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee}**

**Speaker:** Chairman you were to table a report today and move a motion.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will request this House that since we have not yet completed the budget and we are almost concluding, Mr. Speaker, give us up to tomorrow morning, 26th May, 2013.

**Speaker:** That's fine Mr. Chairman for Budget and Appropriation Committee, tomorrow at 9.00 a.m. we shall discuss that.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of majority]**

**THAT**, this House approves the exemption of the requirements of the Standing Order No. 117 to reduce the number of days required after Publication of the Bill from seven (7) to one (1) day in respect of the County Appropriation Bill 2013.

**Speaker:** So you have moved that, who do you want to second?

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand in support of the motion whereby we should table the bill tomorrow because of what we saw on the budget after going through it. Therefore, we kindly request the House to let the bill to be tabled tomorrow. Thank you.

**Speaker:** That is fine; I do not think we have to debate on this one. I will put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

*(Laughter)*

**MOTION**

**[Leader of majority]**

**THAT**, this House approves the exemptions of the requirements of the Standing Order No. 118 to allow more than one (1) stage of a Bill to be taken in respect of County Appropriation Bill.

Can Hon. Dann second the motion?

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion,

> ***THAT**, this House approves the exemptions of the requirements of the Standing Order No. 118 to allow more than one (1) stage of a Bill to be taken in respect of County Appropriation Bill.*

I seek to second.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi, are you on a point of order?

**Hon. Mwangi:** I want to seek your indulgence in this particular point of order. Is it in order for the Member of Olmoran to keep on repeating whatever the Leader of Majority has said?

**Speaker:** Hon. Member for Olmoran, you are being asked to be a bit more innovative, that is what Hon. Mwangi in very kind words is saying but you do not need to respond to that because this is a procedure, I do not think we need to debate it. I will put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Leader of majority]**

**THAT**, this House approves the exemption of the requirements of the Standing Order No. 27(1) to

allow the Assembly to adjourn on Wednesday 26th June, 2013 and sit on Thursday at 9.00 a.m.

**Speaker:** I think, Clerk you need to talk to the Leader of Majority to withdraw that order so that it is on record. Clerk, I think there is a change of plan not to adjourn tomorrow but the Order Paper had been done.

*(Consultation)*

**Speaker:** The other option is to defer the motion entirely.

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, after consultation I think we are going to meet.

**THAT**, this House approves the sitting of the Standing Order No. 27(1) to allow the Assembly NOT to adjourn on Wednesday 26th June, 2013.

**Speaker:** You are on a point of order Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Maruga:** Is it in order for the Leader of Majority to mislead the House that we had already adjourned, we were not to meet tomorrow whereas we know that tomorrow on Wednesday 26th is a normal day of Assembly business.

**Speaker:** I have come to the rescue of the Majority Leader; I think all he wants to do is to defer the motion.

**Hon. Wachira:** I defer the motion.

**Hon. Kimondo:** I second.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much Hon. Mwangi for putting Members to task.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** We adjourn until tomorrow at 9.00 a.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 3.30 p.m.

| SITTING NO 12 | Wednesday, 26th June, 2013 | 9.00 a.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**PAPERS**

**[Chairman Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**{Hon. Wakahiu**}

**THAT,** this House adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee of the fiscal year 2013/2014 budget estimates for the County and the County Assembly tabled before the County Assembly on 25th June, 2013.

**Speaker**: So Hon. Member, do you want to table the paper?

*(Paper laid)*

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**[Chairman Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**{Hon. Wakahiu**}

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the fiscal year 2013/2014 budget estimates for the County and the County Assembly tabled before the County Assembly on the 25th June 2013.*

**STATEMENTS**

**{Hon. Thomi}**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I requested for an intervention from you to send a team to Githiga Ward where we have some information on misuse of funds. Mr. Speaker, I did not clearly get how the report will be carried out. I request you to kindly come out and inform this House on how the audit will be done and how the issue on employment is going to be handled since it was not clear to me.

**Speaker**: Okay. Thank you Hon. Member, it is helpful to seek clarification. I did make a ruling yesterday. There were two issues being raised about the alleged misuse of funds around the road construction and the Governor's office and we said that it is within the armpit of the public, which is called the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee under Standing Order No.186. We said that as long as there is misappropriation or alleged misallocation of public funds that is within the mandate of the PAC, the County Public Investment, and Accounts Committee. I read the role of that Committee which is in Standing Order No. 186. One is the examination of the accounts showing the appropriations of the sum voted by the County Assembly to meet the public expenditure and of such other accounts read before the County Assembly as the Committee may think fit.

Then there is the examination of report accounts and working of the County Public Investment. The examination in the context of the autonomy and efficiency of the County Public Investments whether the affairs of the County Public Investments are being managed in accordance with sound financial business principles and prudent

commercial practices. I clarified that the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee does not investigate but it can authorise for audit to be done and when it's done, that report is laid before that Committee and it takes action appropriately.

In line with those two issues that were raised yesterday, I directed that the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee picks up that matter and engages an auditor to do the audit and then the report be laid to that Committee and then that Committee considers that report and eventually brings it to the Assembly. So that Committeeshould pick up that matter, you have the office of the clerk to facilitate you on that in terms of any logistics involved in that. The office of the clerk will help you and even in terms of the processes involved.

Then on the second matter about the irregular staff recruitment, we said that at present in our Committeestructure, there is no Committee that fits with Public Service and that is an area where the Chair of the Liaison Committee will need to pick up so that we know the Public Service falls under which Committee in the future. Therefore, I directed the Majority and the Minority leaders in consultation with the Members to come up with an Ad Hoc Committee because that is within the Standing Orders. It was a Committee of three people who will consult and agree and the Majority Leader was to report today on the Committee of three who will look into that matter. I can see there's motion number ten around that and I trust the Majority Leader will be telling us who are the three people who will be commissioned to do that. Thank you very much, so Hon. Member is that clear now?

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is very clear.

**Speaker**: Okay.

**MOTION**

**[Chairman Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**{Hon. Wakahiu}**

Thank you Mr. Speaker,

**THAT**, the County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Fiscal year 2013/2014 Budget Estimates for the County Government, and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on 30th May, 2013.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Budget and Appropriation Committee has over the last one (1) and a half months considered the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year 2013/2014 for the County Government and County Assembly of Laikipia. The Committee having received views from the Members of the County Assembly, the County Executive and the public, reviewed and made the proposals contained in this report. The Committee did also seek the input of experts from the Institute of Economic Affairs in Kenya.

In the review of the report, the Committee applied the following principles:-

**Equity**: This was considered as a core principle in ensuring that the budget provides for peoples to be served according to their needs.

**Balanced Budget**: This was appreciated in the need to maintain the deficit at a minimum so as to ensure that the programmes provided for can be undertaken.

**Reliable sources of revenue:** The Committee considered this as critical in ensuring the County only budgets against monies that are assured so as to lessen the financial strain in the County.

**Practicability**: This was considered in the spirit of what is possible to do in the one financial year considering the processes of procurement, staffing and actual delivery of services especially on infrastructural projects.

The process of this review comprised of the following:-

- Consultations with Members of the County Assembly during the consultative forums with the public on May 20-23 2013.

- Consultations with Members of the public in 6 forums (2 in each sub-County unit) during the period 20-23 May, 2013. The reports of the said consultations are in Annex 3.

- Consultations with the County Executive on 27 and 28 May, 2013 based on the earlier tabled budget estimates submitted to them on the 30 April. See Annex 4.

- Review of the budget estimates with the input of experts from the Institute of Economic Affairs Kenya during a workshop on June 11-12, 2013 based on the budget estimates tabled on June 11 and revised on June 12.

**OBSERVATIONS**

The meeting was held with the County Executive Committee, Finance and the Budget and Appropriations Committee to scrutinize the budget estimates. The revised budget estimates for the County Government and County Assembly are as provided in Annex 1 and 2 of this report.

The following observations were made.

- There was no provision of rehabilitation of playing ground.

- There was need to increase the allocation of security lighting in Igwamiti, Nanyuki, Thingithu and Rumuruti.

- Nanyuki Stadium is in Thingithu Ward and not Nanyuki Ward as indicated in the budget.

- That there was need to align the ward annexes with the sector budgets.

- That unit cost for murraming may vary from one place to the other taking into consideration the availability of raw materials and transportation costs.

- That security lighting was not a priority in some wards.

- The allocation for purchase of motor vehicle was very high.

**DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

Having considered all the factors and considerations the Budget and Appropriations Committee made and adopted the following decisions:-

- That the allocation for County Assembly be changed from Kshs 571,311,280 to Kshs 605,811,280

- To include an allocation of Kshs 34,500,000 for County Assembly Members car grant.

- That the allocation for rehabilitation of playing ground be provided at Kshs. 1million per ward apart from Nanyuki,

Rumuruti and Igwamiti which has an allocation for renovation of stadium.

- That the allocation on rehabilitation of Nanyuki Stadium be relocated to Thingithu Ward.

- That the allocation of security lighting in Igwamiti, Rumuruti be increased by 5million each and that for Nanyuki and Thingithu be increased by 2.5 million each.

- That the allocation for infrastructure be increased from Kshs 1,278,745,000 to Kshs 1,306,246,000.

- That the allocation for Agriculture be reduced from Kshs 137,235,000 to Kshs 103,285,000

- That the allocation for Finance, Planning and Devolution be reduced from Kshs 945,450,000 to Kshs 942,450,000.

- That the allocation for Education and ICT be increased from Kshs 262,500,000 to Kshs 266,910,000.

- That the allocation on Security and Home Affairs be increased from Kshs 31,500,000 to Kshs 45,745,000.

- That the allocation on Industrialization and Enterprise Development be maintained at Kshs 31,500,000.

- That the allocation on Health and Sanitation be reduced from Kshs 524,270,000 to Kshs 514,794,000.

- That the allocation on Gender Youth and Sports be increased from Kshs 23,100,000 to Kshs 33,950,000.

- That the allocation on Water be increased from Kshs 446,041,500 to 459,431,500.

- That the allocation on Tourism be maintained at Kshs 29,400,000.

- That the allocation for purchase of motor vehicle be maintained at Kshs 65m.

- That the savings on murraming of roads should be used to murram more roads in the respective wards.

The Committee thus adopted this budget of Kshs. 6,490,169,592 which is a change of Kshs 368,325,116 from the estimates tabled on 30 April.

The Committee takes serious note of a deficit of Kshs.1, 740,169,592. Which it has tasked the Executive to table ways of bridging it as part of the Finance Bill recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Budget and Appropriations Committee while appreciating the time and logistical constraints that faced the budget preparation process and while commending the County Executive for delivering on timelines made the following recommendations:-

**That**, *the County Executive tables all the documentation of assets and liabilities of the County.*

***That,*** *the County Executive provides clear memorandum on the details of the various funds created as well as the proposed legislation;*

***That**, the deficit financing plan be availed so as to guide the final decision of the House regarding the proposed appropriations.*

Mr. Speaker Sir that is the Budget and Appropriations Committee findings and recommendations final report that we were doing for the last one and a half months. I just want to say that I appreciate the commitment and participation of every Committee Member and Members this far and I want to request the House Mr. Speaker, that having done all this, it does not mean that it is the final part of what as a House we have to adopt.

Therefore, I will just request the House and all the Members Mr. Speaker to have a chance of going through the report and even the budget estimates as per the annexes and the schedules so that where possible we may make adjustments for the betterment of the financial year 2013. As you can see, there is more than Kshs.1.7 billion deficit in the budget and as Members of the Committee of the budget we have tried to our best at least to come up with a minimal deficit but due to some of the devolved functions from the National Government. We were to stand with that although there is also room to make as minimal as we can considering the status of our County and with that Mr. Speaker Sir, I would request the Hon. Member for Marmanet and Committee Member to second the motion.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this chance, I beg to second the motion for this budget 2013-2014. As you know we have been deliberating this for the last one and a half months, I thank the Members for the contribution to this Committee, and it is my support that we support this budget. I think that every Member in this House has the power and knowledge of what has been going on and I thank Members because they have contributed a lot for their areas despite the challenges of relocation of funds we have been able to come out with a budget of the first of this nature in this County. Therefore, I beg the Members to support this budget and I know that if we support this budget in the next financial year, we will come up with a better budget than this. I also thank the Executive for assisting us in this document. Therefore I beg to support this motion and to support this budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, before I propose the question and therefore open it up for a bit of discussion. Allow me to read the Standing Orders on the financial procedures and part 23 talks of many steps. One of the steps because it is important to be faithful on our Standing Orders, is called the Procedures of Supply on Committee of Supply as well as the Committee of Means and Committee on Supply. I want to give direction so that we are clear on how we are proceeding and this is the direction.

Hon. Members, I wish in my own volition and for the sake of clarity and order give some procedural direction on approval of the annual estimates especially around the consequences of adoption of the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2013-2014. I have found it necessary to give this direction immediately after the chairman moves the motion on the budget so that the Assembly is well guided. This direction is particularly driven by the need to be clear on the implication of the decision of this Assembly on the Budget and Appropriation report, visa vis the provisions of articles 220 and relevant sections of Articles 221 of the constitution, sections 130 and 131 of the public finance management act of 2011-2012 and the requirement of the Standing Orders 2011-2012 on the Committee of supply.

According to our Standing Orders 211 and 212, the Committee of Supply provides the alternative forum for the specific votes in the budget for each program and departments to be discussed and resolutions thereon made. If you read on those procedures 211- 212, it gives an alternative forum

for the votes to be discussed. Hon. Members, the constitution article 220 and 221 and the Public Finance Management Act 2012, sections 130 and 131 as well as Standing Orders number 211 and 212 seem to raise some fundamental issues that I wish to address. The questions that linger in these sections are the following;

- *When the House, this Assembly adopts the report of the budget and appropriation Committee on the estimates, can they be reopened again immediately at the Committee of supply?*

- *Owing to the above, is the Committee of Supply provided for under Standing Orders 211 and 212 necessary?*

- *Considering the above two points, what are the next steps in the budget making process?*

Standing Orders number 211 and 212 envisions a situation where this Assembly adopts the report of this Assembly and thereafter this is committed to the Committee of supply, after the Committee of Supply and the resolution of the Assembly and appropriation bill is tabled at the Assembly for consideration. Hon. Members, this same question of procedure and budget was also raised in the national Assembly, so those who follow the national Assembly, I have benefitted greatly in preparing for this direction from the communication made by the Speaker of the National Assembly. Allow me to combine the above two questions into one, the above two questions are the following;

1. *When this House today on this morning adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee that has been tabled by the chairman on the estimates, can it be reopened again after we have made the final decisions.*

2. *Can it be reopened again immediately at the Committee of supply. Owing to the above therefore is the Committee of Supply under Standing Orders number 211 and 212 necessary.*

The major questions raised by the above two points is whether upon passage or adoption of the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the estimates the Assembly needs to commit them to the Committee on Supply when in fact the adoption of the report on the Committee has already granted those votes. In other words, if we discuss this report today and we do changes if they are there, can we then convert ourselves after that to be a Committee of Supply and then re-change again? So it's like the question is can we do double work, we adopt this report and then in the next minute when I put the question and we make our decision, can we go back again and convert ourselves to a Committee of supply as per Standing Order 211 and 212. That is the question because it's already provided for in our Standing Orders.

Hon. Members, to attempt to answer this question, I am guided by article 221(6) of the constitution which reads as follows:

> *when the estimates of the national government expenditure and the expense of the expenditure of the judiciary and parliament have been approved by the National Assembly, they shall be included in an Appropriation Bill which shall be introduced in the national Assembly to authorise the withdrawal from the consolidated fund of the money needed for the expenditure and for the appropriation of the money for the purposes mentioned in that bill.*

Although this provision of the constitution refers to the National Budget making process, it is

instructive for this Assembly the process that obtains at the national level largely mirrors that of the County Assembly. The operative wards in the quoted provision of the constitution are the estimates have been approved by the National Assembly; the constitution therefore leaves that the House to choose the method that it deems necessary to have the estimates approved.

The second question therefore then arises, what value would the process of the Committee of Supply add to this process? Hon. Members, on this matter, I would like to quote the Hon. Marende, the former Speaker of the National Assembly in his ruling on the 30th august 2011 that says, the motion on the budget Committee is a motion, the motion that the Hon. Member today has just moved, is a motion within the meaning of the Standing Order and was therefore dealt with and disposed of like any other motion. The rules applicable to debate on a motion and the permissible amendments apply so what is key therefore is I want you to carry this with you even as I go through this direction, that it was a motion adopted by the House. If it was a motion then just like any other motion rules applicable to debates on a motion and permissible amendments therefore apply.

The motion passed by the House by the budget Committee report is an expression of the views of the House on the budget, the motion that we adopt today is a collective expression of the decision the Assembly will have made today. Borrowing from this ruling and my explanation, I wish to direct a few things as I conclude. On the annual estimates that have been tabled today morning, the Assembly expresses itself through its decision on the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee that has been presented today.

Second, the Committee of Supply is therefore redundant on this instance. If at all this Assembly was to convert itself to a Committee of supply, it will be tantamount to reopening the decisions already made by the Assembly in this matter. Thirdly, the appropriation bill may be introduced after the adoption of the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. What this therefore means is that we shall not have any provision for the Committee on Supply.

So as you debate Members, the decisions you make here are final and after this decision, the next thing you get is an appropriation bill. Therefore, you will not need to go to the Committee on Supply. This will be because it will be double work to adopt it here and then we reopen ourselves again to the Committee of Supply as provided in Standing Order No. 211 and 212. I wanted to make that direction so that when you refer to your Standing Order, it is clear. Very well Members, thank you very much. I would now like to propose the question;

**THAT,** the County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee in the fiscal year 2013/ 2014 budget estimates for the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on 30th May 2013.

The floor is open for any discussion on the motion that the Hon. Chairman has tabled. Yes, Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, okay as we look at the budget, it has taken about one and a half months. The work of preparing the budget, Mr. Chairman can testify to us that it's not an easy job. It has consumed a lot of time, energy and they are even tired. To say that we are going to come up with a supplementary budget later, I do not think it will be time saving. It will be better if we do everything that we are supposed to do today and on to that matter, I will go to the budget of the County Assembly of Laikipia. According to the negotiations that are going on in the whole country, it is clear that Members may have an additional thing. Negotiations are going in the right trend and we might end up being the beneficiaries. If we don't consider that when we are preparing the

annual estimation of 2013/2014, we might come up with a supplementary budget later and that Mr. Chairman will consume our time given that there's a lot of work to be done by this House. To save us from that, I will seek your indulgence Mr. Speaker and the House to add on the County Assembly's budget a certain amount that we are going to agree here so that when negotiations are mature and maybe we benefit there won't be a supplementary budget and we shall have saved time to do some other work.

Today's newspaper reads that County officials win battle for higher pay; today's nation. We do not know whether by tomorrow, there will be a gazette notice and if we pass that budget today, it means we will start another process of preparing a supplementary budget and that will not be wise. If we have seen a sign today Mr. Speaker, it's advisable we start to insert that amendment here and I would like to propose that with my simple calculation with the number that we expect to have here in this County Assembly, it is roughly Kshs. 100 Million will save us from that supplementary budget. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I would like to call Members to contribute or to support me on this and to be specific, Hon. Thomi, Thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member, yes…order, order! Just to be clear, we have a report that has been tabled. So Hon. Mwangi, just to be clear, what amendments are you making? Are you making an amendment to the report of the Chairman of the budget and appropriation? I would suppose so. So what is the amendment?

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the amendment is that in provision of the County Assembly's budget, we provide an additional amount to save us from supplementary budget and to be specific 100 million. Thank you

**Speaker**: Okay, you said a member. Did you say a member…?

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Hon. Thomi to second.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to stand here and support Hon. Mwangi because of the good news that he has brought to this House. Hon. Members, we are representatives of the people. Hon. Members, you know the promises you made to your constituents, Hon. Members, you know very well that you receive phone calls from people you represent day and night. I would like to support Hon. Mwangi that something of the amount he has termed as 100 million to be added in the County Assembly budget allocation. That we have 605 million for the County Assembly, that 100 million be added that we safeguard interests of the Members of this Assembly. Hon. Members, I want you to support me because you know what is ahead of us, we are going out to do work for our people but we are not going to benefit from anything from the people. We are servants of the people but we are also human beings and we have children at home, so now that we don't have work to do outside this House, I want us to agree that 100 million be added to the Assembly Budget so that it can benefit Members of this House maybe in terms of loans or any other eventuality. I stand to support Hon. Mwangi Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Any other, yes Chairman for the budget you will be last to talk because you are the head master of this matter. Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the Member for Umande Hon. Mwangi. I never thought he was quick to think because of unseen expenses and because of the future Mr. Speaker, I also support that we must have something aside because there might arise some expenses which are not in the budget and therefore Mr. Speaker, we can have some money kept aside so that we can just use to cater for the expenses and therefore I support this motion, I support Mr. Mwangi and I beg Hon. Members to support Hon. Mwangi. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Mshw. Kinyua

**Hon. Michael**: Asante Bwana Spika, langu ni kuunga huu mswada ya Mhsw. Mwangi ya kwamba ni vizuri tukitengewa pesa kama wabunge wa Kaunti ambazo tunaweza kuwa tukipewa kama mkopo. Kama vile amesema shilingi millioni 100 itengwe kwa sababu mbeleni wakati hatukuwa tumechaguliwa tulikuwa wengi katika biashara na wakati mtu alikuwa anahitaji pesa za dharura, unakimbia kwa mwenzake ama unakimbia mahali pengine unapewa pesa na unaenda unatimiza shughuli zako halafu unarudisha. Lakini sasa wakati huu tumekuwa 'Honourables' na tunafanyia wananchi kazi, sisi tangu tuwe 'Honourables' hata kukula imekuwa shida. Zile hoteli nilikuwa nikila mbeleni siwezi nikaingia sasa, lazima niende ile hoteli ya hali ya juu. Nikumaanisha nikipatwa na jambo la dharura, siwezi nikakimbilia wale ambao nilikuwa nakimbilia, nitakimbia tu katika bunge na hapo ndipo naweza kufaidika. Na ikiwa hakuna sehemu kama hiyo imetengwa, tutakuwa na shida sana na maisha yetu itakuwa magumu kwa sababu kila wakati wananchi wakituona wanaona tu pesa. Ukiingia kwa hoteli kula, utakuta umeingia peke yako lakini baada ya dakika kumi utakuta wengine…

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Member, on a point of order. Yes, Hon. Kinyua you may have your seat.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Okay, nimesimama kwa hoja la nidhamu kupinga jinsi Mheshimiwa Michael anasema. Hatusemi hii pesa iongezwe kwa ajili ya mahitaji yetu, tunasema iongezwe kwa ajili ya yale yanaendelea na kama itakuwa imesemekana na kesi isemekane lazima wabunge wa kaunti wapate, kila mtu Kenya nzima mbunge wa kaunti atakuwa amekadiliwa pale kwa hiyo bajeti. Kwa hivyo kuokoa bunge hili na kuokoa masaa ya kaunti ya Laikipia, tunasema hicho kitita kiwekwe kwa bajeti ya bunge ya Kaunti ili tusije tukafanya bajeti ya dharura kwa sababu hiyo bajeti ya dharura itatufanya tupoteze wakati. Sasa ikishatengwa, tutangoja yale mengine yawe yameratibishwa na serikali ikisema yafanyike, ni sawa hatutakuwa na muda ya kurudi nyuma na ningependa kuongeza ya kwamba…

**Speaker**: Hon. Member, you are on a point of…not even a point of order, it's a point of clarification. What the member who is the sponsor of that amendment... Hon. Member, you may want me to finish please have your seat. What the Hon. Member that sponsored that amendment said is that when the money is allocated, it is not money for Laikipia alone. When it is agreed countrywide but within the law then Hon. Members will get that money. He is saying instead of coming up with a supplementary budget he is saying provide for it now but he is making that critical clarification that it is within the negotiations that are happening that Hon. Members will benefit, continue Hon. Member.

**Hon. Michael**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support it with a big heart and with a clean heart.

**Speaker**: Thank you. Hon. Member. Okay, yes Hon. Wachira...

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion, as it was read by Hon. Maruga that is, amendment of our budget. In the future, we may expect obstacles and emergencies and we have really budgeted on our County Assembly Budget which is very tight. There is no emergency fund or funds that we can run to when there are such kind of disasters. We don't expect to run to the other arm of the County Government and therefore I support this amendment fully. There is another amount of money which was not put in the budget and we had proposed in our areas that we want cooling machines for our own farmers' milk…

**Speaker**: Order Member! If you allow me, let us deal with that issue of 100 million and when we finish it, I will give you a chance to talk about the additional amendment.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: With that one, I wholly support it and I want to bring it down to 50 million so that we do not go high and do not expose ourselves that we are holding money that will not be used. You know when we fought for that money…

**Speaker**: Yes is it a point of order? Point of order, Yes, Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Okay, on a point of order, I would like this House to understand that we are not putting this money aside for emergencies, we are putting it based on the negotiations and simple arithmetic that I have done after the figure mentioned here. If it will be gazetted tomorrow and then we put 50, we will do a supplementary budget. That is why to be on the safe side I have decided on that figure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, Member for Sosian, unataka kusema jambo? Sorry, Hon. Member, I thought you are consulting. You have ceded your ground, yes Member for Sosian talk first.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante sana bwana Spika, langu bwana spika ni kuunga vile Mhsw. Mwangi amesema ya kwamba hizo pesa ziwekwe katika bajeti kwa sababu ni vizuri ziwekwe katika bajeti ili zisaidie katika sehemu imeonekana zitasaidia. Kwa hivyo mimi ninaunga ziwekwe katika bajeti. Asante.

**Speaker**: Okay, we must conclude that aspect. Hon. Wachira, you were on the floor.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: I want to finish my contribution and support the motion, as it was, 100 million.

**Speaker**: Okay, you have withdrawn the amendment to 50 million. Now I want to put the question, on that part of the amendment to the motion that an additional amount of 100 million be allocated. Hon. Member for Githiga, you cannot move when the Speaker is on the floor, you cannot stand, you cannot walk and you cannot talk. Therefore, I would like to put the question;

**THAT**, the 100 million amendment to the report of the Chairman of the Budget and Appropriation Committee, that 100 million be added to the County Assembly Services Budget.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Wachira, I had given him a chance to… Is it on a point of order? Okay.

***{Milk coolers- Marmanet}***

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: There is an amendment that I wanted amended Mr. Speaker. There were some coolers that we wanted to put in our own areas and it was not included in our estimates. These coolers were to be built in Marmanet ward, Tigithi Ward and Ngobit Ward at a tune of 50 million. There are irrigation schemes in these areas at a tune of 50 million.

***{Children's home-Tigithi}***

There is a school in Tigithi that Houses very poor and bright children. These children do not have dormitories and this money was put in the budget and in fact when we came and perused the docket here, the money was not in the budget so we wanted to put one in the tune of 10 million.

***{Polytechnic- Tigithi}***

Another one is the issue of a polytechnic in the area of Tigithi at 10 million and I will urge the Member for Tigithi to support this amendment.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member we need to be clear, you have made like three amendments together. Would you deal with one after the other because each one of them must be voted? Which is the first one?

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: The coolers are the first amendment.

**Speaker**: Did you say coolers in…

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Coolers in Marmanet ward, this is now Tigithi and Ngobit Wards at a tune of 50 million.

**Speaker**: Total?

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Yes, it was omitted.

**Speaker**: Okay, so the amendment in the report is to include the coolers for those three wards at 50 million?

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Yes.

**Speaker**: Okay, Member for Marmanet, you have been mentioned and Tigithi as well.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to support the Hon. Member for Ngobit because of noting the omission of that dairy processing plant. If you look at the Laikipia County, this dairy processing plant is income generating to this County and necessary for us to be able to curb the deficit that is here. If you have a processing plant in the areas where farmers are, we are able to employ the youth, we are also able to do packaging in those areas. Therefore, I see that it is important for us to consider the processing plant in those areas of Marmanet, Ngobit and Tigithi. Moreover, if we can have a processing plant in that area we have donors that are coming in to assist us in this area...

**Speaker**: Point of order, okay point of order.

**Hon. Thomi**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon. Member of Marmanet is also in the Committee of Budget and Mr. Speaker I got it from you that the Chairman was to talk last. Now the vice Chairman is talking in support, I think he's out of order Mr. Speaker to support while he's still in the Budget Committee.

**Speaker**: Are you on a point of order? You cannot be on two points of order; we have to dispense with that first. The Hon. Member and the chairman, sorry I forgot to give you a chance on the last amendment on this one you must get a chance but the Hon. Member has a right to contribute because it has come. Of course, it is not good practice when a Member of a Committeeseems to be bringing in new issues and disputing when he is himself a Member of the Committee but he has a right as a Member of this Assembly to contribute on this so you are actually okay. However, I think you have been taught a bit of caution.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I was saying that I was supporting this because I was seeing it at large. It is important to have...

**Speaker**: Point of order, is it a point of order? Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Asante sana Mhsw. Spika, kabla tuendelee na mswada huu ningependa mwenye aliwasilisha hio, mkuu wa walio wengi katika bunge afafanue hiyo zaidi kwa sababu katika bajeti ya awali ilikuwa imesemakana kuwa 'Coolers' zitapewa 'ward' tano nazo zilikuwa Tigithi, Ngobit, Marmanet, Githiga na Sipili. Kwa hivyo ningependa kabla tuongee kuhusu hizo 'coolers', afafanue ni wapi na wapi hizo coolers zitapewa kwa sababu zilikuwa zimepeanwa katika sehemu hizo tano. Pia afafanue ni nini kinahitajika katika 'Thome Boys' kwa sababu nimesikia ametaja 'Thome Boys' ili...

**Speaker**: Order Member! Order Member! You stood on a point of order but really you are engaged in the debate but I think Majority Leader, it will be good to give more information around the coolers as the Member for Olmoran is saying as soon as you are done.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Hon. Members, please try to understand why we are supporting this motion on this amendment. When I stand here, it is important

to understand the importance of these coolers. This money was from the consolidated fund for one area whereby this money will come and assist all processing plants that are needed in this area. That's why I was saying let us see ways we can be generating money for our County and not only consuming and a processing plant can be able to process milk and we can be able to get money from that area. Please Members, I just urge you to know the importance of our being able to generate money for our County. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand here to support the Majority Leader.

**Speaker**: Okay, is it a point of order or you want to contribute? Okay let us go back because member for Olmoran asked for a slight clarification on that matter only.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On these cooling systems, we have ten wards to benefit from the amount and these ten wards are where we have dairy cattle. These are mostly Ngobit, Tigithi and all parts of Laikipia west. There are ten wards in number, so when we are doing that we are trying to generate employment for our people and furthermore getting our dairy cattle. We are streamlining the dairy area so that our young boys and girls get employment and our own County gets funds, so this is why we are doing it...

**Speaker**: Are you on a point of order? Yes.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Hon. Member, Majority Leader, be specific. Which ten wards please.

**Speaker**: You cannot address the Hon. Member directly but that is fine he has gotten the point. Majority Leader, would you specifically specify the...

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the ten wards that will benefit from this cooling system is Igwamiti, Marmanet, Githiga, Olmoran, Ngobit, Tigithi, Umande, and Thingithu. I think they are around eight Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you. I want to give those who have not spoken. Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I just wanted to bring to the attention of the House that being our first financial year in this House, I think we could not budget everything as required by the community on the ground or their proposals. Also to add on that Mr. Speaker Sir, it seems that the Majority Leader is misleading the House, one is because in my ward we have a lot of dairy farming and I don't see the reason as to why the Majority Leader is counting the wards omitting Rumuruti Township. Secondly, in Rumuruti according to the priorities of the people of Rumuruti, they had proposed that there be constructed an abattoir and a skin tannery and the two projects have been left out Mr. Speaker Sir. Therefore, if we are going to budget for the coolers, then we need to budget for a skin tannery in Rumuruti because we already have a modern slaughter House but the skins are being transported to the river...

**Speaker**: Yes Member for Marmanet, he is on a point of order. I will still give you back a chance...

**Hon. Mukuria**: We are here discussing about processing plants and he is bringing another amendment, I think order is needed to since he is telling us to bring skin and we are talking about milk processing plants Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Well, I think Hon. Suge is just on a matter of discussion. He is not bringing amendments.

**Hon. Suge**: So, if you can look at the budget Mr. Speaker Sir, the wards of Tigithi and Marmanet have already benefitted with a lot of money on ongoing projects. In Tigithi, we have a water project that has been budgeted for Kshs.5 Million whereas in Marmanet we have another project that has been budgeted for Kshs.7.5 Million. Therefore, I do not see the reason as to why these Members are complaining. They could either change this

money or put it into the coolers instead of talking of other amendments whereas there are some wards that have not been included in any ongoing projects. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: So you oppose?

**Hon. Suge**: Yes, I stand and oppose that proposal.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Kinyua first then we can get to Hon. Mwangi. I see Hon. Kabaci wants to say something, and we get to conclude on that specific amendment.

**Hon. Michael**: Asante Bwana Spika, langu naweza kuongezea katika hizi 'Coolants' ya kwamba mambo ni mingi tulikuwa tumeweka kwa bajeti. Nikiangalia kama eneo yangu kuna vitu nilikuwa nimeweka mingi sana na ni muhimu lakini zilikuja zikaondolewa. Kwa hivyo 'coolant' vile naweza sema kama vile hapo kwangu bwana spika na vile 'Majority Leader' amesema ya kwamba mimi nilikuwa nimeshauri kwa hivyo ni kuniwekelea ama kuwekelea eneo langu. Jambo la pili, ulisemekana ya kwamba tukiona zile pesa mtu amepewa kwa ward yake ama zile pesa zimetolewa katika ward, tunaweza badilisha zingine tuangalie zile vitu za kupewa kipao mbele. Ikiwa unaona ya kwamba kwako 'coolant' ndio muhimu zaidi kuliko kuweka maji, basi atoe pesa zile na aweke kwa 'Coolant' kwa sababu tukiguza hii bajeti tena na tuko na upungufu wa pesa, kwanza tuangalie vile tutamaliza hii upungufu ama mahali hizo pesa zitapatikana kwa sababu tukujiongezea mzigo ingine itakuwa ni mzito zaidi na itakuja kutulemea na tukuje kusambaratika.

Ya mwisho, kila mtu akisema ya kwamba kuna vitu ambazo hazikuwepo katika eneo yake, mambo ni mingi na hatuwezi tukazimaliza na kila mtu anataka kuleta mageuzi tukisema ni kufungua hiyo mlango. Asante bwana Spika.

**Speaker**: Okay, let us have Hon. Kabaci then Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Kabaci**: thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the amendment made by the Hon. Majority Leader Mr. Speaker. It is to my thinking that the dairy processing plant will be to the benefit of the whole County Mr. Speaker and so that it is crosscutting, that is my thought. I happened to be in a forum Mr. Speaker where his Excellency promised the people of Ngobit ward that he will provide them with a cooling plant, otherwise it was their priority. Keeping in mind that the item will not be in the budget even if we have a donor who can be ready to support the item, it will be very difficult. So I stand to support the amendment, it will be for the benefit of all of us Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Mwangi and then we will go to the chair of the budget and then we will conclude on that amendment.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to advise this House to be realistic. We already have a deficit and then you want to add another amount and if we are basing that argument on whatever we have just added to the County Assembly's budget, it is still realistic. There are negotiations going on and there is...

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to urge the Hon. Member of Umande that even in the previous amendment of the House, there was a deficit. Is he not misleading the House to tell that we are amending this because we do not have a deficit?

**Speaker**: The proposal for amendment is on the floor so Members are at liberty to support it or to reject it. Therefore, the Members are all right to discuss this, it is a decision of the Assembly. Therefore, Hon. Mwangi, take note of that.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Okay thank you Mr. Speaker, what I was trying to say is there is no need

of adding any other amount when we already have a deficit but for the one I that have just mentioned, I don't want to mention it to avoid a point of order but for the one I have just mentioned. We were realistic and there is that figure, every reason, and a sign that it might be but for the one we are discussing about coolants and dormitories, that money and we do not know where it will come from.

For the other one, that is an entitlement that when it is passed, it will be a law and we must get it but for this one, it is not necessary since it can be budgeted in the coming year so there is no need of adding and adding into this budget. For instance from the original copy of the budget that was brought here some months later, so many projects were there including cereals board in Umande including coolers in Umande and it is not there. Therefore, to bring this kind of amendment or amount to add on the budget in favour of just two or three wards, I do not think it will be in order. To avoid some other projects collapsing or being under funded, let us not add this budget again. Let us discuss about changing in between the budget but not adding the amount and I believe Mr. Chairman will concur with that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, if you have spoken on this matter you cannot speak on it later on but let us hear... it seems it is quite a hot issue but I want to conclude this shortly. Member for Tigithi, just say something, I have heard your ward being mentioned severally.

**Hon. Beth Waithira**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to second the motion from the leader of majority about the cooling plant that is worth 50 million, that 50 million is meant for five wards of Tigithi, Ngobit, Marmanet, Githiga, Sipili and Tigithi. According to the Governor's speech, he spoke about providing school going children with milk. That means that if we do not provide that 50 million we will not get milk to give to our school-going children. That means we shall be buying milk form Nyeri County that means our County produces a lot of milk, so I beg to second that motion for that 50 million to be added on the budget. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Suge you must have spoken on this amendment really. Member for Sosian, do you want to say something and then we go to the Chairman and then we dispense.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante sana bwana Spika, mimi ninashauri mambo hiyo ya 'Majority Leader' amesema lakini tafadhali tunataka kuangalia eneo. Sio kila wakati tunataka kusema hata eneo langu iwekwe millioni 50, sasa tutakuwa tukipigana kwa sababu lazima eneo yangu iwe hapo ndani.tuangalieni tafadhali wabunge, tuwache hiyo vita ya kusema hata eneo yangu iwekwe hapo ndani. Wenye wanafaidika, mwaka ijayo wengine pia wataweka yao. Kwa hivyo mimi nina shauri hiyo mswada sababu nimeenda huko nikaona vile watu wanauza maziwa hapo ni sehemu mbaya sana kwa sababu nimekuwa hapo kwa Mhsw. Wachira. Kwa hivyo hiyo eneo tano, mkubaliane ili wapate hiyo nafasi ili wajisaidie, miaka mwingine hata sisi pia tutahitaji. Asante.

**Speaker**: Okay, finally the chair of the budget Committee.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, according to the budget estimates and Majority Leader has said, it was not omitted in that list for the first thing. We have been in this Committee for days; it was not omitted not unless there is something that you want to bring to the House today. The other thing, when a Hon. Member is saying that 10 wards have been budgeted for that, the Hon. member is looking for votes so that they amend by telling us that it is supposed to be in my place but as per the budget there's nothing like that 'in my ward'. So let us not use politics in the issue of budget because you may happen to cheat Members that in your place, you get this and there is nothing like that which will happen.

The other thing is according to the budget, we will be operating as per the budget with a deficit of 1.7 billion plus another 100 million that has been added, that is 1.8 billion and maybe with some other amendments. I want to tell the Hon. Members Mr. Speaker Sir we have paper budgets that will never be implemented, we budget for things but we do nothing out of these projects. From the experience of local authorities Mr. Speaker, offices have been budgeting with a lot of money but it has never been done.

Therefore, with that Mr. Speaker, I want to oppose the amendment and also to advice Members that we see the money and use the finance that we have for the sake of not telling the public that we are doing this and we are not. Those are paper budgets that will never be implemented. Mr. Speaker Sir, let me advice Members, don't take it to your place where it will be budgeted for or allocated but there comes another issue where everybody needs it and we need everything that will never come with this budget, you say you need coolers, somebody says they need an ambulance, another person says another thing, at the end of the day what are we doing. So let us budget with what we have, I propose that we cannot do everything in this financial year. There is still next year and some other years ahead of us, with I oppose.

**Speaker**: Okay, let me put the question that the amendment is that 50 million for coolers be included in the budget.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: The other amendment and I want to mention because I think it's critical for the Members to appreciate. On the Standing Order on the financial procedures, it is important to be guided accordingly that if you look at the Committee of supply which we say this is a Committee of supply, I want us to be guided that ideally any increase of a vote should itself be a corresponding provision for reduction because you cannot as per the law keep increasing. I know this is the first budget so there is a latitude that we are enjoying but ideally it will be good for you to show that when you increase this, where else do you want it to be reduced so that we don't keep increasing on the deficit. So ideally be innovative enough so that you tell the Assembly we want to increase this and reduce this. That is the good practice and that is the legal practice and I know there is a bit of latitude in the first budget. Maybe next year things will be tight here but it is good to start even now. Majority Leader, you had another amendment...it is your amendment; you may want to consult Hon. Member.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir (off record)... which Houses orphans and very poor children and it admits very clever children from very poor families. This school was to be included in our own County budget but it was not included, it has no dormitories, children convert classes into dormitories, they have no beddings, the school has no electricity. The school has no laboratories, we are proposing to add 10 million shillings to our budget to cater for this school which provides education to our own children in the whole of our County and I beg Hon. Beth to support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, before she seconds and probably part of the seconding, she can also tell us which part does she borrow that money of the 10 million so that then that is accommodated maybe as she seconds, she will be telling us because I think it is important.

**Hon. Beth Waithira**: Okay, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to second the motion from the leader of majority and that school is called Thome Boys, a centre of excellence in Laikipia County and the problem that is in that school is they do not have a dormitory. They normally convert their classrooms into dormitories, so I beg the other Hon. Members to support that school to be given that 10 million at least to construct. They have already

started their Dormitory but it is not complete, so if they are given that 10 million I hope those problems will cease and they shall have somewhere to sleep because I visited that school and as I looked at their names, some come from Segera ward, Mukongodo west that means it holds all the children from the entire County. So that means the 10 million should be added on that budget.

**Speaker**: Yes Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of amendment made by the Hon. Majority Leader in support of construction of dormitories. Although Hon. Beth has not told us where to get the money as you had directed, I will suggest that that 10 Million be deducted from Education and IT, 283 million. If at all we can get 10 million there, I think it cannot make any impact on that item. I also recommend that the money be distributed to a number of schools; 10 million is a lot of money to be taken to one school so I suggest the money to be distributed to other schools which have the same situation. I also have a school which his Excellency has spoken about pumping some money to the dormitories where boys sleep in a wooden dormitory Mr. Speaker in my ward. His Excellency was there and he promised to pump some little money to help on the construction of the dormitory and if that item can be put in the budget, it will help his Excellency to search for some money from well-wishers where they can pump that money in that docket so that the boys and girls can run smoothly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: There two amendments that you have indicated. I think we need the Hon. The sponsor; you may have your seat. The sponsor of that motion to agree whether what you have just proposed that the amount be reduced in another vote because the Members will have to discuss that, which vote did you talk about? Where did you say we reduce the money?

**Hon. Kabaci**: Education 90, which has 283...

**Speaker**: Let the Members; tell the Members where that is. Members can you please refer to what he is saying because for any increase, you must say where you are reducing from. Let the Members understand where you are reducing.

**Hon. Kabaci**: It is in zero eighty...

**Speaker**: Where is that?

**Hon. Kabaci**: Zero eighty, Education 90, zero eighty. Itemised as zero eighty, zero ninety or zero eighty.

**Speaker**: Zero ninety?

**Hon. Kabaci**: I have the form Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: So is the proposal Hon. Member, we must first get this clear that we are proposing that 10 million be reduced in education. The Hon. Member for Ngobit, the proposal which you need to agree with because I need to bring it to the whole House to discuss it; is the 10 million that you have proposed be sent to the school be reduced from the education and ICT global budget. Are you in agreement with that? Because you must tell us where will we get the money from and you got help from the Igwamiti member that it be reduced from there, from the global education. Are you in agreement with that, you are the sponsor of this amendment.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, if the money is deducted from this education budget and the school gets money, I think we have no problem because that school caters for the whole County's children. If the money is deducted from these other educational...

**Speaker**: Are you on a point of order, okay member I think you have clarified that it can be gotten from the education. Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to bring to the attention of this House that this matter is becoming more critical, you cannot snatch from this side and bring it to another side. You snatch from the IT which is from Education and then you give it to one school for a dormitory. Mr. Speaker, in Olmoran I had not been issued with money for dormitories and laboratories, but I squeezed my budget and I forwent to green Houses, fish farming, cereal grass and I got money for Kabati day Secondary School laboratory which was not there for 1 million. I got some more for two class rooms in Sipili Special school for the deaf, one classroom in Bondeni Primary School, one classroom in Wa Gwaci Primary School, one classroom in Kahuroko Nursery and one classroom in Chemi Chemi Nursery. I got all that money was because I squeezed my budget, therefore Mr. Speaker, I advise Hon. Beth to squeeze her budget so that she can get the money. In fact, when I squeezed my budget I got a total of 8.7 million and Mr. Speaker I think that is what should be done, thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, it is not an exchange. I have seen that the member for Olmoran uses the point of order to sneak in debates to the motion, I will be a bit tight here but he uses the point of order to sneak in and talk. Member for Tigithi, the issue is a motion here and the mover of the motion is proposing that we get the money from education and ICT to fund that school, that is the issue on the table and we must discuss that. Before we come back to you member for Tigithi, is there any other... yes Hon. Mwangi, I will get to you Hon. Member for Tigithi.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Asante sana bwana Spika, nimesimama kama mwenyekiti wa idara ya masomo. Mukisema eti tunapunguza bajeti ya idara ya masomo, itaguza Mhsw. wa Ngobit, Igwamiti, Umande na kila Mhsw. atakuwa ameguzwa tukiguza bajeto ya idara hio. Na hayo manufaa yote yatakuwa yakielekezwa kwa mtu mmoja ama eneo moja, hilo jambo sioni ni kama linafaa zaidi. Kama mtu anataka jambo lifanyike kwake, wacha aguse bajeti ya kwake peke yake lakini asiseme bajeti ya idara iguzwe kwa sababu bajeti ya idara ikiguzwa, itakuguza kila Mhsw. hapa na eneo lake. tukiendelea na mkondo, huenda ikawa wale hawatakuwa na Mr.adi ambao wanataka ifanywe sahizi.

Wale wako na uvumilivu wakungoje mwaka ijao watajipata hawana pesa ya masomo, tuende tuguze idara ya afya nayo tuwapunguzie pesa na tuguze idara zote tupunguze pesa kwa ajili kuna wale wako na uvumilivu ambao hawataki miradi ingine iletwe mara moja ama mwaka huu na si eti kutaka hawataki, wangetaka kabisa lakini wanaheshimu uvumilivu. Ningeomba bunge hili lizingatie haya kama kuna mabadiliko, uguze bajeti ya eneo yako lakini usiguze bajeto ya idara. Asante sana bwana Spika.

**Speaker**: Okay, let us have Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth Waithira**: Okay thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Let me take this opportunity to clarify to Hon. Umande ward, Hon. Mwangi that Thome Boys is not only meant for Tigithi ward, it is a school a centre for excellence for Laikipia County that means it is not in order for me to go and squeeze my budget so as to cater for a County school which is serving children from Segera ward and Ngobit ward. It is not in order to squeeze all that money of 10 million to construct a dormitory there. As long as the school is serving the children from all the corners of Laikipia County, you should contribute that amount from this Education and ICT or...

**Speaker**: I know you are all on a point of order but now I will have to allow her to finish, let her finish. Hon. Beth, just finish and finish first, you see all the points of order that are coming.

**Hon. Beth Waithira**: Thank you, thank you, so I was saying that the school is not meant for Tigithi ward it is for Laikipia County, it is a centre for excellence. There is have other schools that have

not been constructed and we have an existing one that is not complete Mr. Speaker Sir. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, I know you are all on points of order but let me finish. Let me give it to Hon. Suge and then we will see and if you have spoken on this amendment, please you will not speak again.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I just wanted to support the motion that we consider allocating some little money for the completion of that dormitory in Tigithi ward in that special school. I was of the opinion that since it is an emergency because I heard yesterday that during the day, those people hide their beddings near their seats and that is an embarrassment to our County. I was thinking that we can get some funds from the emergency fund which has been budgeted for 60 million, we can get some amount of about let's say 5 million to start with and if Mhsw. Beth feels that she is going to add something little to that amount, we have budgeted for the ward development fund and she can contribute another 5 million to make it 10, that is my opinion Hon. Members. Thank you.

**Speaker**: So member, Hon. Suge, are you saying we reduce the, is the amendment that...

**Hon. Suge**: Yes, we get that money from the 60 million that has been budgeted for the constituency, for the contingency/ emergency funds.

**Speaker**: Where is the contingency, just help the Members appreciate where that is.

**Hon. Suge**: That is one zero seventy-six.

**Speaker**: So your proposal is the provision here for emergencies is 200 million, or is it not?

**Hon. Suge**: Yes, yes, 200 million. We get, let us say the agreed amount even if its 10 or 5 million, I was proposing for 5 million from that.

**Speaker**: So your proposal is that the contingency/ emergency fund to be reduced to be one hundred and whatever it is but reduces it by five million. We have to conclude this matter because we cannot be here for a longer time than that. Hon. Member for Sosian.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante sana Spika, langu bwana Spika kwa sababu inasemekana tukate pesa katika masomo, mimi ningeomba kuna eneo kama ile tuke sisi. Hata hivyo hatuna shule ya sekondari hata moja na unasikia wengine tukate pesa halafu tena turudishe kwa shule ile imeendelea. Kwa nini tusisaidie hizo zingine ili wapate kuendelea? Kwa hivyo hizo shule wangekaa hapo mpaka mwaka hiyo ingine na wengine wapate mwaka huu. Kwa hivyo hatungeguza masomo, masomo kwanza ni kitu mbaya tukiguza. Watu waangalie pesa mahali pengine ya kutoa lakini masomo iwachwe ikae vile ilipo sababu hata sisi wengine hatukuweza kusoma kwa sababu tulikosa mashule kwetu. Kwa hivyo tuangaliwe, asante.

**Speaker**: Okay, are you on a point of order? Hon. Member for Olmoran, you are sure that is a point of order? Yes please speak, I will asses very quickly whether it is a point of order.

**Hon. Dann Ndegwa**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is a point of order, I think the question was should we get the 10 million from the contingency fund and I agree with that fully. Let us not give that school half the amount, it is good that a Hon. Member has realized that we have a lot of money here, 200 million and therefore I support that we give the school the whole amount of 10 million for the dormitory and I think we shall have assisted the children. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Well, I will now give... you are the last, then we will have the chair speak, and then we will conclude. I see there are amendments, the first point, member just make it clear for us because we need to move on that matter. The point is that the first question is whether we should allocate 10

million to Thomi Boys School in Tigithi ward and the second point is where that money should be gotten. The first point is it should be gotten form the education and ICT and the second proposal is it is gotten from ICT. We deal with that separately so that we are able to move, please proceed and be brief so that we are not here longer.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I support Hon. Suge for saying we get because it is like an emergency where we hear a school, a class being converted to a dormitory. So I was thinking that if we look at that section of emergency fund, let us give this school 10 million to make sure that surely if they are sleeping in the classroom to make it a dormitory, then that means it's an emergency. Instead of now touching other areas as the Hon. Member for Umande is saying, so let us try to get that fund from that emergency contingency fund. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Okay, I said we will now have the Chairman and we will conclude that debate and I will put it to...

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as per the budget and how we have budgeted the contingency fund, it is based on the percentage of the budget. I want to advice Members Mr. Speaker Sir, although we will deduct it as per the construction of the dormitories, let us not use our efforts only in one area because it counted on percentage and it is something that is almost constitutional as per the Finance Management Act.

Therefore, when we will be doing this I also advice Members let us look at the deficit. If we will be doing this, we will see what not a priority is then we change to the other project that the Members want, that is better. Nevertheless, let us not make this budget have an expansive deficit because at the end of the day as I have said earlier, it will be papers with no implementation. Therefore, I also support that we deduct the amount from the emergency or contingency fund but let us make sure we do not reduce to that extent, let us look at other areas where we can also get some other money for the other projects that may be you need the amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Your guidance Mr. Chairman, it is very helpful. Are you a saying the money should not be reduced from the emergency fund?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: It is five percent of the total budget.

**Speaker**: Okay, from the guidance because I think that's why we need the chairman having been involved on this is that we can't reduce the emergency fund as a percentage of the total and that is a legal issue as the chairman can confirm. It is a legal 5% and that is factual, you are on record Mr. Chairman, if it is factual. If you are guiding the House in that manner and you are factual, we are accordingly guided. So I think the question that is in the floor is that we allocate 10 million to Thome Boys school specifically in Tigithi and the money be gotten from the Education and ICT global budget and I want to put the first question and then the second question. Is that I do not want to take us so fast; I want us to have that understanding, good. I want to put the question that 10 million be allocated to Thome Boys school and this is an amendment to the motion, allocated to Thome Boys school in Tigithi and this vote be extracted from Education and ICT budget.

*(Motion disagreed)*

**Speaker**: Is there any other amendment to the budget, we are still discussing the budget? I think we will get to some level we conclude the issue.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: There is no other amendment Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: I want to open it to the floor, the next step I will be doing is to put the question for the adoption of this report that gives room for the

appropriation bill to be done based on the decision we make on this. is there any other? I do not want to close down any member, yes member for Nanyuki, Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, just a matter of clarification because in the discussions and decision in part A that the allocation in the rehabilitation of playing grounds be provided at Kshs. 1 million per ward apart from Nanyuki, Rumuruti and Igwamiti. I want it to be clarified because Nanyuki did not benefit in the side of the stadium, Nanyuki should be allocated the 1 million and Thingithu should not be allocated the 1 million because the Nanyuki stadium is located in Thingithu ward and Thingithu ward is getting the 5 million for the rehabilitation of the stadium and Nanyuki is not having the 1 million for the playing ground.

**Speaker**: Okay, so it is actually a matter of the clarification so the amendment for you is that under A, I hope the Members are with you? Just help the Members, say the page and the section.

**Hon. Kimondo**: We are in discussions and decision...

**Speaker**: That is in page two.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Item A.

**Speaker**: How would you want it to read now?

**Hon. Kimondo**: That the allocation for rehabilitation of playing grounds be provided at 1 million per ward apart from Thingithu, Rumuruti and Igwamiti which have an allocation for renovation of the stadiums.

**Speaker**: Okay, yes Chairman?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, let me answer that. When we met as a Committee of the whole House, there were some changes according to the reports we made whereby we realised the stadium that is here in Nanyuki is not in Nanyuki but in Thingithu ward. So the amount that was allocated for Rumuruti, Thingithu and Igwamiti for the stadiums was different from others. If you go to the budget in page 22, 003 on page 22 under Gender, Youth and Sports you will see there is innovation of stadiums, playing grounds and sports facilities. Umande 1 million, Nanyuki 1 million, Thingithu 5 million, Tigithi 1 million, Ngobit 1 million, Githiga 1 million, Olmoran 1 million, Igwamiti 7 million, Rumuruti 2 million, Marmanet 1 million, Salama nil. I exchanged it with another project, Sosian 1 million...

**Speaker**: Yes member for Umande, point of order.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the budget that I have does not have page 22.

**Speaker**: Yes Chairman, I think Members are lost. You had better clarify what page you are reading.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank, I apologise, it is page 12.

**Speaker**: Member you have worked on this budget, I can tell.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Wakahiu**: and you can see the details, there no need of me repeating all this but they are there and they are captured. So due to the changes it is good to understand the name of Nanyuki was supposed to be in Thingithu which was to receive 5 million. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: I think that is a case, so you are agreeing with the member for Nanyuki. I do not think it is a point of discussion; it was more of a mistake. So I think that is clarified, yes member for Igwamiti we are almost concluding this discussion now.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that the Nanyuki representative has noted

that issue. Am thankful that Igwamiti was allocated 7 million but I would also like to put in mind that Nyahururu stadium is a unique one, I think in the whole republic otherwise it is the only playing ground that has a two in one set up. It has two playing grounds and if renovated well, it can start featuring or pumping in some money, otherwise, I kindly request the Chairman of the budget plus the executive member to think of how to pump more money to renovate that stadium to have that national look. Otherwise if renovated well, it can pump in a lot of money. Many schools can be coming to Nyahururu and give us a lot of revenue for that matter, so in future I would kindly request the chairman for budget to think of how to pump more money to that stadium. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, member for Igwamiti you are not asking for a specific amendment, it is an encouragement.

**Hon. Kabaci**: It is an encouragement, otherwise the chairman is complaining about the deficit although it is also good for him to know that even the national government has a lot of deficit and we have been working all along with deficits in the budget so he should not be fearing about the deficits Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, very well Members this is the report of the... I would now like to call the Hon. Member, the Chairman for the budget and appropriation Committee to reply. You moved the motion, it was seconded and Members have discussed. Before I put the question, you can now reply, you have an opportunity to say anything you want before we put the question.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe we are moving on the right track in fact as I had told you earlier, it had been a process and we wanted anything to appear in the process and we could do nothing particularly because of the finance we have for this financial year. So as I said earlier Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the contribution of Members and even request them that as we go through the discussion of this, let us also make sure that there's finances allocated per ward. So, when we try to adjust some areas, let us also understand that every ward has its own allocation. The other thing concerning the cooling plant, let it not be a political issue, but let it be discussed by Members so that it be known the specific wards which will benefit from that project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you very much. Members I would like to put the question that the County Assembly adopts the report of the budget and of course the amendments, the report if the budget and appropriations Committee on the fiscal year 2013/2014 budget estimates for the County Governments and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on 30th may 2013.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: So I know this is not conventional but this is the first Committee that has done quite a lot of work. This is not ordinary but I would like to call upon the Majority Leader, you may want to just for record. I know that this is not ordinary but for record just to do an appreciation to the Chairman of the budget and appropriation Committee for the tremendous work that they have done.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members I take this opportunity to thank the Committee which did this work especially the chairman of the Committee, you have done a good job. In future try to keep the spirits up and the Assembly has appreciated your good work, thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you very much, just to add on that I would also like to record the appreciation of the budget and the appropriation Committee. This was the first Committee and this was the first task of the Assembly, huge task but the Committee

has done very well and we do appreciate that. I would also like to thank the liaison Committee headed by the Deputy Speaker for the consultations that have happened on that to go on record. Now I wish to direct that the chair and his Committee and the office of the clerk and in consultation with the minister for finance to immediately after this sit together and to make sure that the amendments that have been made by this Assembly are well ironed out. The only thing that should guide us from now is the resolution that the budget has done. That budget cannot change, not a single figure should change unless this Assembly has amended that. So the figures should be tidied up and the appropriations bill be done based on the figures agreed, no change and then that bill be brought to the Assembly as we shall direct later.

Therefore, the office of the clerk, the budget and appropriations Committee in consultation with the minister for finance, that should be tidied up and the appropriation bill be done so that we move on. Okay, next order.

**Clerk**: Order number nine, motion by the leader of majority.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the motion reads that this House approves the exemption of application of Standing Order number 27 1 and 2 to allow the Assembly to adjourn on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th June 2013, afternoon of Thursday 27th June 2013 and sit on 9 am on Friday 28th June 2013.

**Speaker**: Majority Leader you would probably want to say on Friday there would be a publication of the appropriation bill on Thursday because it is a statutory requirement to publish the bill for one day that would be published tomorrow and then we seat on Friday to discuss that appropriation bill. Okay, so that is the proposal and I think it is a procedural proposal, let me put ;that this House approves the exemption of application of Standing Order number 27 1 and 2 to allow the Assembly to adjourn on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th June 2013, afternoon of Thursday 27th June 2013 and sit on 9 am on Friday 28th June 2013.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: Next order.

**Clerk**: Order number 10, motion by the leader of majority.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the motion reads that this Assembly approves that appointment of the ad hoc Committee to consider the matter of alleged irregular recruitment of staff within the County and report in two weeks. The names which were suggested for this ad hoc Committee is Hon. Peter Kimondo, Hon. Kabaci and Hon. Mwangi Maruga.

**Speaker**: Okay, you want that to be seconded by someone certainly.

**Hon. Ephraim Wachira**: I want this to be seconded by Hon. Kaparo.

**Hon. Kaparo**: Bwana Spika, ninaunga mkono kamati ambayo itaenda kuchunguza ile kitu ambayo inatakikana kuchunguzwa kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono kikamilifu.

**Speaker**: Okay, before I put the question, that is fine, okay. That this Assembly approves that appointment of the Ad Hoc Committee to consider the matter of alleged irregular recruitment of staff within the County and report in this Assembly in two weeks and the Members are Hon. Peter Kimondo, Hon. Kabaci and Hon. Mwangi Maruga.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: Hon. The chair of the PAC now when you are there, would you like your Committee to report here in two weeks as well? You are to consult your Committee and give us a timeline.

**Hon. Thomi**: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether two weeks will be enough, I think three weeks Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** So let it be on record that the PAC will also report here in three weeks, please make sure that the Committees that are appointed, the timelines we give we have be stuck by so then we are able to move.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Members, I would request that we have a consultation for a few minutes after this, just our usual 'Kamukunji' for a few minutes when we adjourn.

House rose at 10.56 a.m.

| SITTING NO 13 | Friday, 28th June, 2013 | 9.30 a.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Hon. Members,**

*Standing Order 39(1) relating to* ***Messages from the Governor*** *provides that "****The Speaker shall read to the House any message from the Governor delivered to the Speaker for communication to the County Assembly****". In this regard Hon. Members, I wish to convey the following Message from H.E. the Governor.*

*The Message was submitted by a way of a letter dated June 28th, 2013 addressed to my office for submission to the County Assembly*. The letter is a long one and I will not read all of it but I will read the relevant question;

> **THAT**, *pursuant of section 56 of the County Government Act and other applicable laws that reads that each County in accordance with Article 35 of the constitution have its own Public Service to be known as County Public Service Board, with the accordance of the laid down advisory on the procedure for appointment of chairperson and Members of the County Public Service Board*. The Governor shall upon being sworn in and constitute a selection panel comprising of five (5) Members drawn from the following professional bodies:
>
> 1. The Institute of Certified Public Accountants
> 2. Institute of Certified Public Secretaries
> 3. Institute of Human Resource and Management
> 4. Kenya Private Sector Alliance, and
> 5. Kenya Law Society

Selecting the panel due consideration should be given to gender representation and diversity as represented in the Counties. His Excellency the Governor, appointed several individuals drawn from the mentioned disciplines to carry out the exercise of putting in place the County Service Board. Membership of that board was as follows:

1. Jeniffer Nyaga
2. Agnes Keshina
3. Bonface Miano Kariuki
4. J. M. Wamichwe
5. Richard Gikuhi
6. Patrick kiprop
7. Ally Mege
8. Ben Kihia
9. Pascaline Millie
10. John Wambugu

11. Patrick Muraguri

12. Agnes Aoko

Through that, the selection panel did the shortlisting and the interviews of the County Service Board and I will not read the whole analysis that H.E. The Governor has sent. He has sent the marks of each person, the marks that each got through the interview but I will read just the summary. That in this regard the selection Committee recommended the names of the first three (3) in rank be forwarded to the Governor for consideration. The following applicants were shortlisted for the above-mentioned post:

1. Leah Wairimu Njoroge
2. James Ndirangu Kung'u
3. Richard Maina Kamami
4. Moses Kimani
5. Jesse Elikana
6. M. Gitahi
7. Purity Wanjoria Kamurusi
8. Mary Nyambura Kamau
9. Felix Ogutu

That is for the secretary and I want to go to the summary of the names. So after that process all candidates presented themselves for the post of the chairperson were as follows:

1. James Ndirangu Kung'u
2. Leah Wairimu Njoroge
3. Richard Maina

The selection Committee recommended the three (3) applicants to the Governor in order of merit for his necessary action as follows; and there are more than seven pages on the ranking of the Chairman, secretary and for the Members. I do not want to take time on that Hon. Members but I want to say as follows:

*Section 58 of the County Government Act, 2012 provides that the Governor shall appoint, with approval of the County Assembly, Members of the County Public Service Board.*

*Section 3 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, (No.33 of 2011), provides for the exercise of the powers of appointment under the Constitution. Under the said law and Part XI of our Standing Orders, the County Assembly is required to conclude the process of approval or rejection of the nominees within fourteen (14) days from the date of the notification.*

**Hon. Members,**

*Section 14 (3) of the County Government Act, 2012 provides that in considering any appointment for which approval of the County Assembly is required under the constitution, an Act of Parliament or County legislation. The appointment shall be considered first by a Committee of County Assembly; the Committee's recommendation shall be tabled before the County Assembly for approval; and the proceedings of the Committee and the County Assembly shall be open to the public.*

Owing to the fact, there is no specific Committee on public service that we need sooner. I direct that the **Committee on Appointments shall consider, for approval by the House, these appointments.**

In this regard, I wish to guide the Committee and the Assembly as follows-

**(*I*)** *The Committee on Appointments should notify the Nominees and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings, at least seven days prior to the hearings. This notification should be done immediately;*

***(ii)****The Committee may therefore commence the approval hearings on 8th July, 2013. The hearings shall be open to the public, unless, the Committee decides to hold any part of the proceedings in camera; and, (But the operating word is that all proceedings of the Committee be done in public)*

***(iii)*** *Thereafter, the Committeeshould table its Report before this House on or Wednesday, 10th July 2013 for (this Assembly's) consideration.*

**Hon. Members,**

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order 39 (*Messages from the Governor*) which reads: **'when a message from the Governor is read, the message shall be deemed to have been laid before the County Assembly and the Speaker may refer the message to the relevant Committee of the County Assembly for consideration'**

I hereby refer the Message from H.E. the Governor containing the names of the seven Nominees together with the support documents *(Including the curriculum vitae and the results of the selection panel)* to the Committee on Appointments to undertake the necessary approval hearings.

**Thank you!**

**MOTION**

**First Reading of County Assembly of Laikipia Appropriation Bill, No. 13**

**(Second Reading)**

**[Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Mr. Speaker Sir,

> **THAT,** *the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill number 13 of 2013 be now read the second time upon this day of 28th June, 2013.*

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, you do not want to say who will second. You are also at liberty to say anything around that bill.

**Hon.Wakahiu**: I request Hon. Peter to second the bill.

**Hon. Thomi**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to second.

**Speaker**: Okay, I would like Hon. Members to put the question that the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill No. 13 of 2013 be now read for the second time upon this day of 28th June 2013.

**(Motion agreed)**

**Speaker**: So Hon. Members I think that we will just automatically get a Committee of the whole House and I will leave the chair.

(*Speaker leaves the chair*)

(*Deputy Speaker chairs the session*)

**Chair:** Thank you Hon. Members, we are now in the Committee of the whole House whereby, we are going to scrutinize this Bill prose by prose. I now humbly ask the Clerk to read.

**Clerk**: I will read the various clauses in this bill and the Chair will be putting questions after every clause that I read. First I want to cite the short title of the bill; This Act may be cited as the County of Laikipia Appropriations Act no. 1 of 2013.

**Chair:** That the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed)*

**Clerk**: Clause number two (2), The County Treasury may issue out of the County Revenue Fund and apply towards the supply granted for the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 2014, the sum of Kenya Shillings six billion, four hundred and ninety million, one hundred and sixty nine thousand, five hundred and ninety two, and that sum shall be deemed to have been appropriated as from 1st July, 2013, for the services and purposes specified in the Schedule.

**Chair:** That the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: Okay, the other clause that I want to read is on the recurrent expenditure bill that is on page two on Service or Purpose. The amount required in the year ending 30thJune,that is number 001 that the amount required in the year ending 30thJune 2014 for salaries and expenses of the County Assembly Services including general administration and refurbishment of buildings that is Kshs. 705, 811,280.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: I go to number 002, the amount required in the year ending 30thJune, 2014 for salaries and expenses of the County Executive Services including emoluments of staff of former local authorities in the County general administration and refurbishment of buildings amounting to Kshs.1, 687,090,412.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: I now go to number three that the amount required in the year ending 30th June 2014 for expenses of the Finance Management Services including general administration and refurbishment of buildings amounting to Kshs. 313,556,400.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: We go to number 003, page three of the bill on development expenditure. The amount required in the year ending 30thJune, 2014 for the Department of Infrastructure for capital expenditure including general administration, planning, and operations amounting to Kshs. 1,306,246,000.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: We go to number 003, the amount required in the year ending 30thJune, 2014 for the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations amounting to Kshs.153, 285,000.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: We now go to number 003, the amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Finance, Planning and Devolution for capital expenditure including County funds, general administration, planning and operations amounting to Kshs. 942,450,000.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: Still under development expenditure, the amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Education and Information, Communication and Technology for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations amounting to Kshs. 266,910,000.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: Still under development expenditure, the amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Security and Home Affairs for capital expenditure including, general administration, planning and operations amounting to Kshs. 45,745,000.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk**: Still under development expenditure, the amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Health and Sanitation for capital expenditure including, general administration, planning and operations for health facilities amounting to Ksh.514,794,000.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause agreed*)

**Clerk:** Still under Development Expenditure, the amount required in the year ending 30th June 2014 for the Department of Water for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations amounting to Kshs. 459,431,500

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause Agreed)*

**Clerk:** The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Tourism and Trade for capital expenditure including County funds, general administration, and operations amounting to Kshs. 29,400,000

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause Agreed)*

**Clerk:** The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Industrialization and Enterprise Development for capital expenditure including, general administration, planning, research and operations Kshs. 31,500,000

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause Agreed)*

**Clerk:** The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Gender, Youth and Sports for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations amounting to Kshs. 33,950,000

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the clause that the Clerk has read be part of this Bill.

*(Clause Agreed)*

**MOTION**

**[Chairman of Budget and Appropriations Committee]**

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Mr. Chairman does the County Assembly agree with the said report,

**THAT,** the bill be reported to the County Assembly.

I request Hon. Dan to second.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you, I second the bill.

**Chair:** I now want to put the question that the Bill be reported to the County Assembly.

***(Motion agreed)***

*(Speaker resumes the Chair)*

**Speaker:** Members congratulations for moving a milestone step. Let us move to the next agenda.

**MOTION**

**[Deputy Speaker]**

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move this Motion;

**THAT,** *the County Assembly does agree with the Committee in the said report.*

**Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Mr. Speaker I beg to support the motion that the County Assembly do agree with the Committee in the said report. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I will like to put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**(Third Reading)**

**[Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**THAT,** the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill, 2013 be now read the third Time upon this day 28thth June 2013.

**Speaker:** Whom do you like to second?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Hon. Suge to second.

**Hon. Suge:** I want to second the motion as proposed by the Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee.

**Speaker:** Order! Member you have to read for purposes of ensuring which one, he has read so many today.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to second the motion as put by the chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee,

**THAT,** the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill, 2013 be now read the third time upon this day 28th June, 2013.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** I now want to put the question,

> ***THAT,*** *the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill, 2013 be now read the third time upon this day 28th June, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Clerk:** An Act of County Assembly of Laikipia to authorise the issue of a sum of money out of the Revenue County Fund and its application towards the services of the year ending on 30th June 2014 and to appropriate this sum and the sum voted on account by the County Assembly for certain County Public services and purposes.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much, congratulations Members, we have passed the first Act as the County Assembly of Laikipia. This is the way it shall be for the many Acts we shall want to pass. That is the procedure but you keep learning and perfecting it and as I said we should not worry by making mistakes this time as we continue learning. When we pass two or three bills we shall be experts in the process. So we can now go to history as having passed the first law of the Assembly and that is done and just to bring us to speed we shall have the Governor assent to this Bill and taken to the Government printer and published officially not as a Bill but as an Act of the County Assembly of Laikipia. As soon as that is done we shall ensure the office of the Clerk gives you a copy that you can keep it in your library as a public document.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Minority]**

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker,

> **THAT,** *this House approves exemption of application Standing Order no.27 (1), to allow the House to adjourn on 2nd, 3rd and 4th July, 2013.*

I will like Hon. Suge to second this motion.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir; I beg to second the motion as proposed by the Hon. Member Lebeneiyo.

**Speaker:** Let me propose the question for purposes of record and why we are actually adjourning,

> **THAT,** *this House approves exemption of application Standing Order no.27 (1), to allow the House to adjourn on 2nd, 3rd and 4th July, 2013.*

That's next week. Yes, Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** The reason for adjourning as you knows very well we are having a workshop. We want to learn about the Committees and make the programmes of the Committee and so I beg every member to be punctual on that day so that our facilitator can take us through.

**Speaker:** I want to put the question,

**THAT,** this House approves exemption of application Standing Order no.27 (1), to allow the House to adjourn on 2nd, 3rd and 4th July, 2013.

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House has been adjourned. Next week we shall have the opportunity for training and capacity building for the Committees as well as the procedures of the bill. It will be a good time to look at how we did it today and see where we can improve. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 10:15 a.m.

| SITTING NO 14 | Thursday, 10th July, 2013 | 2.30 p.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**PAPERS**

**[Leader of the Majority]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to table the 3rd Report of the Committee on Appointments of the vetting of the County Public Service Board member nominees.

***(Tabling the Report)***

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority Hon. Wachira]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to move a motion;

> **THAT**, this House adopts the Minutes of the County Assembly Board tabled on Wednesday 10th July, 2013.

**Speaker:** Just to be clear, you are saying that this House adopts the 3rd Report of the Committee on Appointment.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority Hon. Wachira]**

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the 3rd report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Members of County Public Service Board tabled in the House on Wednesday 10th July, 2013.*

**Speaker:** Leader of Majority, you have tabled the report then given a notice and now you have moved the motion. You have an opportunity to talk about that report.

**Leader of Majority:** Mr. Speaker Sir, we did vetting on the names presented to this Assembly on the day before yesterday and the report was made on the same, written yesterday on the vetting of the following Members.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi, Point of Order?

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The motion that the Leader of Majority is trying to move reads;

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the 3rd report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Members of County Assembly Board tabled in the House on Wednesday 10th July, 2013.*

I happened to be a Member of this Committee and whatever we are dealing with is not County Assembly Board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** That is very important Hon. Mwangi. That is quite a precise eye on that. May I give two minutes to the Committee Members so that they can consult and Clerk, you can also help to rectify that motion because it is already on the table.

***(Consultation)***

**Leader of Majority:** Mr. Speaker, Sir I beg to apologize because there was a typing error on the same, the motion reads:

> **THAT,** this House adopts the 3rd report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Members of County Public Service Board tabled in the House on Wednesday 10th July, 2013.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Members I was speaking about were vetted on Monday, a report on the same was written yesterday and I beg the Members to support the same as the Committee on Appointments did the job without favour or discrimination.

The Names are:

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|---|---|
| Mary Wairimu Mutonyi | -Ngobit |
| James Ndirangu Kung'u | -Igwamiti |
| Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau | -Umande |
| Naftali Githua Karangu | -Igwamiti |
| Adan Mohammed Guracha | -Nanyuki |
| Petro Oshumu Ole Santa West | -Mukogodo |
| Saaya Tema Karmushu East | -Mukogodo |

The vetting was done according to the Public and County Public Service Board Acts and I now request Hon. Mwangi Maruga to second the same.

**Hon. Mwangi:** I stand to second.

**Speaker:** Members I wish to pose the question:

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the 3rd report of the Committee on Appointment on the vetting of Members of County Public Service Board tabled in the House on Wednesday 10th July, 2013.*

I think after some general deliberation by the Members; Majority Leader, you may want later to go to specific persons. I will like the Members eventually to make their decision be known by each person. For now the floor is open for Members.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you for this opportunity. I stand here to oppose this motion today because I think Hon. Members seem not to be prepared for this motion. There is a tension in this House because these names seem to be new even to me. Although I was not there in the previous meeting, I beg the House to give us more time so that we can check and deliberate this motion. I think there is no regional balance and I beg to oppose it and we should be given more time to see how these particular people were vetted. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Asante Bwana Spika, mimi langu ninaweza kusema nimekataa haya majina yote kwa sababu nikifanya utafiti kulingana na hizi viti, inaonekana ya kwamba yale maeneo ambayo yalitolewa wale watu, ni yale tu maeneo yametolewa watu tena. Na nikiangalia hizi majina naona ni kama kabila moja limechaguliwa ndilo limemulikwa kwa sababu ni wanne kwa wawili.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob, are you point of Order?

**Hon. Jacob:** Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir, I see all the tribes here. I do not see why the Hon. Member is saying all tribes are not presented here. There is a Turkana, a Kikuyu, a Borana and a Maasai. The issue is not about tribe Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Bwana Spika, hii ni hoja kwa sababu nimeangalia na nikasema majina ni saba lakini manne ni kutoka kabila moja na pia kuna maeneo mengine hayajapata mtu yeyote kama Thingithu.

**Hon. Jacob**: Sijui kwa nini mheshimiwa anasisitiza jambo moja. Hapa hatutaangalia maeneo, tunazungumzia Kaunti nzima. Nikiangalia katika eneo la Sosian, hakuna mtu wa Sosian ameajiriwa.

**Speaker**: Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Is it in Order for one Member to say that we do not represent the wards? Can he clarify that he is not here to represent the ward? Thank you.

**Speaker:** I think the point is clear, let's give Hon. Kinyua time to finish. Hon. Kinyua you can see how you are raising the issues. Please conclude your contribution.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Yangu ni kumalizia na kama nilivyosema inafaa iangaliwe makabila yaliyo Laikipia kulingana na uwakilishaji. Si vizuri watu wanne watoke katika kabila moja na wengine kabila zingine.

**Speaker:** Let's start from here. Hon. Wakahiu please.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. As per the Hon. Member who was reading out the names, Hon. Mukuria was suggesting and I want to support his stand that most of us were not aware of what was happening and now we just got the report. On the issue of representation; that is, 7 positions cannot represent 15 wards but there were other wards represented when the Executive Members' Committees were being approved and so I will support the House to be given time so that we may also go through all these instead of trying to remove these names from the list or else we approve without our knowledge. I will support, Mr. Speaker, Sir that we be given time so that we consult. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** That point is noted and I think we will come back to that. Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to oppose this motion because there was no gender representation. Out of the 7 positions, we need at least 3 women to be given positions although I would like to thank that Committee on Appointments. I would also like to urge the Committee and the Members that this is the chance to give Laikipians job opportunities because there are some foreign people who have come here to look for jobs, let them go and search for jobs from their Counties and not Laikipia because we have learned people. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, let me give some directions. Hon. Mukuria and Hon. Wakahiu have raised some issues about withdrawing this motion. On the level of the notice of motion, the sponsor or the proposer may have withdrawn, I did not actually put the question, but I did actually propose the motion. When you proposed the motion, that motion ceases being a property of who proposed. In this case, this motion ceases to be the motion of the Committee on Appointments and becomes the motion of the whole House and therefore this motion could not be withdrawn as easily as it could be if it was at Notice of Motion Level. I will like to read Standing Orders No. 55, that reads;

> *After the question has been proposed on a motion, the motion shall be deemed to be in possession of County Assembly and the motion shall not be withdrawn without the leave of County Assembly.*

What that means is that if this motion has to be withdrawn you have to decide on that. I will therefore, like to propose that question as proposed by Member for Marmanet that this

motion be withdrawn and then be reintroduced to this House another time. Six (6) months requirement cannot apply on this if this House resolves that this motion be withdrawn so that it is reintroduced back when the House Business Committee makes that decision. So I would like us to discuss about the withdrawal of this motion and I would like to propose:

> ***THAT**, this House adopts the 3rd report of the appointment of County Public Service Board Members tabled in the House on Wednesday 10th July, 2013.*

That motion be withdrawn. I will like the Members to contribute on that specific motion. Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have heard the sentiments of the Members and I will urge the Members to let the motion continue. If you actually feel that there is a certain name that you feel you are not contented with, we can drop the name but let the motion continue. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Lebeneiyo.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** I would like to support what the Deputy Speaker has said and on the other hand ask the Hon. Member of Marmanet, because I could not understand why he said that we need more consultation on this motion since these names were actually advertised in newspapers. It also went to a point where the nominees went for an interview, names have been shortlisted, sent to the County Assembly Committee and we did the vetting. So I do not know what this consultation is all about. I ask Hon. Mukuria to tell us if that was not the way and the right procedure to get these names and what type of consultation does he want?

**Speaker:** Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** In my conscience, I hate doing something which I will later regret. Do you want the House to drop the names of these people with our own conscience because I can read the mood of the House and I feel that instead of punishing people who could have been supported I disagree with this kind of a motion. It is better if the House could be given enough time instead of saying that I was not given ample time to understand. So I was requesting the House instead of dropping these people and the Committee has done its work, why don't you give us time to understand this instead of dropping these people? That's my request; let us go in an Orderly manner because I know it might punish some people. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Mwangi and then Majority Leader and Minority.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to oppose the deferring of this motion and before the vetting, there was an advertisement that was put in the National Newspaper and still there was an advertisement by County Assembly requesting anybody who had issues with Members that were about to be vetted to bring that petition to the Committee and there was none. We should be time conscious and continue with the business. For the motion, I think the Members fear one thing; that by adopting this motion they will have adopted the report. I will seek your indulgence your Speaker that we scrutinize each name at a time and see the way forward.

**Speaker:** Leader of Majority, you cannot speak twice, but because you are a Member of this Committee I will give you a chance.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is just to say that we continue with this motion. Hon. Speaker Sir, as I support the sentiments of the Hon. Member who has just spoken, the names in this motion were read in this House and the same names were advertised in the newspapers. You gave the mandate to this Appointment

Committee to go and vet the applicants. We would not have sat in this Committee all of us and that's why you gave us this mandate. The Committee is chaired by the Speaker, me as the Vice Chair plus other two Members.

If you have no confidence with what we are doing and if you have vested interests in these names, you could have done so because you had the time and everything else at your disposal and this is why the names were put in the newspapers to bring any information about the names to the Committee. If Members you did not submit or send your affidavit or send any body to come and say the same, sorry Members unless you have vested interests on other matters. Saying that we have not scrutinized these names, why did you appoint this Committee on Appointments? There are so many appointed Committees…

**Speaker:** Order Member! Majority Leader, there is a point of Order from the Member of Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I do not know why the Majority Leader is annoyed in the House; he should understand that we have come here to get the right people. Please Majority Leader, note that it is not a must that we pass what the Committee has said.

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, we have not gone to that stage. That stage of passing the names; we have a different motion here.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua, on a point of Order.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Leader of Majority hachangii jambo lakini anaonekana kama anataka kutufinyilia tukubali ile jambo analolitaka.

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker everybody is at liberty to throw away the appointees. These are not at my own disposal.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, I think what the Members are saying is that all the Members here have the right to say something, so let them not feel like you are pressurizing them.

**Hon. Wachira:** Am not pressurizing anybody Mr. Speaker Sir, am only contributing to those motions that someone says we adjourn until we scrutinize these appointees. We cannot all fit to that Committee. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** I will give minority Leader and then Hon. Suge. We are talking about the withdrawal.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would actually like to talk as a Member of this Committee. When we are vetting, we represent all the Members before we bring the names. I have heard the Members complaining that we did not look at the geographical balance, the tribes, the gender, youth and disability.

I would like the Members to know that when we were doing the vetting we considered both the gender and youth.

**Speaker:** Point of Order

**Hon. Beth:** Is it in Order for Minority leader to stand and support that they looked at gender representation of which we know that there are two women in that list.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** I do not understand why the Member for Tigithi Ward is complaining about the ladies. Has she forgotten that among those seven people we need to talk about gender, youths and the disabled? Have you forgotten all those? You have to let all…

**Speaker:** Point of Order

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, is it in Order for Minority Leader to convince us that they were not biased while we know each of them in that Committee have people from their Wards.

The Majority Leader has a person from Ngobit; Hon. Mwangi has a person from Umande, the Minority Leader has a person from Mukongodo West, while us who are not Members of that Committee , we don't have Members.

***(Several Members stood in their places)***

**Speaker:** Order Order Hon. Members! I know this issue is hot but we must always be reminded that we are in an Honourable House and we are in the glare of the public in all what we do.

**Hon. Wachira:** Point of Order Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Order Member! I really must give you a chance to respond and I know there are so many points of Orders; I will be controlling them so that we progress. Majority Leader it must be a point of Order.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to remind the Member who has spoken that we have vetted so many appointees in this Assembly and…

**Speaker:** What is your point of Order?

**Hon. Wachira:** My point of Order is that, he has mentioned that there is one member from my own ward. Can I remind the Hon. Member that we have vetted so many Members and appointed many in this House there before and none came from my ward and I did not complain.

**Speaker:** Okay Hon. Member, now you are making a contribution rather than giving a point of Order. That is noted Hon. Members that we all have done appointments before so there are no vested interest here, we are all equal as Hon. Members. Allow us Hon. Mwangi, must you really get to this point of Order but anyway please proceed.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker is it in Order for the member for Olmoran to stand and say that a member from Umande has a person in that Board, while he knows very clearly the appointing authority is not Hon. Stephen Mwangi Maruga and I have…

**Speaker:** Okay, I think I have made a ruling on that, that the Hon. Member for Olmoran cannot link an individual member to an appointment because here we are a House, we are not on individual capacities so Hon. Mwangi don't worry. I have addressed that and I have told the Member for Olmoran not to come to that level.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Mr. Speaker, allow me to finish just three words.

**Speaker:** Which words?

**Hon. Mwangi:** That he should withdraw that statement.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, let us not force him to withdraw that statement. I think he has gotten the point that he should not link a Hon. Member to an appointment because we are dealing with this as a House. I think he is condemned enough. Minority Leader, please proceed.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir but I will like to bring to the attention of the Members that we did not actually go in to tribalism or that kind of a thing, but we were looking for professionals to make our County go further. I would like the Members to know that we are now not supposed to think at Ward level, we are here as County representatives to represent the whole County. So please open up your mind and think of Laikipia as a whole not as a ward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Suge, I had promised to give you a chance.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to oppose the Motion of today and propose that we should be given enough time to go through these

names because according to my observation, constitutionally these names or the motion should not proceed today.

One of the reasons is the diversity which has not been considered in this report and also gender representation, Mr. Speaker. The constitution is very clear that two thirds of every Committeeshould be gender balanced.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker Sir, we have representatives of the people…

**Speaker**: Order Hon. Mwangi, it must really be a point of Order.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, is it in Order for the Hon. Member from Rumuruti to tell us to withdraw the motion as if when we withdraw we will be able to equalize that gender factor? Remember we received the names from the Executive and we cannot introduce other names apart from the ones that are in this report. So is in Order for a member to say we differ so that we can just insert other people? Thank you.

**Speaker:** I hope that is not what Hon. Member meant so that he can introduce new names.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I do not see why Hon. Maruga is pressurizing the House that this Motion should be approved today. I am not the one who made up the constitution which is very clear and it should be followed.

Thirdly, Mr. Speaker Sir, we the representatives of the people…

**Speaker:** Is it a point of Order Let's hear from the Minority Leader.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, there is this thing the member says we have not looked at the gender…

**Speaker:** What is your point of Order?

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Gender representation.

**Speaker:** I think we have addressed that severally. Your position now is known in this House around that matter, so Hon. Suge now finish.

**Hon. Suge:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I wanted to say the regional balance is not considered. I don't see the reason as to why there are two people from one Ward Mr. Speaker, Sir whereas there are some few wards which are not considered even for the Executive and even this period they have not been considered.

**Speaker:** Point of Order Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bw. Spika. Ninaona vile Mhsw. amesema kuna watu wawili kutoka Igwamiti. Hatujasoma ripoti ili tuelewe ni nani ameangushwa na ni nani hakuangushwa. Kwa hivyo wale wako hapo ningewaomba mpitie hiyo ripoti kuliko kuangusha huu mswada. Asante.

**Speaker:** I want those two Members who have stood to contribute; whether the motion should be withdrawn; I want to put up the question so that we can proceed. Hon. for Igwamiti and then Hon. for Olmoran.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to propose that this House adopts the report of the Committee and I disagree with my colleagues that we withdraw the motion just because of some reasons. Mr. Speaker, these posts were on competence basis and as some of my colleagues have said, the names were listed on the newspaper after being proposed by H. E.

After listing there came the shortlisting from very qualified people, Mr. Speaker and I think they did their job and after that it went to the Committee, a very Hon.oured one, that one of appointments which we have constituted in this House. Therefore I would like the Hon. Members to

respect all those bodies where those names have passed and should be respected highly.

Mr. Speaker, there is the Hon. Member from Tigithi who is claiming that we must balance the genders in all the posts. The constitution is clear but I would like to be guided by this House. For instance, the way those posts had been advertised and whether the ladies failed to apply or those who applied were incompetent to qualify? What can that Committee do Mr. Speaker? I would like to be guided Mr. Speaker, Thank you.

**Speaker**: Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support the motion for withdrawal. Mr. Speaker to avoid more controversy the Constitution is very clear that we should have two thirds gender balance and two people out of seven is not two thirds. Therefore Mr. Speaker, we are breaching the Constitution and therefore I support that we withdraw the motion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have to put the question now. The motion that is on the floor now is that;

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the 3rd report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Members of County Public Service Board tabled in the House on Wednesday 10th July, 2013.*

The Member for Marmanet has proposed that this motion should be withdrawn from this House and be reintroduced at a later date, of course as it will be dictated by the House Business Committee. The motion we have been deliberating now is whether this should be withdrawn or not. I would like to put the question;

> ***That****, this Motion that I have just read be withdrawn.*

***(Motion Negatived)***

In that case Hon. Members, just top guide the next step. I think it will be important for the Majority Leader to go to specific nominees or appointees. Hon. Members, if it is okay I propose that the Majority Leader reads every section of each nominee and then we will have a discussion and then I will put the question. Majority Leader, would you want to start with the first one?

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, this is the Committee's mandate.

**Speaker**: I think you can read from page 5, that is Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the first nominee. You just read that section, the recommendation and then you give a chance to the Members to deliberate.

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker, I now present to the Members the names as per the interviews.

Mary Wairimu Mutonyi appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson: -

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

In her submission she stated that;

- She would ensure that all Human Resource issues will be handled professionally and that she would endeavor to ensure that the Human Resource composition within the

County will respect diversity in terms of gender and ethnic balancing.

- She would establish sound criteria through a consultative process when establishing and abolishing offices.

- She would initiate a process of change of mind set among the staff of the County in Order to inculcate core values such as stewardship and entrepreneurship.

The Committee having considered her Curriculum Vitae and her oral submissions during her vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- She was born in 1962 in Nyandarua and is a resident of Ngobit.
- She holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Insurance option) University of Nairobi and MBA in Entrepreneurship from KEMU.
- She is currently pursuing a PhD from the Kenyatta University.
- She has worked with Postal Corporation among others.
- She was very articulate on the interview questions, confident and good communication skills.
- She was conversant with her expected mandate/ roles.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Chairperson of the County Public Service Board.**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Before I put the question, I would like to put to the floor that the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Chairperson of the County Public Service Board.

I would like to open it to Members to discuss before I put the question.

Hon. from Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to support Madam Mary Mutonyi to be confirmed as Chairlady of the Board and as I can see from the Committee on Appointments they approved that she is competent and she will play a great role in that board. So I support her to be the chair person. Thank you.

**Hon. Jacob:** Mimi naunga mkono Bi. Mary kwa sababu Kamati imeangalia vile amesoma na mahali amefanya kazi. Asante.

**Speaker:** I want to give more time to this matter. I don't want to hurry. Members, I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT**, Mary Wairimu Mutonyi be appointed as the chairperson of the County Public Service Board.*

***(The Speaker is not clear the side that won)***

Hon. Members, this is interesting. I think the Standing Order No. 68 comes to effect and it is important for the Members to always refer to the Standing Orders. If any instance the Speaker is not clear which side that actually won, the Speaker shall direct a roll call to be taken if a member claims a division and

a) The Speaker considers there is a reasonable doubt as to the outcome of the vote in question or on a question other than a question of procedure five or more Members rise in their place to support the member claiming the roll call division.
b) The Speaker shall direct a division to be taken in every instance where the Constitution lays down that a fixed majority is necessary to decide on any question.

In that case I want to put the question again in light of that understanding;

***THAT**, Mary Wairimu Mutonyi be appointed as the chairperson of the County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion Negatived)***

Majority Leader you may go to the second one.

**Hon. Wachira:** The second one was;

James Ndirangu Kung'u appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

In his submission he stated amongst others that;

- He would endeavor to advice the Board on all matters pertaining to Human Resource within the County.
- He would effectively implement the Board's decision.
- He would initiate through the Board a Human resource audit to establish the capacity gaps of the staff within the County in Order to inform subsequent remedial action.

The Committee having considered his Curriculum Vitae and heard his oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- Comes from Nyahururu in Igwamiti Ward.
- Completed his CPS in 2007 and works as a consultant in Nyahururu town.
- Did not appear to understand the mandate of the Secretary's in the County Public Service Board. Further, he could not clearly show the link between the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly.
- He did not convince the Committee that he was a team player judging from his oral submission.

**The Committee found the nominee NOT suitable to be appointed as the Secretary for the County Public Service Board.**

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question that James Ndirangu Kung'u is not suitable to be appointed as the Secretary for the County Public Service Board. Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. From the findings of the vetting Committee, it is very clear that the applicant did not appear to understand the mandate of the docket he had applied for and he never convinced the Committee to be a team player and therefore Mr. Speaker, I support that he is not suitable for the position. If we want to see a Model County, we should look for competent people to employ, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** I want to commend the Committee that did that good Job. I happened to be in that Committee as an observer and actually the way I saw the Committee doing the job was good. I saw that this person was not competent and as I read your report you also found the same and I agree fully with the Committee. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also take this chance to thank the Committee but am sorry I was not in that room on that day and I think the Committee did not see him unsuitable in that position just because I had two Members from Igwamiti Mr. Speaker. Otherwise the rumours…

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, through the chair we should not rely on rumours in this House, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Igwamiti, you are just being reminded to avoid relying on rumours but you may proceed.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Mr. Speaker, thank you Hon. Member but Mr. Speaker I would kindly ask this House to let that person to be given another chance when the list comes for him to be vetted again Mr. Speaker. Otherwise, as everyone knows in any examination room there comes a time when somebody is shaken or you are just scared by the questions Mr. Speaker. So I request this House to give another chance to that person when you will be vetting once again. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to recommend the findings of the Committee on Appointments on the issue of this member, James Ndirangu Kung'u. If we consider our wards we will end up employing people in this County who are dropouts and according to the recommendations and the findings of the Committee, it is important to see the CV of this applicant, he is not qualified for this job. I support the Committee that this person is not suitable for the position. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Suge then I will put the question.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, first I would like to thank the Committee that did the vetting and also this process of the interview. According to the report of this Committee, they found that Mr. James Ndirangu did not understand his mandate and that's why the Committee recommended that he is not suitable to serve in this office, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Secondly Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to urge my colleague here Hon. Kabaci that once a person has failed in an interview, there is no second chance so if he is supporting Mr. Kung'u to come back for an interview there is no room for that once a person has failed, he has failed unless Mheshimiwa wants to mislead this House. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I would like to put the question,

> ***That,*** *James Ndirangu Kung'u is NOT suitable to be appointed as a member of County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker, Sir the next appointee was;

Ms. Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

She stated to the Committee among others things that she;

- Would enhance performance management as a key management strategy in Order to enhance delivery of service.
- Would ensure objectivity in discharging her duties.
- Would bring a wealth of experience from the Civil Service.

The Committee having considered her curriculum vitae and her oral submissions during the vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-

- She comes from Umande Ward and holds a Bachelor of Commerce Human Resource option and a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Catholic University of Eastern Africa.
- Has worked as a Secretary in the civil service among others.
- Was clear and precise in her presentation.
- She is ambitious in life.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as a member of the County Public Service Board.**

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau be appointed as a member of the County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion Negatived)***

**Hon. Wachira:** The next Nominee was;

Naftali Githua Karangu appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

He stated to the Committee among others that:-

- Would endeavor as a member of the board to avoid conflict of interest that may arise between various offices charged with responsibilities of Human Resource oversight.
- Would advocate adherence to the law in discharging his mandate to ensure that no discrimination and other vices that would adversely affect the morale and performance of staff within the County.
- Would recommend to the Board to undertake audit of the offices to determine those to be created and or abolished.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and his oral submissions during his vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- He comes from Igwamiti Ward and has immense wealth of knowledge having worked in the civil service and the education sector for several years.

- Is currently the dean of students at Kagumo Teachers College.
- Was well conversant with his mandate and was able to link his role with that of County Assembly.
- Was articulate and conversant with the new constitution and had a sense of belonging to Laikipia County.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as a member of the County Public Service Board.**

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member, I would like to put the question,

> ***THAT,*** *Naftali Githua be appointed as a member of County Public Service Board.*

Yes, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Following the trend that we have followed from the start, I see that we are being given the qualifications of each applicant but with Naftali Githua Karangu I don't see his qualifications here Mr. Speaker and therefore I challenge the Committee for not writing down the qualifications of the applicant and therefore I think we are not here to give the chances and I will not support the applicant because am not sure about his qualifications. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Minority Leader.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I will like to support the applicant because I am a Member of the County Assembly Appointing Committee and I was among the Members who were in the vetting Board. I would like to tell the Members that we saw his certificates. Hon. Members talking in the real sense, I think we need to take our professionals back home. This member here, Naftali, if you can allow our Hansard People to play our interview with him, I don't know him personally, but I think this is somebody who is important in this County. As we asked questions and his vision for Laikipia it is somebody that I cannot...

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, is it in Order for Hon. Member to tell us about the qualifications of Naftali Githua Karangu verbally? We want a written document Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I think the Hon. Member, the Leader of Minority is at liberty to add more and so he is totally in Order.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will actually urge the Member for Olmoran that we've got the photocopies of his qualifications of his certificates and anytime if you want, they are there. Thank you.

**Speaker:** The floor is open before I put the question. Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am of the opinion that Mr. Naftali Karangu be confirmed to that post. From the books Mr. Speaker, I have read that the Committee on Appointment saw him well conversant and was able to link his role with that of County Assembly and since the Committeesaw his qualifications it is good that we support that one for it not to look like a trend for today's business that we are removing all the names of those people. We might end up not getting other people who are not competent and I kindly request the Members to cool down, the mood seems not to be very good Mr. Speaker and I kindly request the Members not to through all the names of those people who have been vetted otherwise they might see as if zero work was done by that Committee Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, if somebody is not qualified is not qualified. We don't have the details of qualifications in this sheet. Others those we have gone through, their qualifications are indicated but for this person there are no qualifications so I also stand to oppose.

**Speaker:** Yes, minority Leader

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think the House is at liberty to decide who or otherwise to vote for, for these nominees but I will like to ask the member for Salama, can somebody be a dean of students at Kagumo Teachers College and be unqualified?

**Speaker:** Hon. Member for Salama it is not an exchange but just give your contribution.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** I personally, maybe I may not understand the qualifications of a dean but according to what I have said, for the other applicants their qualifications are clearly indicated but for this person we don't have his qualification and that is why am opposing to his appointment because if we argue depending on our areas I will end up bringing somebody from my family because he comes from my place to make sure he/ she is being employed in the County. So when we go for professionalism let us do as it ought to be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Leader for Minority we cannot give you so many times, is there another member? Yes, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am standing here to propose the member. Mr. Speaker, Sir I do not know whether it was a typing error or anything. Members, we saw the papers of this applicant. This member could have not passed all this stages from the very beginning; advertisement, vetting by the first Board, vetting by the Committee, what we did on Monday until this juncture is to come and bring the name here without the supporting documents.

Members, I confirm to this House the documents of this applicant were available when we were doing this. It is only perhaps through the typing error, am requesting Hon. Speaker, can we defer this question together with others who have been dropped so that we bring the name of this applicant plus the name of Mary Mutonyi.

**Speaker:** There is a point of Order, let us hear the Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker, to avoid such errors in future we shall not tolerate that Committee to apologize and tell us whether it was a typing error, I stand firm that we cannot tolerate such errors.

**Speaker:** Okay, this Honourable House is not just driven to vote Yes or No but you Members are here to always look at the big picture for the betterment of the County. If you reject that is the best interest in view of this House in this County, if you accept the nomination it is the best interest. This House never goes wrong when they have made a resolution but I would like to give the Leader of Majority the benefit of doubts. I would like to let you know that when a vote has been taken you cannot revisit that question unless there is a leave of this House.

So where we have voted that is sealed unless this House takes leave and says it will reopen that, outside that the Speaker is bound, I cannot rule around that, but if this House says let us reopen it, it can but on the question of Naftali Githua Karangu I will like to give Hon. Members the benefit of doubt on what they said. We defer that one and they table the certificates. That notwithstanding, the Members are at liberty to vote the way they want. So Hon. Member you have a few minutes to table those certificates so

that the Members can be satisfied in terms of qualifications.

On that Hon. Members, when the certificates are tabled you are at liberty to vote the way you want and the way this House votes is final for the best interest of the County so this House never votes wrongly, if it votes Yes that's the best if it votes No that's the best. Majority Leader with the staff you can table the certificates and the Hon. Members will revisit that but in the meantime let us get to the next person.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Let us go to the next applicant;

Adan Mohammed Guracha appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

He stated among others that;

- As a member he would strongly be guided by the laws in Order to ensure objectivity while executing his mandates.
- Would work within the Board to ensure merits and ethnic balance are some of the aspects to guide him in the recruitment process.
- Would endeavor to ensure that the board related well with other institutions of the County such as the County Assembly.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and his oral submissions during his vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- Hails from Nanyuki Ward and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Nairobi.
- Has a good communication skill.
- Has a strong sense of belonging in Laikipia County.
- Was articulate and precise on interview questions.
- Was able to relate his role as a Board member and that of the County Assembly.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as a member of the County Public Service Board.**

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob, you cannot talk before I have proposed a question. Don't be in a hurry.

***THAT,*** *Adan Mohamed Guracha be appointed as a member of the County Public Service Board.*

**Hon. Jacob:** I propose this member because he comes from the marginalized group in this County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Tuanze na Mheshimiwa wa Nanyuki tafadhali.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Asante Bw. Spika. Nawauliza kwa heshima ndugu zangu waheshimiwa tusaidie huyu kijana. Mimi nilikuwa katika hiyo kamati na nilivyomuona ni kwamba ni kijana ambaye anajua, ambaye amejilea kulingana na vile alikuwa akiuliza maswali na ni kijana ambaye anaweza kusaidia Kaunti kwa mambo mengi.

Kwa hivyo naomba tumpendekeze Bw. Adan Guracha. Asante Bw. Spika.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Ole Kaparo.

**Hon. Kaparo**: Asante sana Bw. Spika. Yangu ni kushukuru ile kamati ilifanya ile kazi. Bw. Adan ni mtu ambaye ninajua kutoka nikiwa mtoto na ni mtu ambaye nimeona kazi yake. Langu ni kuomba wabunge wengine waunge mkono Bw. Adan kwa sababu ni mtu wa bidii na ni mtu ambaye anaweza kusaidia Kaunti ya Laikipia kwa ile kazi yeye atafanya. Asanteni.

**Speaker:** Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also stand to support for the approval of Mr. Adan Guracha. One he is a Laikipia by birth, he is from Nanyuki town. He is known and he has an experience. I have seen he is a degree holder of Bachelor of Commerce from University of Nairobi. So I stand to support Mr. Adan Guracha as he is the only Nominee from the minority side and the Constitution is very clear that in any appointment the minority should be considered. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Lebeneiyo.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. On behalf of the Appointing Committee I would like to thank the Members at least for contributing to this one because at the end of the day, we may look as if we are not competent in vetting. Thank you Hon. Members.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante sana Bw. Spika. Yangu ni kumuunga mkono huyu kijana kwa kuwa ni wa hapa Laikipia na tabia zake zinajulikana vizuri na zaidi ametoka kwa jamii iliyo ndogo na katika viti vingine ambazo tumeweza kupitisha hapa hatujawahi kupata hata mmoja kutoka kwa hii jamii. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri aweze kupata na naunga mkono.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi, then I will put the question.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Asante Sana Bw. Spika. Mimi ningependa kuwashukuru wabunge wa bunge hili kwa kukubali matokeo kumhusu Adan Guracha. Kuna msemo wa Kiswahili husema, 'Mcheza kwao hutuzwa' na tusipotuza Bw. Adan Guracha tutamtuza nani katika jamii hii? Ukiangalia katika wafanyi kazi wote wale wako kwa bunge hili huwezi kupata hata mmoja kutoka kwa jamii hiyo. Ingekuwa vyema tungekuwa na yeye katika kamati hii ili atusaidie kufanya kazi na kuendeleza mbele Laikipia yetu.

Jambo lingine ningependa kueleza bunge hili ni kwamba mimi nilihusika katika kuwafanyia uchunguzi na kwa hakika kila mtu katika bunge hili angefurahi sana kufanya kazi na mwenzake ambaye ana heshima na maneno yake si yakuleta vurugu. Kwa hivyo naomba bunge hili limpitishe Bw. Adan Mohamed Guracha. Asante Bw. Spika.

**Speaker:** I will like to put the question;

> ***THAT**, Adan Mohamed Guracha be appointed as a member of the County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Hon. Wachira:** The next person is;

Petro Oshumu Ole Santa appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

He stated to the Committee, among other things that;

- Would be guided by the public interests in recommending creation or abolishing offices.
- He would robustly uphold core values of the County as his guiding principles in the board.
- Would strongly advocate for performance management as a key management strategy, and
- That he would advocate for capacity building where gaps are identified.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and his oral submissions during his vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- Has a good and relevant career background as a Clergy and has served in various parishes.
- Hails from Mukogodo West and holds a Bachelor Degree in Divinity from the University of St. Pauls.
- He is partially blind and can only see with one eye thus in a better position to articulate needs of persons living with disabilities within Laikipia County.
- Was very articulate on interview questions and was able to link his mandate as a Board member with that of a County Assembly.
- Being a Clergy he will help to give spiritual guidance to other board Members.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as a Member of the County Public Service Board.**

**Speaker:** Hon. Members I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT**, Petro Oshumu Ole Santa be appointed as a member of County Public Service Board.*

Yes, Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the approval of Petro Oshumu having seen that he is partially blind and as we have discussed the other persons, this man according to the findings of the Committee is in a better position to articulate the needs of people who live with disability, so I support his appointment. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Let us start with Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bw. Spika. Naunga mkono Peter Ole Santa. Namwelewa vizuri, najua mahali ametoka na ninajua vile anavyoweza saidia Kaunti hili kwa sababu ya maisha yale amekuwa akikaa huko. Yeye ni mtu ambaye tunajua akifika hapa hakuwa mtu anajiweza, ni mtu ambaye ni kiwete, kwa hivyo namuunga mkono. Asante.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support Mr. Oshumu Ole Santa. He comes from the minority and one of the disabled that we have and actually I am glad that I was in the Vetting Committee as an observer and he is qualified. I urge my fellow colleagues; please can we support this one. He was the returning officer in Laikipia East and he did a good job. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I feel so good when reading this CV of Mr. Petro Oshumu Ole Santa, especially the part that says he is a

Clergy and he will help to give spiritual guidance to other Board Members. Therefore, Mr. Speaker we need to be guided spiritually and Hon. Members support the appointment of Petro Oshumu Ole Santa. Thank you.

**Speaker:** With that level of spiritual guidance as Hon. Member is saying, I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *Petro Oshumu Ole Santa be appointed as a member of the County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Hon. Wachira:** The next nominee Mr. Speaker Sir, is;

Saaya Tema Karmushu appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:

a) That after inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

He stated to the Committee, among other things that;

- He would utilise his experience, skills and dynamic energy to address the challenges to be encountered relating to Human Resource in Laikipia County.

- Would use his wide experience in serving the community to bring harmony within the staff of the County thus enhance their productivity in service delivery.

The Committee having considered his Curriculum Vitae and his oral submissions during his vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- He is a holder of Bachelor Degree in human resource from Kenya College of Accountancy University and has an advanced Diploma in Business management.
- Has a wealth of experience in community work.
- Hails from Mukogodo East.
- Was very articulate and conversant with the interview questions.
- Was able to link his expected mandate at the County Public Service Board with that of the County Assembly.
- As a young person he manifested a lot of commitment to serve his County and had ability to perform.
- Has widely travelled and is generally knowledgeable.
- As a young person (aged 30) he will represent the interests of the youth in the Board.

**After deliberations, the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as a Member of the County Public Service Board.**

**Speaker:** Members I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT****, Saaya Tema Karmushu be appointed as a member of County Public Service Board.*

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am here to oppose this motion because it seems

that the only people who are supporting this motion are the only people who were in that Committee. As I said from the beginning I request to know exactly who these people are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bw. Spika. Mimi ningempendekeza Saaya Tema. Huyu ni kijana mdogo sana ambaye ni wanalika. Hakuna kijana hata mmoja ameteuliwa na hii kamati. Ningeomba waheshimiwa waangalie vijana kwa sababu tukiwaweka nje hawatapata nafasi ya kujisaidia katika Kaunti hii. Nawaomba muangalie vijana kwa sababu huyu tu ndiye kijana aliyetuma maombi yake katika kitengo hiki. Asante.

**Speaker**: Yes.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the nomination of Saaya Tema Karmushu and I also like the Members to know that as we were doing vetting to these people despite the qualifications and other things that Saaya Tema Karmushu has done a lot for his Community, we also look at Saaya as from the Minority side and also a youth representative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here also to oppose the appointment of Saaya Tema Karmushu. As we are dealing with the appointment, it is not important to deal with the issue of minority and all that. Let us go by the way of professionalism. We have approved the names of two people from the minority and special interests, so we also need to look at the majority. Mr. Speaker, I oppose the appointment of Saaya Tema Karmushu. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this chance. I also stand here to oppose and say that Saaya Tema Karmushu should join the wagon of the 'Nays'. That means I do not support Saaya Tema Karmushu to join Public Service Board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Umande.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to differ with those who are opposing Mr. Saaya Tema Karmushu. He belongs to the youth family and I belong there. It won't be fair if I don't support him given that he is a young fellow. Again, I happened to be in this Committee that happened to vet one Saaya Tema Karmushu and he had knowledge of the mandate of his docket. So I would like to urge the House, even if it takes mercy, let us support Saaya Tema Karmushu simply because he is a youth and if we don't give youths these opportunities we will always be crying that there is no youth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu is it a point of Order?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** No.

**Speaker**: Because we are learning let me give you a chance.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** As Hon. Members, it is very important to understand that there are many youths who are educated not only one. There so many youths who are in the field and others still looking for jobs. Once we are speaking about the interest of the youths we don't say that once I oppose the name, we won't require youths to be approved later. At the same time we disapproved the names of women, even the list that we have, does not have women representation in it so let us not argue Mr. Speaker Sir, on the basis of who the person is because there are some other youths who can be also approved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Mr. Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante Bw. Spika mimi yangu ni kumuunga mkono huyu kijana kwa sababu katika Kaunti yetu ikiwezekana vijana wawekwe kazini kama inavyotakikana, kuhitimu kwake, masomo yake na bidii yake inamkubalia kuwa katika kazi hii kwa hivyo naunga mkono ya kwamba apewe hii kazi afanyie Laikipia kazi.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth:** I stand to propose Mr. Saaya Tema Karmushu to be appointed in this County Public Service Board. He is a youth and I was in the room where the Committee on Appointments was interviewing him and he is 29 years old and so as a youth am there to support Mr. Saaya Tema Karmushu. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** I would like to put the question that.

> ***THAT**, Saaya Tema Karmushu be appointed as a member of County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Hon. Wachira:** The next member is Mr. Naftali Githua Karangu, I hope Members have gone through his papers.

Naftali Githua Karangu appeared before the Committee on Monday 8th July, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson:-

a) That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b) That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.

He stated to the Committee among others that:-

- Would endeavour as a member of the board to avoid conflict of interest that may arise between various offices charged with responsibilities of Human Resource oversight.

- Would advocate adherence to the law in discharging his mandate to ensure that no discrimination and other vices that would adversely affect the morale and performance of staff within the County.

- Would recommend to the Board to undertake audit of the offices to determine those to be created and or abolished.

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and his oral submissions during his vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:

- He comes from Igwamiti Ward and has immense wealth of knowledge having worked in the civil service and the education sector for several years.
- Is currently the dean of student at Kagumo Teachers College.
- Was well conversant with his mandates and was able to link his role with that of County Assembly.
- Was articulate and conversant with the new constitution and had a sense of belonging to Laikipia County.

**The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as a member of the County Public Service Board.**

***(Several Members stood in their places)***

**Speaker:** Just wait, hold your horses. Hon. Member, there was a question of certificates; I think it will be important to read them through for the Members to see them.

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Speaker, the certificates were circulated to the Members to peruse and I think every member has perused these certificates which were certified by us when we vetted him.

**Speaker:** Thank you, that is good. I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *Naftali Githua Karangu be appointed as a Member for County Public Service Board*.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I had brought the issue of certificates and I have observed them very well. The nominee, Mr. Naftali Githua Karangu is very qualified and I stand here to support his appointment and I ask Hon. Members to support this nominee because his education background is up to the level that is required to make Laikipia a Model County. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I stand to support the nominee. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Let's hear Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also stand to support the appointment of this nominee having qualified and having several experiences, having been a teacher in this County in several schools, he is also an educated person with a degree from Egerton University, post graduate Diploma in Guidance and Counselling and also a holder of Bachelor of Business Administration. Mr. Speaker, Sir I support his approval. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu you seem to have toned down on your deSire to speak, anyway am not provoking you, let the Member for Githiga speak.

**Hon. Thomi:** Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support the appointment of Naftali Githua Karangu. Mr. Speaker, it was very sad to talk of certificates of Mr. Karangu where it is clearly saying here that he is a dean of students at Kagumo Teachers College. That alone proves Mr. Karangu to be so learned so Mr. Speaker I stand to support the appointment of Mr. Naftali Githua Karangu in the County Public Service Board.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu, you have the time now. Order Mheshimiwa Jacob! There is already a member on the floor.

**Hon.Wakahiu:** Having received the documents of the qualification of Naftali Githua Karangu, I stand to support his approval and urge Members to support him since he is qualified. It is only what the Leader of Majority has said that there was an error.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Jacob it is your turn now.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante bwana Spika. Mimi naunga mkono Karangu kwa sababu ni kijana tunayejua kutoka Igwamiti. Asante.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir; I support this man but my neck is aside.

***(Laughter)***

**Speaker:** Is that good English? What is that?

**Hon. Kinyua:** I support him but with a side neck but next time I ask Majority Leader to take care not to repeat these mistakes again. Thank you.

**Speaker:** That was interesting Hon. Kinyua.

***(Laughter)***

Okay, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I was saying this motion of today, if you are basing on facts like the way you have done on the floor, he has the papers, that is why I was saying if we were given time, most of those who have gone out maybe they could have gone in. That's why saying am here am to support this guy. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi then Minority Leader.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you, I must admit that I am happy to see that I happened to sit in a Committee and now the Members are willing to support our decision as a Committee. Infact when we talk about one Githua, I admired his character and at some time a member of the Vetting Committee asked him, why didn't you apply for the post of a secretary? He said very clearly that he did not have qualifications for that. I was convinced that he had the qualifications of that entire post and here comes as a member. I don't have a reason to dispute the report that I have participated in drafting. So I support Mr. Githua. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Minority Leader.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and also the Members because I also support Karangu for his nomination and also on the other hand to thank Hon. Kinyua for saying Yes, in our report. Finally a question to the Hon. Member of Marmanet, you said at last that this is the only Hon. Member whom you had facts. I want him to clarify, what does he mean when he said facts? What facts didn't the other have? Please tell what are these facts we didn't see? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I don't want you to start engaging the Members directly. They are at liberty to say what they said. But anyway let me give one or two before I put the question. Yes, member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Hon. Members for they have seen that the man is very much qualified for the appointment and it is true it was only a small error from the Committee and on their behalf I apologise for that. I am happy that they have seen the man is equal to the task and I also propose that he should be confirmed to the Board. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *Naftali Githua Karangu be appointed as a Member for County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to thank the Members for a job well done and ask your permission to go again and reconsider their decision on the nominee, Mary Wairimu Mutonyi and Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau.

Mary Wairimu Mutonyi happens to come from my area of jurisdiction and I am asking the Speaker to guide us on this matter.

**Speaker:** Order what are you asking the House to do?

**Hon. Wachira:** I am asking the Members to reconsider their decision for throwing away this member, Mary Wairimu Mutonyi who comes from my Ward Ngobit.

**Speaker:** Order member! Don't contribute to that issue because the decision of the Assembly is to reject. Don't contribute further on that; allow me to look at the Standing Orders.

***(Consultations)***

I am waiting for you Hon. Mwangi before I stand. Okay, thank you Hon. Members. In law

they say the law is developed but what makes the law living is when new circumstances come and supplication has to be done. It is not always a pleasant situation. Like now I had to refer to a number of statutes here to see the question that the Majority Leader has proposed. Now I have looked at our Standing Orders around the motion that is Part 7 and more specifically on the Standing Order No. 46 (1)

> *No motion may be moved which is the same substance as any question which has been dissolved either in the affirmative or in the negative during the proceedings 6 months in the same session.*
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> Section (2) of that Standing Order, it says,
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> ***THAT**, despite paragraph (1) (which I have just read) a motion to reside the decision of such question, maybe moved with the permission of the Speaker. (You can't move the motion of the same substance until 6 months) but such motion may be moved with a permission of the Speaker.*

Hon. Members, it is not practice of course to pass a motion and recede it but also this House has liberty to reconsider its decision based on Standing Order No. 46(2) with the permission of the Speaker.

Now the Majority Leader issue was that this afternoon rejected the name of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board as well as Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. Those were the two names that Majority Leader did refer back today. This House made that decision but the Majority Leader asked me to consider that and see whether we can rescind now. That decision is not entirely mine.

My decision as the Speaker is to allow this House to discuss that Motion to rescind that motion of rejection of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi and Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau plus not to confirm, but to go back to what the report says, if we were to rescind. The report recommends that Mary Wairimu Mutonyi be recommended here as a Chair and Esther Nyaguthii as a member, that is where we will stand. It is the decision of the Majority to either move the motion then again for this House to adopt Mary Wairimu Mutonyi and Esther Nyaguthii. I hope that is clear.

The decision the Majority Leader had asked is not for us to confirm Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as a Chairperson. It is not for Esther Nyaguthii to be a member for County Public Service Board, all he is asking is for us to undo the decision of reject. So I will like Hon. Members, because it is not me to decide but you to decide, as a Speaker I will allow this Motion;

> ***THAT,** this House rescinds the rejection of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board.*

Therefore Hon. Members in light of that, I would like to propose the motion and other that proposing the motion, I will make it open so that Members can discuss and engage.

> ***THAT**, this House rescinds the decision to reject of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board.*

Yes, Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, to reconsider our decision that we had made earlier will show this House as a shaky House, one that can be compromised because what shall we see that we had not seen when we were discussing this matter? Therefore, Mr. Speaker if they rescinds this decision, I am not part of that

because I had made my decision, unless otherwise. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asanti Bw. Spika. Yangu ni kurudisha huu mjadala hapa tena kwa sababu vile kiongozi wa wengi anasema, mimi ninaona ya kwamba tumsikize kwa sababu ametoka kwake Ngobit. Watu ni wengi wamehitimu katika hii kiti kwa hivyo sioni sababu ya kuMr.udisha kwa sababu ametoka kwake, mimi nasema hapana.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We Hon. Members I just tend to think that we are exhausted, there are maybe other decision were made having not made the right decision. I will further request if am in Order, we fail to discuss the Motion today and we decide next time because having read the mood of Hon. Members I will suggest, maybe. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Looking at this issue, this motion for Mary Mutonyi is not for certificates like this one for Githua. So we have to stand firm. What we said should be that way. For me I oppose. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Member for Githiga.

**Hon. Thomi:** Yes, Mr. Speaker I want to say something. Mr. Speaker when you did put the question, there are people who said 'Yes' and others 'Nay'. I also feel that, this one can once again be considered, not through the names but have them to be discussed once more because if you put the question now they will all agree. So I support we discuss this one again rather than removing it from the hearing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to urge the Members that it is good we.. I don't read the mood of the House when the Speaker is on the Chair but I request you, can we rescind the decision? We won't discuss anything Mr. Speaker if you allow me; I think we are allowed by the Standing Orders. Let us rescind the decision and then we will discuss it next time as Hon. Wakahiu is saying. I can read the mood of the House if you allow me Mr. Speaker; can we just do that so that we can give it another time? I know you are exhausted, thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. At the beginning I said some decisions we make out of feelings and I had requested the House not to make decisions through emotions. Today it was just an emotional day because it is as if our minds were not together. I am supporting Deputy Speaker that yes, we can redo and then we rethink for another session because reporters were here and gone and they might say we have done that. We better do it another session that's my request as Deputy Speaker had said. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As a matter of fact, I would like the whole of this report to be adopted by the Assembly, but again two or three of them are rejected. I would like your indulgence Mr. Speaker whether it is possible to revisit the matter today and deliberate today and pass or reject today, simply because there is time.

Since the time this House was served with the list of nominees, the time is expiring and the law states that any appointee from the appointment authority shall not stay more than 14 days and now if we revisit and not deliberate on it today,

Mr. Speaker we will be caught up by time. So Mr. Speaker I seek your indulgence.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bw. Spika. Langu ni kusema ya kwamba ile kitu tuliweza kupitisha wakati ule ulikuwa, hakuna kitu tunaweza kurudia tena na kama ni kurudiwa wacha ifanywe siku nyingine lakini leo tunasema kurudia kitu kama hii inamaanisha hakuna kitu tunafanya katika nyumba hii. Kazi ni mingi ajaribu wakati huo mwingine, Asante.

**Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Suge

**Hon. Suge:** Mr. Speaker, Sir I wanted to say that there is no hurry in these names and if there are few Members that have felt we need to revisit the matter today, I concur with other Members that we defer the matter today and we revisit the other time. Thank you.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Asante Bw. Spika, kama vile nilikuwa nimewaomba, nawauliza waheshimiwa, naona ni kama tuko na uchovu, napendekeza tuwahirishe hadi Alhamisi.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi what is the problem? Member for Nanyuki you can continue, sorry.

**Hon. Kimondo:** I was requesting that we adjourn, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Let us hear one more Member around that. That's noted. Mheshimiwa Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante Bw. Spika, yangu ni kuongeza kwa yale niliyosema. Kwa sababu Kiongozi wa wengi bungeni anatuhimiza turundishe huyu mtu kwa sababu ni wa kwao, na sasa nimekuwa na tashwishi zaidi, kwa sababu ni yeye 'alimhoji' inawezekana awe hakuhitimu kwa sababu yeye ni wa kwao ama alimtetea apitishwe na ndio sababu hilo jina limekuja hapa. Nimekuwa na tashwishi na ningeomba hili jambo tuSirudie.

**Speaker:** Who is on a point of Order?

**Hon. Wachira:** I am on a point of Order Mr. Speaker. I want to inform the member who has just spoken and may I remind him that these names that have been read here are from Igwamiti, East Mukogondo, Umande and Ngobit. Can I tell the Members now that this lady although she comes from Ngobit, I knew her one week before the interview when the names were brought in this House.

I know where she is married, her father- in-law stays in Ngobit, and they have a House in Nyeri. If that is why Members are going zigzag way I can tell the Members that we have interviewed so many people here and even our Speaker here, he came from Nairobi, our member of …

**Speaker:** Order! Only bring a point at home.

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker, can I finish?

**Speaker:** When another person is on a point of Order.

**Hon. Wachira:** Sorry for mentioning the word Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, it is going beyond a point of Order now.

**Hon. Wachira:** Yes, am only bringing my point at home Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Order! He is on a point of Order.

**Hon. Wachira**: Can you please protect me from this Hon. Member.

**Speaker:** A member is on the floor, can just finish your point of Order.

**Hon. Wachira:** We have vetted so many people here Mr. Speaker, our member for Education was teaching in Nairobi, our member for Finance was

working in Nairobi, any other member, administration member was working somewhere else, why are you so particular on this member who lives in Nyeri and she has a farm in Ngobit and is married in Ngobit? So what, on this single appointee and you have not been so particular on others?

Members I am begging you don't be so particular on this member. When recommendations were done and bad recommendations were asked, none was received, why are you bringing issues which are irrelevant to our discussion?

**Speaker:** Okay, Member I would like us to be guided as we do our discussion around this matter. I know it is quite emotive, and this is good as to why we are an Assembly. Member for Olmoran and Jacob, when am speaking you really have to be sited. I know you want to speak and I am going to give each one of you a chance. Member for Olmoran, can you start.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, am starting to be worried why this name Mary Wairimu is eliciting such heat in this House and I have started doubting whether some Members are having some vested interests in this lady Mary Wairimu Mutonyi because we have failed several people since we entered in this House three months ago and I have never seen somebody who have generated such heat and therefore Mr. Speaker I beg that we stand with our decision so that we are not seen as a House that is being compromised or without a stand. I beg the decision to stand as it is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Allow me Hon. Members, you we cannot be on the same matter all through. Allow me to guide the House as follows; there are two motions now, one motion by the Majority Leader to rescind the motion made around Mary Mutonyi and Esther Wanjau. There is another motion by Deputy Speaker to adjourn the debate of this House. Well, we have not dispensed with the motion from the Majority Leader.

Now the latest, I would like to dispense that motion from the Deputy Speaker to adjourn. The implication of adjournment is that the motion that is on the floor would be picked up in the next sitting, that's what the implication is. I would like the Hon. Members to be clear that if we adjourn and then we resume based on the Business Committee location, this business, the two businesses about Mary Mutonyi and Esther Wanjau will be the first to be discussed as per the allocation of House Business Committee.

Now the motion by the Deputy Speaker that this House be adjourned, I will like to read to you Standing Order No. 49, on Motion that maybe moved without notice;

*The motion of the adjournment of the County Assembly or of a debate. That Motion can be moved without a notice.*

So Hon. Member for Nanyuki is rightly in Order to have moved that Motion. Member for Nanyuki, did you say who is seconding that Motion?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to support that motion that this House adjourns and from the look, the Hon. Members are exhausted from those motions and we should be given time. I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members I would like to propose the question;

> **THAT**, this House adjourns these sittings.

Yes, Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As much as we would like to adjourn the House, there is this issue of time. When we are adjourning we should be time conscious since the day the names

were read here in the Assembly. If we go further than this Friday, the names will be assumed adopted by the County Assembly. The names were read here on 28th last month and if we go beyond this Friday we will be overtaken by time and as we go to adjourn we should try to revisit the matter as soon as possible even if it is tomorrow or the day before this Friday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua and then Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante Bw. Spika mimi langu ni kuomba badala ya kuweka huu mjadala kisha turejelee tena afadhali tukubaliane mara moja tuokoe wakati. Wacha tukija tena tuje tuzungumzie jina lingine ama tupitishe hili lakini si mambo ya kuweka. Na tukija wakati huo mwingine tuweze kutupa, wakati utakua umeenda sana na tutakuwa tumepoteza wakati mwingi sana. Mimi ningeomba tusikae kama tunayumbayumba. Bwana Spika ningeomba tuweze kukata kauli dakika hii. Ikiwa ni kukataa tukatae kabisa na ikiwa ni kukubali tukubali.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** I am on a point of Order. He is speaking of extending the time because of personal interest. I think we were in a motion of adjournment and he is talking about the interest of somebody so I would rather support the adjournment because we are exhausted. We have the first one and the second one and I am tired. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Mheshimiwa Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob**: Bw. Spika sioni kitu tunaweza kurudia kutoka dakika ile hadi saa hii. Kama nyumba hii iliamua kwamba hawa watu tumewaweka nje, wacha tupatiwe wakati, na kama ni kurudisha wacha turudishe watu wengine ambao tutaangalia na kama ni kurudisha wacha iwe siku nyingine lakini saa hii wacha tuendelee na kazi nyingine kwa sababu hatuwezi kushida kwa bunge hili juu ya mtu mmoja ambaye bunge ilisema ya kwamba wameweka nje.

**Speaker:** I would like to dispense with that motion and then we come to rescind. The motion from the Deputy Speaker seconded by Hon. Member from Igwamiti is;

> **THAT**, this House adjourns the debate.

Mheshimiwa Jacob where did you want to go, you really have to get clear about the rules.

***(Motion agreed)***

The Majority Leader it is your turn.

**MOTION**

**Hon. Wachira:** The Motion reads;

> ***THAT,*** *this House adjourns its work until tomorrow, Thursday 9.00 a.m.*

**Speaker:** So the essence of it is that, ordinarily as per the Standing Orders is that we meet at 2.00 pm so on the proposal instead of meeting at 2.30 pm we meet in the morning at 9.00am.

I will like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House meets tomorrow on 11th Thursday, 2013 at 9.00 a.m.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

House rose at 4.50 p.m.

| SITTING NO 15 | Thursday, 11th July,2013 | 9.00 a.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**MOTIONS**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir,

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Orders No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of County Public Service Board.*

This House was discussing this matter last evening and I raised this issue, it was not only for Mary Wairimu Mutonyi but there was another lady for this matter Members, I wanted the House to decide so that we may discuss further and see the way forward.

**Speaker**: Okay.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Members.

**Speaker:** Very well. I think this is actually a resumption discussion of yesterday and it is not a new motion.

**Hon. Wachira**: Yes, it was for discussion.

**Speaker**: If my memory corrects me, we were at an open plenary where Members can contribute.

**Hon. Wachira:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Okay and I had proposed the question so I don't want to propose it again. I think we resume the discussion on the first motion:

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Orders No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of County Public Service Board.*

It is now open for the Members to contribute to this motion.

**(*Silence for I min.*)**

Yes, Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that Members are still not conversant with the issue of discussing this motion, I stand to propose a motion:

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the adjournment of the Assembly sittings on 16th July, 2013.*

I will urge Hon. Thomi to second me.

**Speaker:** Before Hon. Thomi seconds you, just for clarity what you have done is to almost take over the motion of the Majority Leader which is fine if the Majority Leader has asked you to represent him in the third motion today. That is still fine but is that the case? So what you have done is actually to bring the last motion here

called adjournment earlier which is fine. Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second that this House adjourns the motion.

**Speaker***:* Okay. That's fine. I think basically what you are doing is to propose the adjournment: the motion is that this House approves the adjournment of the Assembly sittings on 16th July, 2013, but that also means that you are combining that with today's that this House also adjourns the debate of today and as well as adjourn the sittings of 16th July, 2013.I would delink the two if Hon. Members you will allow me so that we deal with the adjournment of today and then we go to the motion of Majority Leader to adjourn on 16th and we meet on 17th July, 2013 again. So Hon. Members let us deal with the first one that Hon. Mwangi has proposed that this House adjourns today and seconded by Hon. Thomi. I want to propose the question before I put the question; that this House adjourns debate this morning. Yes, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I think it is better to support this motion to adjourn this Assembly so that we have enough time to deliberate on these issues until we come to one conclusion. So I support this motion to adjourn until 16th July, 2013. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Okay. I guess that is clear. I now want to put the question that this House adjourns debate today but I realize technically if I put that question then it means that we shall not be dealing with the motion No. 3, isn't it so clerk? Technically if I put that question and that is approved then we shall have to go but we have to meet on 16th July, 2013 there is another motion there. So in terms of ordering things I propose that before we vote on whether to adjourn today, we also discuss. Allow me to work out the procedures because I hope the Members are getting my direction. If we approve to adjourn now, we can discuss the third motion that we adjourn also on Tuesday. So before I put the question allow me to ask the Majority Leader to move the third motion so that we deal with them simultaneously otherwise we shall be locked.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move this motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the adjournment of the Assembly sittings on 16th July, 2013.*

**Speaker:** Okay. Who will second that?

**Hon. Jacob:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir; I second that motion on 16th July, 2013.

**Speaker**: Allow me to put the question;

> **THAT,** one first that this House approves the adjournment of the Assembly sittings on 16th July, 2013.

***(Motion agreed)***

Allow me together with that to put the question as pursuant with the motion by Hon. Mwangi that this House adjourns debate;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the adjournment of the Assembly sitting on 16th July, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House is adjourned and I propose Members that the mace be lowered and then we have one or two minute discussion.

The House rose at 9.23 a.m.

| SITTING NO 16 | Wednesday, 17th July, 2013 | 9.00 a.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**MOTION**

**[Leader for Majority Hon. Wachira]**

**Hon. Wachira: (***Leader of majority)*

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of County Public Service Board. (Resumption of debate adjourned on Thursday, 11th July 2013)*

**Speaker:** Thank you, Majority Leader. I think this is just a resumption of the discussion we had earlier and it was cut short when the House was adjourned on Thursday, 11th July, 2013. Now I cannot remember who had spoken and who had not. So Hon. Members you will get an opportunity even if you had spoken earlier now that I cannot remember. Remember one member speaks once for a motion but on this one allow us to take some time for the Members to discuss. So the floor is open. Yes, Hon.Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Public Service Board that has already been appointed, I have just noted that due to gender representation, the list does not have women representation and having seen the qualifications of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi, I support her appointment to be the chairperson of the County Public Service Board because of her qualifications and the gender. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, I do not think we are discussing about the appointment. The appointment is another issue. What we are discussing now is rescinding the decision of the Assembly that it took at some point.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the decision not to reject her nomination.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir for this opportunity this morning. After I have discovered that we need to rescind the decision that we made for rejection of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi. I support that we rescind that decision simply because I have come to realize that when we were making this decision we made out of emotions …. A reason to say that we rejected Mary Wairimu Mutonyi of her merit not because of poor consultation but through the mood of the House. So I stand to support we rescind the motion of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi to be considered to be in the Public Service Board. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I am deliberately giving some time on this matter. I think the decision that we want to make is key for the House. Hon. Members, understand that we are trying to rescind the decision we made. This House accepts the nomination of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of the County Public Service Board and the essence of today therefore is to rescind that decision. I would like to give Hon. Members some time on that.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand in support of rescinding the name of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of the County Public Service Board. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues have said the decision was made with emotions on that day and I would also like in future the Hon. Members to decide on passing the name without being controlled by emotions. So I also support the rescinding of Mary Mutonyi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, I am very deliberate on this matter, and you know why. It is because when the House is rescinding its decision then it must have deliberated quite a bit. So am taking more taking more time here Hon. Members so that the Members have an opportunity to talk. I don't want to rush on that decision. Yes, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand here to support the rescinding of the name of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of the Public Service Board. Reasons being, from our vetting this lady qualified in all areas that we asked questions on and again on gender sensitivity as Members have said we passed names with one gender representation. So when we do this we are going to have gender balance and make our board operational. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Okay. Before I put the question, is there any other contribution from the floor? This is very deliberate the time I am taking on this matter. It is good to hear the wisdom of the Members. This is extremely deliberate for me to give more time on this matter. You remember that in the last meeting it was quite a heated discussion in the Assembly around this matter. So when you see me taking that time, it is because I want to be very deliberate. Yes, Mheshimiwa Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Mimi naunga mkono Mary kwa sababu hata siku ya kwanza nilikuwa nimeunga mkono. Ile shida ilikuwa ni mambo ya jinsia na tunataka ukweli vile Bi alisema tuangalie jinsi. Kwa vivyo mimi naunga mkono ndio mswada uendelee.

**Speaker:** Ok Members. I will have to put the question now,

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chairperson of the County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

I want to make it clear Honourable Members that what the House has just done is not to appoint Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the chair person of the County Public Service Board. What the House has done is just to rescind the decision of the House to reject that name. What that means is that that name will need to be brought to this House at a time when the House Business Committeeshall decide so that then the issue of whether to nominate or reject that name shall come. Therefore, we have come from the negative to neutral. So this House will have to decide again whether to approve or reject but now she will be on the floor at a time when the House Business Committeeshall decide.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority Hon. Wachira]**

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank Mr. Speaker,

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a board member of the County Public Service Board. (Resumption of debate adjourned on Thursday, 11th July, 2013)*

**Speaker:** Okay. This is again a resumption of debate; I will get some time for the Members to talk

before I put the question. Yes, Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria:** …. (*Off record)* so that we don't just make a decision that will affect this House out of emotions. Hon. Members I just ask honorably that we support the rescinding of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a member of the County Public Service Board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Wachira.

**Hon. Wachira**: For the same reasons Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand here again to support the rescinding of the name Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. She qualified when we were vetting her, and she has the papers that were required. On gender sensitivity she is a lady and when we asked for memorandum so that we may reject her, none was received. I therefore stand here to support the rescinding of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Again Hon. Members, am very deliberate on giving more time on this. I do not want to rush. Yes, Member for Salama.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I also rise to support the rescinding of the decision to reject the name of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a Board Member. I support the rescinding of the decision. As I have said earlier, the gender balance is very important as per the constitution. So I also support the rescinding of the decision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Ok if there is no other member I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(2) this House rescinds the decision to reject the nomination of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a board member of the County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

Again just like the first motion I think the House is clear that it has not approved the nomination of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. The nomination of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a member of the County Public Service Board is subject to a different motion that will be brought to the House as the House Business Committeeshall determine. For that reason I would propose that the House Business Committee meet after this for five (5) or ten (10) minutes so that that matter is discussed among other matters. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House is adjourned. We meet at 2.30 p.m. and I think there are quite a number of motions that the House Business Committee needed to put for the afternoon. Deputy Speaker, I think you have something you will tell the Members when I have left. The House is adjourned. Hon. Member you are just slightly late.

The House rose at 9.20 a.m.

| SITTING NO 17 | Wednesday, 17th July, 2013 | 2.30 p.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Deputy Speaker**: There are various notices to be moved the first one by Hon. Paul Leshuel. Yes, Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Deputy Speaker**: I hope you are moving on behalf of the Hon. Leshuel?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Yes as his vice chairman.

**Deputy Speaker**: Are you on a point of order Hon. Mwangi? Continue.

**Hon. Mwangi Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I don't think we are moving motions. To my understanding is that we are giving notices of motions not moving motions.

**NOTICE OF MOTION [1]**

**[Hon. Wakahiu]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, Mr. Speaker sir I beg to give notice of the following motion. Noting Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> ***Noting****, that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government; recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
>
> ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this function; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*
>
> ***Noting*** *Further that Agriculture is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*
>
> ***Appreciating*** *that agriculture which includes livestock is the backbone of our County and that this function as per the constitution includes crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, County abattoirs, plant and*

*animal disease control and fisheries. Aware that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

**Deputy Speaker**: You beg to table that notice?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Yes Mr. Speaker I beg to table the notice of this motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you.

**NOTICE OF MOTION [2]**

**[Hon. Beth Waithira**]

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Mr. Speaker I beg to give notice of motion as follows;

***Noting**, that schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government; recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process; **Appreciating** that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer;*

*noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; Noting further that health is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function in the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating** that health services is a very sensitive function and that this needs thorough preparedness and execution; noting that this function includes County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, veterinary services, refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to table the notice of motions.

***(Papers laid)***

**NOTICE OF MOTION [3]**

**[Hon. Michael**]

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Mr. Speaker sir I beg to give notice of the following motion;

***Noting*** *that schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*

***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*

*Noting further that trade development and regulation is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;* ***appreciating*** *further that trade is the key area for poverty eradication and generation of revenue for our County;*

***Appreciating*** *that self-employment is the guaranteed route to find meaningful livelihood for our unemployed youth; noting that tourism remains highly untapped in our County yet the potential is unparalleled and considering that trade development and regulation includes markets, trade licenses, fair trading practices, local tourism, and cooperative services; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law;*

*This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law. Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to table this notice of motions.*

***(Papers laid)***

**NOTICE OF MOTION [4]**

**[Hon. Kabaci**]

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

*Noting that that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*

***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and*

*agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; Noting further that County planning and development is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function alone for the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that County planning and development will ensure that any County development is systematic and not ad hoc; noting that County planning as per the constitution includes statistics, land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing and electricity and gas reticulation as well as energy regulation; noting further that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law;*

*This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law. Mr. Speaker, I beg to table the notice of this motion.*

Thank you.

***(Papers laid)***

**NOTICE OF MOTION [5]**

**[Hon. Mwangi Maruga**]

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the motion that;

***Noting*** *that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*

***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; Noting further that pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home-craft centers and childcare facilities is one set of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that education is the universal enabler for development; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its*

*preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker, I beg to table the notice of motion.

***(Papers laid)***

**NOTICE OF MOTION [6]**

**[Hon. Dann Ndegwa**]

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir., I beg to give notice of the following motion;

***Noting*** *that schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*

***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; Noting further that firefighting and disaster management is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function in this financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that firefighting and disaster management is critical to our County as it is prone to certain disasters; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I beg to table this notice of motion.

***(Papers laid)***

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Ndegwa.

**NOTICE OF MOTION [7]**

**[Hon. Suge]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

Noting that schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;

appreciating that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;

Noting further that implementation natural resources County planning and development is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating that County planning and development will ensure that any County development is systematic and not ad hoc; noting that County planning as per the constitution includes statistics, land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing, electricity and gas reticulation as well as energy regulation;

Noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.

Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to table this motion. Thank you.

***(Papers laid)***

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Suge.

**NOTICE OF MOTION [8]**

**[Hon. Mukuria]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion;

> ***Noting*** *that schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*
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> *Noting further that County public works and services is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for*

*this function for the financial year 2013/2014;* ***Appreciating*** *that County public works and services is the backbone of planning and development that will ensure that any County development is systematic and not ad hoc; noting that County public works and services as per the constitution includes storm water management systems in built up places, water and sanitation services among others noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Therefore I beg to table this notice of motions, thank you.

***(Papers laid)***

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Mukuria.

**NOTICE OF MOTION [9]**

**[Hon. Lebeneiyo]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice to the following motion;

***Noting*** *that the schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*

***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; Noting further that cultural activities, public entertainment and public amenities is one set of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that this set of function includes betting, casinos and other forms of gambling; racing; liquor licensing; cinemas; video shows and hiring; libraries; museums; sports and cultural activities and facilities and County parks and recreation facilities; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

I beg to table the notice of this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

***(Paper laid)***

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Lebeneiyo.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, the Assembly is adjourned.

The House rose at 3.00 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATON FROM T HE CHAIR**

**[Deputy Speaker]**

Hon. Members we will be having a training of all the Committees tomorrow and the venue will be at the common room starting at 9.00 am. Members, next week from 23rd to 25th July we will be having workshop training on access to justice and the venue will be at Nyeri and our facilitators are the ICJ. So this one was for you to plan so that we will be moving here from Monday and come back on 25th and the venue will be Outspan in Nyeri. Hon. Members, Hon. Jacob from Sosian has lost his cousin and he will not be with us today and tomorrow, so I wanted to convey the message since he will be attending the funeral tomorrow.

**STATEMENTS**

**[Hon. Kabaci]**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a statement to make that the Assembly appointed an Ad Hoc Committeesome 2 weeks back that was on 28th of June. We had been assigned a certain duty by this Assembly and it was not yet completes Mr. Speaker. It was supposed to be tabled in this House this week but it is very unfortunate that we have not yet completed the investigation that we have been doing. So I urge this House to give that Committee more time so that we can give a concrete report possibly in two weeks' time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members we are going to grant them two weeks' time but make sure that you come with the report within that time frame.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, we will do that.

**MOTION**

**[Mr. Wilson Wakahiu]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

> ***THAT****, aware that the schedule 4 of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government; recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this function; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already on-going discussions between the various Government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly,*

*Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; Noting further that Agriculture is one of the function to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that Agriculture which includes livestock is the backbone of our County and this function as per the constitution includes crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, County abettors, plant and animals disease control and fisheries. Aware that County Assembly will finally make a decision on this transfer of function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and take all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker Sir, as per the Budget of this year, Agriculture was budgeted for Kshs.153, 285,000 in which it was counted as part of the devolved function. So the reason of us requesting from the Executive their preparedness is that this amount is too much and we need to know the exact areas that the Executive have planned as per the devolved function of Agriculture.

As we can see there so many areas, I do not know whether the Executive have negotiated with the parties that are already in the Agricultural Departments like the Extensions whereby they are included in the devolved functions like the extension services, the issue of cattle dips and all that and the issue of sale yards.

We need to know how they are prepared so that our farmers or those people who are in Laikipia, as we know Agriculture is the backbone of our County and many are the things that the Executive is supposed to prepare itself so that once it is devolved we may be able to move forward. As the issue of extension services, cattle dips, fertilizer and seedlings, agro-chemicals, agro-veterinary services and there many other agents like KEFFIs that are part of agricultural sector in which as a County the Executive is supposed to be in contact and even to borrow the consultation from this people so that once the function is devolved we be able to move forward.

There is an issue of Artificial Insemination (AI) services. In Laikipia as a livestock keeping County we see it in some areas such as Nyandarua County and even Nyeri County play a role in breeding our cattle. So I will request and urge this County Government in the mean time before the function is devolved they may come up with a way or a method the AI and agriculture services are put in place so that once it is devolved for the betterment of our people of Laikipia County. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will request Hon. Peter to second the Motion.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second the Motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members I now wish to propose the question;

***THAT****, aware that the schedule 4 of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government; recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;* ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or*

*is going to apply for devolution of this function;*

***Noting*** *that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already on-going discussions between the various Government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; noting further that Agriculture is one of the function to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that Agriculture which includes livestock is the backbone of our County and this function as per the constitution includes crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, County abettors, plant and animal's disease control and fisheries.*

*Aware that County Assembly will finally make a decision on this transfer of function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and take all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Hon. Members you are now free to contribute. Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** I want to contribute on the issue of Agriculture as the back bone of this County. As we urge the Government to prepare to receive this docket, it's a very crucial docket for us to be able to collect taxes from agriculture. As we can see in this County, we are pleased to have a lot of livestock. In our sales yards we must come up with formula whereby we will make sure we are able to collect taxes in those yards. That's why we want the Government of this County to prepare to receive the way to collect taxes in those sales yards. That's why I am supporting that the Government may come up with ways to improve those sales yards in Rumuruti and other areas like in Sipili so that we are able not to lose those taxes in those areas.

Also we have come to realize that in those sales yards we have auctioneers who have been stealing our money, so it's my proposal that we move those auctioneers and we will be able to employ or engage our people without involving brokers. That's why we are asking this County Government to come with a better way to be collecting tax in those yards.

Also we have to realize there are a lot of animals that are dying from diseases and the County Government should take over very quickly and see how we are going to control the diseases in our County. We have East Coast fever in those areas and we need to know that our farmers in those areas have a problem in spraying those animals and in fact we are losing a lot of cattle particularly in those areas where we have animals. In Marmanet we have so many idle cattle dips and it's up to the Government to see that we are able to control this diseases.

Also this Government should take over and see how fisheries are done in our homes. I have come to know very many farmers have come up with ponds that are able to fetch fisheries in our schools and in our homes and that's why we are asking our Government to take this business serious so that we can be able to take our schools in those areas.

Also I was of the opinion that the County Government should come up with good formula on

plants where those agricultural officers are idle, they are not working for us, they should come to the farmers and try to educate them. You see that Mr. Speaker Sir, that those officers that are on the ground should be utilized fully so that they are able to see that they advise our Farmers accordingly. When we say about the crops, sometimes the farmers are just planting the crops that are not well suited in those areas so I urge the County Government to make sure that those Agricultural officers have come with a formulae and not just being seen there as mirrors, they should engage with farmers in coming up with better crops, come with better breeds for animals so that we make sure that we have the AI. I have come noted that our AI, farmers they do not know which breeds are better for their cattle, others are giving wrong breeds and others are using natural ways and we have our AI's officers at our places. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to urge the County Government to make sure our farmers receive better AIs in our areas and ensure those Agricultural officers are able to note the diseases earlier before attacking our animals. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I support this Motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support this Motion; it's the high that this County Government takes the stock of what it inherited from the previous Government. Mr. Speaker several issue must be tackled in this ministry to enable the County to earn Money and improve its services. In this Sector tackle livestock sales yard. Mr. Speaker we talk of collecting money from the sales yards yet we have yet built the sales yards. If you go in various places they sell animals in open fields, no fencing no nothing and therefore Mr. Speaker we lose a lot of money and it is the high time that the County Government went round our County distinguishing where we can money through the sales yards. We have abattoirs like the slaughter House. We have run down slaughter) Houses, our sales yards and private developer are taking advantage of our negligence. If you go to my place Mr. Speaker, our Sipili slaughter House has not been operating for the last three years and therefore we have been overtaken by events and private developer has built his own and therefore he has been earning money that would be going to the County.

On the same issue we should establish cereal boards to ensure it buys cereals from the farmers after it harvest and it supplies to the fertilizer on a reasonable price Mr. Speaker and if we allow farmer to get fertilizers from far and take their cereals to far places we lose a lot of money and most of them end up planting their farms without fertilizers thus giving them poor yield. We have the case of private veterinary officers, Mr. Speaker we have cases where they inject our animals using water or may be coloured water so Mr. Speaker, measures should be put to curtain them from depriving money from our farmers Mr. Speaker, because if they use sub-standard medicines to treat our animals I think we will get some losses and we end up losing our animals therefore Mr. Speaker our field officers Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** A point of Order.

**Hon. Maruga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Dann is trying to accuse somebody who is not here and he is accusing some people saying that they normally inject cows using coloured water and I don't think that is a fact and according to the Standing Orders you cannot accuse somebody who is not in the House. Is he in order to continue accusing Members of the public or Members of professionals that they are quarks in their work?

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker if I may understand the English properly I said it is alleged. Hon. Member get your dictionary and look for the word 'alleged'. If I may continue, Mr. Speaker we should tackle the AI sector. To improve this sector we need good breeds that will give us milk, good breeds that will give us meat and enough money and therefore I

propose that the County Government encourages the farmers that they may use the AI. Mr. Speaker the AI has become very costly and we should try and give at a fair price Mr. Speaker. We should also put measure to curb the introduction of fake seeds. It has affected our farmers Mr. Speaker, I being one of them. I once bought a packet of Maize seeds Mr. Speaker and was white and fresh from the store and therefore Mr. Speaker we need to be protected.

There is this movement of the animals, we have some people who come to our County to sell animals we should control the movements because of the diseases and to avoid them infecting our animal with diseases we should curtain their movement of animals and by that we shall build a free disease zone in Laikipia County.

Mr. Speaker we should introduce new cash crops. If you move around Laikipia County in most places we have the black cotton soil. Agricultural officers should try and introduce cotton in those places which requires very minimal rainfall and I think if we can try on cotton we can get at least a cash crop in Laikipia County and that will earn us a lot of money.

Mr. Speaker, I also repeat, we employ a lot of personnel i.e. veterinary officer and Agricultural officers. As a young boy I used to see Agricultural officers using their bicycles and visiting farmer and showing them ways to do their farming, nowadays we don't have anything of sort and I beg we employ a lot of them so that we can improve our crops Mr. Speaker.

There is also this thing of County Agricultural shows. Mr. Speaker we should encourage our farmers to be visiting these shows because if you visit them they are normally for children therefore we need the farmers to visit those places so that they can learn new ways and they can improve this sector and with this I support this motion. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Thomi

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support the motion on agriculture. Mr. Speaker other than each and every one of us standing here and saying that Agriculture is the backbone of economy. This word is used all over but Mr. Speaker from my understanding and my observation, Agriculture as it is known is not taken seriously and I will beg this House to insist and ensure that Agriculture is seen to be the backbone of this economy.

Mr. Speaker in the last planting season I have seen farmers complain of using and buying fertilizer that is fake, that has been made somewhere in the stores in our County, that is half fertilizer what is called fertilizer and something else that is sand from somewhere and farmers are complaining. There is evidence that something was done. To see that you can see some farms whereby there is very good maize, very good wheat and yet you find there are some people's plants there they look funny. So Mr. Speaker I want to say that there is fake fertilizer circulating during every planting season in our County, so this one should be taken seriously so that we get the concerned businessmen.

I think the ministry of Agriculture should ensure that there is fertilizer and a fertilizer depot near the farmers. Also there are fake maize seeds Mr. Speaker and fake wheat seeds. If this is not taken care of then there is no time our farmers are going to enjoy their harvest and this will be wasting a lot of time and people will become poorer and poorer.

Mr. Speaker I have also come to understand that this issue of fence for example my Ward where I neighbour Laikipia Nature Conservancy, so long as that fence is not well installed the farmer neighbouring that area will never harvest. As we talk today elephant, buffalos and monkeys are always moving to the people's farm and destroying their crops and so without this fence being put

properly then there is no harvest for those people yet this farmers keep on planting.

Mr. Speaker, we have a Dams, Dams that are just called Dams they need to be rehabilitated so that they can hold a lot of water for people to grow tomatoes, to use that water, for that water to be clean for domestic use. Mr. Speaker, all this are problems but we will have to talk and talk until something has to be done.

Mr. Speaker, Olmoran has a lot of unused land, I will request this House and the ministry concerned and to check who these farms belongs to we have some areas Dams can be done there. People can grow tomatoes; we have a lot of land that is not utilized. This land if irrigation was done there, then we will create employments and a lot of food will come from that side.

Mr. Speaker, also this issue of Agriculture livestock falls in it. I wish to contribute and say, this Agricultural officers and livestock officers really they are not awake, they are not doing their work as they should do because I feel that when we are farming or growing our maize they should be able to detect this fake seeds, they should be able to detect that we are using the wrong fertilizer.

But unless you approach them they will never come to your farm and yet they are their offices waiting for a pay. So I will ask this Assembly to take action and the ministry concerned to take action to see that these people are not just paid to sit in offices but to stand and work like any other Kenyan so that our farmers and those who are raring animals may make profit from what they are keeping.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand here to support the Motion. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** the Majority Leader, Member for Ngobit.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand here to support the Motion that reads as it is reading, the County Government takes it preparedness to receive the devolved function of this ministry and start operational as soon as possible. When I say this Mr. Speaker Sir when we voted for this budget, over Kshs.150 million was allocate for Agricultural use.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when we don't have good infrastructure, in our County, Agricultural development will just remain retarded. When you have so many poor roads in our Wards especially in Northern Constituency, we have so many poor roads. We have so good breed of cattle where we can build abattoirs and research centers for our own animal husbandly. When we don't have this Agriculture in our County will still hindered.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when we don't have adequate Agricultural extension officers, this means we are not going to perform. The money which has been voted for this docket will at the end of the day go back to the treasury and when it goes back there it means we shall be blamed as Assembly. We shall not be forcing the implementation of what we have done. We have just passed the budget and when we have passed the budget, we are not following this people to implement what they have brought here to put in order.

The other item Mr. Speaker Sir is the veterinary department. When we don't have research in our area for breeding of cattle, thus the meat and milk industry will die. Am asking Members we bring one motion that will enable us to have one research Centre in our County which is concerned with seeds. Our area is a dry area, if we may have a research Centre in our own area that favours our own climate we are going to have very high yields.

The other thing Mr. Speaker, Sir is labelling of our products. When we label our own products like Maize from Laikipia, Meat, mutton from Laikipia, and anything from Laikipia, you know Laikipia is

very high yielding and products here are in a high demand. When we label our own products we are going to encourage our own farmers to put more and more yields in to our own productivity system.

The other thing is abattoir areas; we are not encouraging farmers especially the northern part of the County to research more and more especially on the cattle. When we have abattoirs and label our own products farmers will feel encouraged and we as the County we shall feel encouraged and so Mr. Speaker I stand here to support this Motion. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Member for Umande.

**Hon. Maruga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support this motion. As much as we are talking about this issue of devolving Agriculture to the County budget, we should also consider our budget. We have talked about many things that are likely to happen here in the county including branding and doing commercial farming famous known as commercial Biashara. Yes we can, but are we prepared of this function. I will urge the House to take this from me it's necessary to refer this matter to the relevant Committeeso that they can assess our readiness.

How ready are we to take this devolved function? Because we might take it as simple thing then all our crops are destroyed by wild animals and the little yield remaining is now taken by brokers until we have nothing to sustain this docket. Again we have Agricultural officers who formerly belong to National Government if we bring them to our budget are we able to cater for their salaries? Are we able to reinforce them until they work properly as possible? Those are question that we should ask and I will urge the Committee and the Chair of Committee through you Mr. Speaker, to look on that matter. Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, considering the importance of this Motion and the areas that are affecting the Crops, The livestock, animal husbandly, the fisheries, I now refer this motion to the Committee of Agriculture so that they can work on all those issue and bring the report to this House within a time frame of two months that is by September you ought to have completed and bring a report to this Assembly. Thank you Hon. Members.

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Beth W. Muchiri]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:-

> ***THAT****, that aware that schedule 4 of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; aware that the transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government; recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;* ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer;*
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> ***Noting*** *that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and there are already on-going discussions between the various Government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, national Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; noting further that health is one of the function to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this*

*function in the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that health services is a very sensitive function and that this needs thorough preparedness and execution. Aware that this function includes County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, veterinary services, refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; noting further that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this of this function as per the law;*

*This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and take all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we know that poor health lowers the productivity. Since the health sector is having a lot of challenges, I beg to move this Motion because our people in Laikipia County are having a lot of Challenges in the health sector. E.g. Health Centre in the County they are inadequate to serve our people. Also we are having a lot of challenges because they are not having enough drugs and medicines in those health Centre and hospitals we have in this County.

On the other hand, veterinary services are poorly rendered to our people. As we know well, livestock keeping also depends on these services, the time we were discussing about the budget we said about upgrading the health centers that we are having and also dispensary.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I urge the minister concerned to come up with something to do with these challenges. For example, Olmoran ward, patients are sharing beds; you can see a man and a woman are sharing one bed. So we have to visit this area. This Committee that I am sharing we have to visit those dispensaries, health centers and those small hospital.

**Deputy Speaker:** What is the Point of Order?

**Hon. Kabaci:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like Hon. Member to clarify whether that is true that in Olmoran Man and a woman are sharing one bed in the hospital. Mr. Speaker, I would like the Hon. Member to tell this House whether this is true, otherwise that can be very unfair Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** That is quiet critical.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have said that I am not sure but I have quoted Hon. Dann. He will clarify that for us.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Is it a man and a woman in one bed or two women in one bed?

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Hon. Kabaci.

**Deputy Speaker:** What is the point of Order?

**Hon. Maruga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is it in order for Hon. Members to keep on addressing each other and instead of addressing the Chair? Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Beth Continue.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir; Hon. Dann will clarify that because that thing is in his Ward which he is representing. Mr. Speaker, this House should know that we are facing a lot of challenges in those Wards that we have. Noting that the health is very important we have to look in to this matter because with poor health even agriculture will go down, education will go down, and so we have to look this matter on health.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg Mr. Dann to second the Motion.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second the Motion and to add on what Hon. Beth has said, we must be very careful with this sector of health. We must build dispensaries and health centers that will match with the population that we have in this County. Of late we have people who walk over 10 km to access treatment. We should also formulate policies to look at our pharmacies Mr. Speaker because most of the time you just hear that we don't have drugs in our hospitals.

We lack ambulance services to know and come with formula that will ensure that we have enough ambulances in our County, for example we have an ambulance in Nyahururu hospital that caters for patients in Nagum more than 160 km away. Mr. Speaker, it is a challenge and I will beg as a matter of urgency it be addressed. If you go to the ground we have community health workers. In the other Government before devolution they were being paid regularly to cater for health services in the villages especially in Olmoran we have more than a hundred health workers and therefore I urge the County Government to absorb the workers because we have a lot of challenges in the villages since we don't have doctor and nurses, they are very few.

Sipili dispensary has only three nurses and they cater for over thirty thousand people and therefore, Mr. Speaker these health workers come in hand to help and support severe cases in the villages. Mr. Speaker as Hon. Beth has said, Olmoran Hospital is there and we have only one ward. We were there on Friday with H. E the Governor and the Ministers and I counted the beds, they were eleven or ten and that one room is the maternity room, it is the ward for men, it is the ward for women, ward for children, those ten beds and Mr. Speaker, it is not a wonder if you are admitted in Olmoran and the Beds are full and you are kept in any bed.

It doesn't matter whether we have a woman or a man because you can find in this hospital nine beds have been occupied by women and three men are here and they want to be admitted therefore Mr. Speaker, you will be placed anywhere. It doesn't matter. It is very true Hon. Member for Igwamiti and therefore I call Hon. Members, I call the Health Committee to visit Olmoran with immediate effect and see how we can tackle that health problem Mr. Speaker. There is this issue of refusal removal, refuse dumps and solid disposal. Mr. Speaker, we should come with ways of removing refuse from a latrine, we must know where they are going to refuse that waste. We do not have sewerages in Laikipia West, in Olmoran we don't have sewerage, we do not have a sewerage system in Githiga ward, we do not have sewerage in Sosian ward and therefore these people after removing this waste they throw it along the roads.

It is very critical Mr. Speaker and therefore we should know where we are dumping our wastes, solid wastes disposals. If they remove it from collection areas, they throw it anywhere. In Olmoran ward they throw it near a forest which is there and the polythene bags usually are blown back to town and towns are covered by polythene bags. I second the Motion, Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, are you on a point of order Hon., you can't contribute before I put the question. I now wish *to propose the question;*

> ***That**, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to the County Government; aware that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to the County Government; recognizing that*

*this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*

***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*

***Noting*** *further that health is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function in the financial year 2013/2014;*

***Appreciating*** *that health services is a very sensitive function and that this needs thorough preparedness and execution; aware that this function includes County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, veterinary services, refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; noting further that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law;*

*This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law. Hon. Members, you are now free to contribute Hon. Wakahiu.*

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to support this motion by Hon. Beth. As we can see, as we know, health is touching the life of man. Where there is no health there can be population and if health is neglected being one of the devolved functions I believe we won't have the four hundred or five hundred thousand population of Laikipia. So being a very sensitive institution, this government needs to come up with measures of how it will address this issue. You see in the current or the previous government many of the areas that were neglected since all the matters were done by the national government in Nairobi and having given this opportunity as the County Government to manage our resources and our institutions it is very important if the County Government starts to address the issue of health as soon as possible.

You see the departments that are concerned Mr. Speaker sir; I will urge this House that they may pull our socks so that the issue of health may not be left behind. Many other things Mr. Speaker sir in the health sector may need to be addressed. If I can mention the place I come from in Salama ward, many of the things have been neglected. The population in Salama is comprised of people who walk more than 15 or 20 kilometers to look for these essential facilities and in some times due to poor roads or infrastructure, many of them usually die along the way. The issue of staff Mr. Speaker sir needs to be addressed with immediate effect as per the law.

You see if I can mention three dispensaries in my ward Salama, there is Muruku dispensary, Malpesi dispensary and Laya dispensary Where you see the issue of staff is a problem, in those places the staff employed are women and there comes a problem when they leave for their homes on Fridays and coming back on Monday because the nurses who operate in those hospitals do not have any other support, they are alone whereby you find they only operate three days in a week.

So the issue of staff needs to be addressed, I believe and think as soon as possible as this is a function for the devolved government. The other thing is immunization whereby you may see some minor issues in our health facilities, people usually travel from the villages up to the sub-County hospitals or district hospitals whereby they get services that can be done in those dispensaries. So I urge this government that the minor cases such as immunization and all that may be brought to our dispensaries so that our people can access those services. The other thing is the upgrading of dispensaries me.

Mr. Speaker, having budgeted for the upgrading of dispensaries, I urge the minister concerned that we may speed up this process of upgrading this dispensary so that those services that may be needed in those facilities are provided so that people may not be travelling far distances to look for those services and even the construction of more dispensaries. So I will urge the government so that our people may be catered for health wise.

The other thing is that veterinary services being in the department of health as I can see it is part of the devolved functions of health there is this issue of handling of drugs whereby you see nonprofessionals operating agro vets and chemists where they sell drugs. The previous government was reluctant to this and many other cases where we find our people and even he livestock which die because of the unskilled people who operate those businesses. So I urge even the ministry concerned that the law must be followed to the letter to ensure that our people, our livestock are well catered for when it comes to health. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I support hits motion 100 percent.

**Speaker**: Member for Thingithu.

**Hon. Michael**: Asante sana bwana spika, bwana spika yangu ni kuchangia hili jambo. Kwanza ningetaka kuanzia hili bunge letu kusema ya kwamba sio jambo la afya kutumia hizi 'micropHon.e' zikiwa chache na sisi tukiwa wengi. Inafaa wakati tunapoongea, tumeambiwa mara mingi ya kwamba ni hatari kwa afya wakati unapoongea ukiweka 'micropHon.e' kwa mdomo kwa sababu unatupa mate yote kwenye kifaa. Inaonekana wakati mmoja wetu atapatwa na TB, sisi sote tutapatwa na TB.

Kwa hivyo sio jambo la afya kuwa tunatumia 'micropHon.e' chache, inafaa kila mtu awe na yake tukizungumzia hili jambo la afya ili kuboresha afya. Jambo hilo lingine bwana spika ningetaka hata sisi tutembezwe huko Sipili kwa Mhsw. Dann mahali nyumba ni moja, ndio chumba cha kujifungua, ndio chumba cha kina mama, na ndio chumba ya wanaume... hapana sio ng'ombe...

**Speaker**: Address the chair.

**Hon. Michael**: Ningetaka tutembezwe hapo ili tupate kuona hilo jambo na ni jambo la kuumiza sana ikiwa inafanyika katika kaunti yetu. Hilo lingine ni jambo la tatu katika zahanati zetu. Zinafaa ziwe na mashini za kupima magonjwa kidogo kidogo kama vile malaria. Mtu akiwa mirera ama Sweet Waters ama huko Marura ama Matanya, unakuta mtu anatumwa mpaka Nanyuki hospitali ili aweze kupimwa malaria ama typhoid. Vitu kama hizo kidogo kidogo, nafikiri hili wizara liangalie hilo iwe jambo la kwanza. La pili ni chumba cha kujifungua cha akina mama katika zahanati zetu ziinuliwe kuwa hospitali ili ziweze kuwa hizo chumba sababu mama akiwa mahali kama Ngobit na ameshikwa na uchungu, itakuwa ni jambo la hatari sana kumsafirisha kutoka Ngobit mpaka Nanyuki hospitali ili apewe huduma na unajua kwamba wakati mwingine mama akishikwa na uchungu hakuna kungojea, ni mtoto tu kuja kwa hivyo itakuwa ni jambo la aibu na ni jambo la hatari kwa barabara.

Kwa hivyo ni vizuri zahanati na chumba hizi zijengwe kwa kila hospitali. Jambo la mwisho, sio jambo la kawaida kama haya magonjwa madogo za kupewa 'asprin' ama 'paracetamol' ukute ya

kwamba mtu anaenda kwa dispensary kutafuta hizi dawa na anakuta hakuna na anaandikiwa anaambiwa aende akanunue. Katika Sweet Waters, Matanya na Ngobit, utakuta huko hakuna 'chemist' na sio jambo la kawaida kama mtu kupanda gari na kutumia shilingi mia mbili kuja Nanyuki town kununua 'panadol' halafu arudi. Hilo jambo liangaliwe sana katika upande wa afya, nimeunga huu mswada na nimesema ya kwamba iendelee.

**Speaker**: The Hon. Ephraim, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir, I stand here to speak about this motion and to say that the primary duty of every government and this of Laikipia is to provide security, healthcare, education and many others. These are the basic principles and basic needs of any citizen and this is the primary duty of any government. We now have a government in Laikipia, this is the County Assembly of Laikipia, we have a budget as we said here before which caters for the health facilities plus the staffing of our County clinics, dispensaries, health centres and referral hospital.

Members, it will be a challenge to us as I said when our own people don't get the best facilities, the best treatment from our own institutions, when I say this, I mean for instance where I come from in Ngobit, there is only two or three health centres and these health centres are only institutions, when one health centre has only two nurses and a clinical officer who does not attend to duties, he has two other health centres to attend to. Today he is here and tomorrow somewhere else, you notice it is very hard for our people to be treated in the best manner possible. We Members can suggest that and we say Mr. Speaker sir that in these dispensaries, we have at least three clinical officers and staff who are clinically educated. These are the only nurses so that when our people attend these dispensaries for treatment, you get every facility there.

Mr. Speaker sir, I would also suggest that we have a central area where medical drugs in our own County will be centralised. By so doing we shall be able to know which drugs are in store and which are not in store other than when the people are buying drugs from other places, for instance Nyahururu buys drugs from another place, Nanyuki buys drugs from other areas, these is a confusion. When we have one centralised area being manned by our own staff, we shall be able to control our own drugs and our people will be treated more efficiently and we will know where the drugs have gone.

The other side of this ministry is the veterinary department which is in both sides of agriculture and health facilities; I would also suggest Mr. Speaker that we provide dip chemicals to our own areas. We provide this freely to our own farmers, Members you know your own areas and we have farmers who clean their own animals at home and it has become so ridiculers that when you visit these homes you get some animals don't have eyes because those who spray them don't know the technique of doing that. When cattle's are driven to cattle dips and the 'Dawa' is there, I hope Mr. Maruga is not going to rise up and...

**Speaker**: Order Hon., address the chair

**Hon. Wachira**: We are going to make our cattle dips efficient and our animals will survive to the last one, we shall even minimise the diseases. I rise to support this motion Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank Mr. Speaker sir, I have come to realise this is a very serious docket as the County Assembly waits to transfer this function to the County Government. I have come across serious challenges in my ward whereby I have seen the problem or IDP's, I think this County Government need s to know that we have a very serious problem when it comes to IDP's in these

areas. The problem is these IDP's don't have toilets; they don't have access to water and health facilities. When you go to these camps, you realise that this area is a bomb waiting to happen whereby help will be a problem. That area has the challenge of Aids whereby they are all congested in one area; you meet women who have a big challenge. So I urge this County Government to come up with a good away to manage those IDP camps because I have come to realise that many people die in those areas. They die from malaria and disease outbreak such as cholera, so I urge this government to be careful because knowing that without health we are going to have a big problem in those areas even to the surrounding areas.

The other issue is I am very much surprised and I have informed the minister of health whereby you see health centres being closed down reason being lack of health workers. You meet one health worker or health nursed for instance in my ward, the Sunday before last a health centre in Oljabet was closed down because that lady was going for a maternity leave.

You see we have a very big problem because a health centre was closed down due to lack of a health worker. I have also come to realise that in those health centres we have a managerial problem whereby the nurse in charge has gone on leave, the person in charge has gone one leave so we to be able to manage those health centres to make sure that they are not closed down and surely that's the only area that has a health facility. The other problem in those areas with health centres is medicine, when you go to these areas with those dispensaries you only get Panadol and painkillers.

The County Government needs to come with a formula knowing that they are being devolved to their areas, they have to know that dispensaries is a very important area and we should equip those dispensaries to ensure that our areas are equipped with doctors, medicine and to make sure we don't have this problem. Another big problem in those areas as we have said we have set money aside to make sure that our dispensaries are upgraded to health centres. When we go to maternity wards, we don't have even a c- section especially when women have to be operated on, we are losing many women in those areas.

Those dispensaries have no modern maternity wards and mostly the patients are referred to Nyahururu, Rumuruti or Nanyuki. So Mr. Speaker sir, I will urge the County Government to know that they are taking a big burden in making the maternity wards to be a better place for our women to go to. The other big challenge I have come to realise is that the County Government only knows Nanyuki and Rumuruti or Nyahururu. But they have not come to realise that other than those towns we have other areas that need drainage systems. Towns like Jefi, Karandi, you see that they are draining their refuse to the rivers. So I don't know what to do about this because in future we will have people suffering from diseases from our own refuse and also affect other people downstream. If you go to Nyahururu and Kerurumo, they are draining all the refuse into the Thompsons falls and people are consuming the water downstream. By the end of the day we are putting our health in danger, so I would urge this government to come up with a better formula on how to dispose such refuse.

The other big issue is about communication between one hospital to the other, if you have a big problem for instance in Nyahururu we have one ambulance and mostly it's not working, it's broken down. If there is an emergency there will be a big problem, so the government should come with a formula on how to be able to have good ambulances in all the health centers. The other big problem is our damping places, in our small town such as Oljabet and Karandi, you go there and you find they are dumping papers all over in one damping place. In that damp, the papers are flying all over, that's now a big challenge.

The only place they collect garbage is only in Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Rumuruti but they forget those small town, so the government should come up with a good formula to know how to set up pit damping areas. So I want the government to know they have a big role to play to make sure that those damping areas are done and they need to do something about it. The other thing is we have those materials that come from our hospitals that are not able to be disposed off.

I urge the government to come up with a formula on how to build a disposal machine to burn those things that are not disposable so that we do not have a big problem when it comes to disposing in those areas. Mr. Speaker, the County Government should learn that fast and know that they don't have time because health does not wait for tomorrow. We have those street children that we see here, those small girls and small boys in Nanyuki. The government should know they have become a big problem, you see a boy carrying something in his mouth and that one has become a problem. Some are disturbing our ladies here and hitting our women with refuse.

They should come with a formula to know how we are going to be able to control our street children in the towns. The other big issue I have come to realise in our health centres is generators and electricity. If you go in those towns like Nanyuki or Nyahururu, you get that when there is a power failure, when an operation is going on and there's I a power failure they don't have a backup generator. Like in Nyahururu, I recall the Hon. Kabaci saying that a whole big town like Nyahururu does not have a generator for backup. So I realised the government has a lot to note and make sure that big hospitals like Nyahururu, Nanyuki and Rumuruti are provided with generators that are able to provide backup. Mr. Speaker I stand here to support this motion that the government should be careful to know that they have a big elephant waiting for them. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

**Speaker**: Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand in support of the motion that this government of Laikipia speeds up its preparedness to cease and execute the function of healthcare. Mr. Speaker, it is well noted that we have very many challenges in our hospitals but I will also like to put it clear that the Hon. Member for Marmanet has said that the sewerage system has been diverted into the river. It should be noted that it is being diverted there after undergoing through the process of cleaning the refuse Mr. Speaker so he should not scare the people living downstream that the water they take is not being treated Mr. Speaker. So it should be noted that they dump the refuse into the river after going through the process of cleaning Mr. Speaker so he should not scare the people living in Rumuruti and...

**Speaker**: What is the point of order Hon. Mukuria?

**Hon. Mukuria**: Point of order, is he in order to tell the House that he is very sure that the refuse that is dropped into the river is properly treated? Can he expect the House and is he aware that there are other things that are not well treated.

**Speaker**: Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: thank you Mr. Speaker, it is very clear that we have the ministry of water and sanitation in place in Nyahururu Mr. Speaker and the ministry have very qualified people Mr. Speaker who definitely also have laboratories to test the refuse. Is now the right time to damp the refuse into the river Mr. Speaker? So I am very sure that that...

**Speaker**: What is the point of order Mr. Speaker?

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker, can I remind that I also support the member who spoke before that

Nyahururu River is a damping area for refuse. This Manguo village, this village overlooks the...

**Speaker**: what is the point of order Hon. Ephraim?

**Hon. Wachira**: It overlooks the Enkare Narok River; the refuse goes back to the water.

**Speaker**: Continue Hon. Kabaci

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, but it is good to note that Hon. Members for Ngobit did not have any point of order Mr. Speaker. What was the point of order from him Mr. Speaker?

**Speaker**: You are in order, continue Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you sir, what the member has said Mr. Speaker about Manguo village is that we are now in the process of constructing that sewerage system Mr. Speaker which will rejoin with the ne that we have in Nyahururu town Mr. Speaker, so in coming days he will have nothing to say about Manguo village Mr. Speaker. Another thing Mr. Speaker is that I will also react on what the Hon. Member from Marmanet said Mr. Speaker, it is not that we don't have a standby generator in Nyahururu. We have one and it is only that it has broken down Mr. Speaker and the mechanics are working on it and soon it will be in place Mr. Speaker.

So the hospital is well organised and it has the entire facilities Mr. Speaker only that we need the resources to have a modern one Mr. Speaker and also to have that hospital being constructed well. It is true that we also lack the facilities like the beds, the women share the beds and also the men do the same during the outbreak of a certain disease. But we are better off than Olmoran ward where a bed is being shared by a man and a woman Mr. Speaker and I therefore suggest that the minister concerned should put a lot of effort in Olmoran dispensary so that the case of a man and a woman sharing a one bed does not occur once and for all Mr. Speaker.

I also suggest that the minister concerned to have a mechanism of curbing the corruption that we have in pharmacies and hospitals. It is true that you come across many hospitals where the doctor there or the wife has a pharmacy out there within the town. So we would like the minister concerned to have a mechanism to deal with those kind of corruption Mr. Speaker for our people to have sustainable drugs in our hospitals. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the motion that the County Government prepares itself to execute and receive the devolution of healthcare, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes the Hon. for Mukongodo west.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the mover of this motion, Hon. Beth from Tigithi ward because health is the key to life. If you want to have other generations behind us, we have to be very clear of our health. When I talk from the side of Laikipia north where I come from, sometimes we actually have the facilities but we lack the personnel. Was it in other places around, we have the personnel and we lack the facilities and that ends up being mismanagement.

I would like to give you an example like when I went to my previous weekend, I heard a mother delivering in my land cruiser as I was trying to take her to the nearest hospital. So I would like the minister in charge to find out or to know the number of health facilities that is around. At least the few we have to ensure that we have enough facilities and personnel around. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support this motion by 100 percent.

**Speaker**: Member for Rumuruti.

**Hon. Suge**: Asante sana bwana spika, ninasimama kuunga mkono mjadala kutoka kwa mwenyekiti wa kamati ya afya. Kwa ukweli kabisa bwana spika ni kwamba ni haki ya kila mkenya na kila

binadamu kupata huduma unaofaa kiafya. Jambo la kushangaza sana bwana spika ni kwamba ili mtu aweze kupata huduma unaofaa ni lazima atoke nje ya kaunti yetu ya Laikipia kama kupata huduma kutoka sehemu za Nyeri, Embu ama kuelekea Nakuru. Kwa hivyo ningeomba bunge iweze kuweka mikakati ili zile hospitali tuko nazo, haswa hospitali ya Rumuruti, ya Nyahururu na Nanyuki referral.

Zote ziwekwe vifaa zinazofaa ili wananchi wetu waweze kupata huduma zinazofaa. Ni aibu sana bwana spika kuingia hospitali ukitafuta matibabu na ile dawa utapata pale ni 'Panadol' na pengine 'Asprin'. Ni aibu sana kwa hivyo ningependa bunge hili liweze kuweka mikakati kuhakikisha ya kwamba dawa ziko na watu waweze kutibiwa kwa njia inayofaa. Ingine bwana spika ni kwamba serikali yetu ya kaunti ya Laikipia pia iweze kuweka mikakati, katika kilomita kadhaa kama tano iwe na zahanati. Hii ni kwa sababu usafiri pia ni shida kama vile unavyoelewa kuna sehemu zingine hazina barabara na unashangaa bwana spika kupata mgonjwa akiwa amesafirishwa juu ya punda, kuna sehemu hazipitiki.

Kwa hivyo ningeomba bunge hili iweze kutia mikakati kuona ya kwamba kila hospitali iwe na magari ya kusafirisha wagonjwa kwa sababu ni uchungu kupata mama anayetaka kujifungua akibebwa juu ya punda bwana spika. Lingine bwana spika ningependa kuhimiza kupitia kwa mwenyekiti wa afya kuwe na kamati ambayo inaweza kutembelea kila sehemu kwa muda mfupi ili kuwahimiza wakaaji ama jamii kulingana na utaratibu za kuepuka na magonjwa mengine. Wengi hawakui jinsi ya kuchemsha maji, wengine hawana vyoo na wengine hawana habari kulingana na mambo inayoendelea. Unashangaa bwana spika ya kwamba kuna zile madawa zinazosaidia wale wauguzi wa ukimwi lakini wakaaji wengi hawana ufahamu ule.

Tungeomba ile ufahamu iweze kufikia kila mmoja, wajue kwamba kuna zile madawa zinasaidia wale wagonjwa ambao wanaumia na hizo maradhi na vile vile jinsi ya kujikinga na zile maradhi. Unashangaa bwana spika ukienda sehemu zingine, Yule afisa anayesimamia sehemu hizo amepeleka mipira kula mashinani lakini unashangaa bwana spika watu wanaenda kupatia watoto. Ni aibu kubwa sana na tungependa kwamba kupitia wizara ya afya kuwe na 'Civic Education' ambaye itawapa watu ufahamu na kufahamu jinsi ya kujikinga na maradhi mengine. Asante bwana spika na kwa haya machache ninaunga mkono mjadala huu.

**Speaker**: The Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support the motion. Mr. Speaker, I would like to be very categorical and in particular talk of one health centre that is in Githiga ward, the area that I represent. Mr. Speaker, health issues Hon.estly should be taken seriously because when one of the Hon. Members talked of a health centre where a woman and a man are sharing one bed, it is not a laughing or a joking matter. Well, that is not what has made me stand, Mr. Speaker in my ward there is Githiga health centre.

This health centre is in the category of level three if I am not wrong. In the year 2002, the government through a CDF funded project was allocated four million to construct a maternity wing and a year later the maternity wing was complete. Up to date Mr. Speaker it is a white elephant with padlocks, Mr. Speaker I fail to understand and fail to know how the ministry of health or the health officers concerned could... how four million could be spent for something to remain unused for seven years? I request that the ministry or the minister concerned to take action and know why that maternity wing is not in use.

Mr. Speaker, during the regime of our former MP there was this '**Economic Stimulus Programme'** where a lot of money was given to health centres and they have very nice and big buildings,

corridors, a very good health centre has been brought up but for the last two years it has been a white elephant with padlocks. In case those rooms are opened is when the facility or the people concerned are holding a meeting.

Mr. Speaker I would beg for someone to inquire why these health centres have remained spending government money and there is no money for the facility and people to use. Mr. Speaker, the other issue I feel I have observed in that facility where I have been a chairman for at least three years is the attendance of the persons on duty. Mr. Speaker I received a pHon.e call when I was in this Assembly where a patient was complaining of having arrived in the facility at eight in the morning, received treatment after 11 o'clock but was to get the drug at 6 in the evening.

Mr. Speaker that is true because we called the relevant authority but I believe no action has been taken. There is a lot of joking around with a patient's life, Mr. Speaker I feel that the devolved government is close to the people. I feel that the concerned people take action and clearly come and visit Kitheka Health Centre do that this facility that has spent a lot of tax payers money is open and doctors sent there to help the people. Mr. Speaker it is good for this House to know that this health centre serves Olmoran, Sipili, Mwenje and even people at Karandi. So it is there to serve over 50 thousand people and yet in a whole day you can find one clinical officer on duty for a whole day so you feel that a lot of concern has to be put there to ensure that Kithika Health Centre helps patients, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Member for Umande

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion from the Hon. Beth and looking at the figures that were put in that docket, I really admire the figures of almost half a billion. Then again, the figure itself is a challenge and I repeat that it's a challenge and how are we going to manage it. The County Government needs to put administrative structures to make sure there is no corruption. We have heard some cases of medicine being sold to the private clinics instead of them being given to the patients in the hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, I feel scared to hear that there is a hospital where a man and a woman can share one bed when they are sick, it's very sad. I get concerned; we should know how many dispensaries do we have in Laikipia? How many hospitals do we have in Laikipia? So that we can understand the problem that is there because maybe that's just a single case whereby the member happened to know such a thing is going on. How about those dispensaries or hospitals which we don't know, it's a challenge. We need to know or to visit every corner and asses the ground to make sure that this figure is used or how it's supposed to be used.

I also feel sad to see that we don't have allocation for community health workers. I am going to give you a case which happened in my ward of Umande. A boy of 6 months was taken to hospital by his mother and he was injected and after that injection the boy was not only paralysed but later he was forced to remove or to have both legs amputated and he is still surviving but with no legs. Simply because of an injection by the health worker; what does that say? We need to have professionals and we also need to motivate them to avoid such cases and I think it's high time we support this motion and we assess the ground. Thank you and I support the motion.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, I can see the sensitivity and the seriousness of this motion. I now refer this motion to the Committee of health and particularly the chair of that Committee to do something on this issue of Olmoran. It's a sensitive matter; it is unheard of and bring a report in this House in the next two months. A man and a woman sleeping in one bed when they are sick is unheard of but make sure you bring that report in

two months time. Next order

**Clerk**: Motion by the leader of majority.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I now move the motion that this House approves exemption of application of Standing Order number 27(1) to allow the House to adjourn on the 23rd,24th and 25th July 2013 so that the Members can attend a retreat...

**Speaker:** What is the point of order Hon. Kinyua?

**Hon. Michael**: Nafikiri Spika ulitutangazia ya kwamba tutakuwa na workshop tarehe hii ya 23rd, 24th tutakuwa Nyeri katika workshop.

**Speaker**: What is the point of order?

**Hon. Michael**: Point of order ni leader of majority alisema ya kwamba tutakuwa hapa katika bunge.

**Speaker**: Nafikiri haujaelewa vile alikuwa akisema.

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker sir...

**Speaker**: What is the point of order Hon. Mwangi?

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the point of order is that the dates that are quoted here are not the actual dates for the workshop. They are the 23rd, 24th, and the 26th in the motion.

**Speaker**: The Hon...

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker sir, can the Members amend date 23rd, 24th, the date 26th is 25th. It was a typing error Mr. Speaker; I am doing this Mr. Speaker so the Members can attend the retreat in Nyeri for an educational tour. Thank you Mr. Speaker

**Speaker**: Who is seconding the motion?

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Paul Lebeneiyo is seconding this motion Mr. Speaker sir. Sorry

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to second the motion.

**Speaker**: I now propose the question that this House approves application of Standing Orders number 27(1) to allow the House to adjourn on the 23rd, 24th and 25th July 2013. Members you can contribute.

***(Silence)***

**Speaker**: I you are contented I would now put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker:** Next order.

**Clerk**: Mr. Speaker sir, no other order.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, the House is adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 4.14 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

**[Speaker]**

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH; THE GAZETTED NOMINATED MEMBERS

Hon. Members, in a special issue gazette notice No 94, under the Constitution of Kenya 2010, The Elections Act No. 24 of 2011, The Elections General Regulations, 2012, the IEBC has published as follows: -

> ***THAT**, in exercise of powers confined by Article 90 and 177 of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 34 to 37 of the Elections Act, 2011 and Regulations No. 54 and 55 of the Elections General Regulations 2012, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission gives notice to the public that the persons listed in the second column to the schedule stand validly nominated to the respective County Assembly wards representing political party listed in the 6th column to the schedule.*
>
> *The number of seats referred to in the 7th column to the schedule have been allocated to the political party qualifying for the special seats envisaged under Article 177 of the Constitution proportionate to the total number of the elected seats won by the political party at the election held on 4th of March, 2013.*

Hon. Members, the given names are for the nominated from all the Counties in the Country. I will not read that, I will go to those nominated for our Laikipia County. We have the following nominated under the marginalised group in Laikipia County.

**MARGINALIZED LIST**

1) Daisy Mariam Kirigo Maitho representing the Youth
2) John Nderitu Gitonga representing visually impaired(PWD)
3) Rose Wangu Karuri
4) Elizabeth Paraiton representing the Youth

**GENDER TOP-UP LIST**

1) Rose Nyambura Maitai
2) Catherine Wanjiku Waruguru
3) Jennifer Koinante Kitarpei
4) Jane Meshami

Hon. Members, as per the notice published No. 97/94, those are the people who have been nominated for Laikipia County.

**Clerk:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I think we shall follow the order in which you have mentioned the names of the nominated Members of the County Assembly. When I call out the names, I will expect the Members of the Assembly to escort the new Members to the table.

**SWEARING-IN OF NOMINATED MEMBERS**

**Marginalized Group:**

***I Daisy Mariam Kirigo Maitho*** *do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people of the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my Judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the constitution of Kenya and Laws and Convention of Parliament that I shall do justice to all.*

**So, help me God.**

**Speaker:** Congratulations Daisy Mariam Kirigo Maitho for taking the oath of office as County Assembly Member.

***I John Nderitu Gitonga*** *do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people of the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my Judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the constitution of Kenya and Laws and Convention of Parliament that I shall do Justice to all.*

**So, help me God.**

**Speaker:** John Nderitu Gitonga congratulations for taking your oath of office.

***I Rose Wangu Karuri*** *do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people of the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my Judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the constitution of Kenya and Laws and Convention of Parliament that I shall do Justice to all.*

**So, help me God.**

**Speaker:** Rose Wangu Karuri congratulations for taking the County Assembly oath of office Member.

***I Elizabeth Paraiton*** *do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people of the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my Judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the constitution of Kenya and Laws and convention of Parliament that I shall do Justice to all.*

***So, help me God.***

**Speaker:** Congratulations Elizabeth Paraiton for taking the oath of County Assembly member.

**GENDER TOP-UP LIST**

*I **Rose Nyambura Maitai** do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people and the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the constitution of Kenya and Laws and convention of Parliament that I shall do Justice to all.*

**So, help me God.**

**Speaker:** Congratulations Rose Nyambura for taking oath of office of County Assembly Member.

***I Catherine Wanjiku Waruguru** do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people of the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my Judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya and Laws and convention of Parliament that I shall do Justice to all.*

**So, help me God.**

**Speaker**: Congratulations Catherine Wanjiku for taking oath of office of County Assembly Member.

***I Jennifer Koinante Kitarpei** do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people and the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this Constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya and Laws and Convention of Parliament that I shall do Justice to all.*

**So, help me God.**

**Speaker:** Congratulations Jennifer Koinante Kitarpei for taking oath of office of County Assembly Member.

***I Jane Meshami** do swear that I shall always truly and diligently serve the people of the Republic of Kenya in office of County Assembly Committee Member of Laikipia County, that I shall diligently discharge my duties and perform my functions in the said office to the best of my Judgment that I shall at all times respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend this constitution of the Republic of Kenya, that I shall do right to all manner of persons in accordance with the constitution of Kenya and Laws and Convention of Parliament that I shall do Justice to all.*

**So, help me God.**

**Speaker:** Congratulations Jane Meshami for taking oath of office of the County.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

Thank you Hon. Members. Today is a good day that the County Assembly of Laikipia is full House because this afternoon we have sworn in the eight nominated Members that have been expected for a very long time by this County Assembly and indeed this County.

I would like to register our profound welcome to the nominated Members and when you are here in this County Assembly or anywhere else, you are no less but you are actually a full Member of the County Assembly. So welcome, I would like to encourage you to interact, work together and mingle with the rest of the Members of the County Assembly and more importantly to dedicate your energy, your zeal in serving the 400,000 Laikipians in whose names you get into this House, in whose welfare and commitment you sit in this House.

We hope and pray that every part of you, every available opportunity will be used to serve the people of Laikipia. I will go out of the convention and allow a few Members who have been here before and even probably a few who have come in today, you have no pressure to talk but for those who have been here I would like to break the tradition and give a few Members just to say a word of welcome to our newly sworn Members.

Yes, Member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would take this minute to thank and welcome these Hon. Members in this House of Laikipia County. It is good that they have come, I had missed them and it's good to come and serve Laikipians. It is also good to congratulate them since they have come and joined us as they make history of being the first nominated County Reps of Laikipia Assembly. So feel welcome, thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Tigithi.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Today am glad as one elected woman in Laikipia County to have my beloved sisters and so the parliament now has warmth. Feel welcome and let us work together for our Laikipia County. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Majority Leader, you want to say something?

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity again to welcome the new Members. You are not new Members anymore, start learning the new orders of this House, and learn to be with us, cooperate with everybody and we make a good start of working for Laikipia County. Feel free and most welcome in this Assembly, thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Yes, you are two of you, why don't we start with Minority Leader?

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I take this opportunity to welcome the newly nominated Members to this House. Welcome very much, let's work together, learn from each other and gain knowledge as we take our County to a better place. I would like to thank all the Members whose families are here, Members from our wards thank you very much for escorting them here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Asante sana Bw. Spika, langu ni kusema ya kwamba tumefurahi kuona wenzetu wamefika na pia wajumbe wanadada walio na mavazi ya Kimaasai na mjisikie mkiwa nyumbani. Najua ya kwamba tutashikana pamoja na tukishikane mungu akiwa mbele yetu, tutakuwa na ushindi. Asante.

**Speaker:** Yes, Deputy Speaker, Member for Nanyuki.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Members, feel you are where you are supposed to be but one word, 'Service to the people is service to God'. That is why you are here. Secondly, we do

not want confusion in the House, such as to hear the ward that you come from/represent is where you are nominated. Am sorry to mention, Hon. John Nderitu is actually here on the basis of disability. So he is going to champion the issues, the affairs of the disabled.

If you are nominated as women representative, please that is your Ward. We don't want confusion that simply because you come from Nanyuki Ward, you will be standing in the House and say that you are a Member of Nanyuki Ward. That will be confusion, so please make sure you champion the area that you are nominated for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes Member for Githiga.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to most sincerely welcome the nominated Members of this Assembly and thank them for the joy they have today. It is the joy that the people of this County will be having whenever they see you out there. So I beg you to work tirelessly for this County. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Umande.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir; I stand by congratulating the Members who have just taken their oath. To break the rule of culture shock, Member who is…, let me call them 'old Members' because they have a culture shock that they now want to prove the House is theirs and here we have Members who have just been sworn in. I want to break that culture shock and request you Mr. Speaker Sir, don't give any other old Member a chance to speak and let us go to the new Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** On a point of order, Mr. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Is the Member in order to direct the Speaker what he should do?

**Speaker:** I think what Hon. Mwangi has done is to plead with me but allow me Hon. Mwangi not to close the so called old Members, but I will give a few and then we will get to those who have been sworn-in today. Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first for Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome the new Members in the House, but they are not only Members but Hon. Members so when you are with us, you are as Hon.orable as we are. One thing maybe I would advise you, the place of at which you are sitting is not your permanent seats as we have placed you, we are one, we have to mix up and even share. The only seats that you may not be allowed to sit on are for the Majority, The Deputy Speaker, Minority and Speaker's. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to welcome them that we may also come tomorrow, we may be together and sit as one group, so feel welcome and we will work with you. Two, uplift the lives of Laikipians, Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** As Hon. Mwangi had said, may I open up for those who have been sworn-in today, it's not a must but if you feel you will say a word, then that's fine.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Let me take this opportunity to thank you all, elected Members, in fact I say the staff, the elected, the newly nominated Members and the Speaker. All of you are awesome. I am looking forward for many days to come to work together as a team. God bless you.

**Speaker:** That is Hon. Wangu. You may want to mention your name when you stand. Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you Hon. Members, thank you Members of the public. I want to take this great opportunity to give thanks first to God and the office of Mr. Speaker and the rest for giving us a chance this afternoon to be sworn-in. I sincerely want also to

thank the Party that gave me a chance and this nomination to be in this House but I also know very well that it is not about the party that brought me here, it is about the great people of Laikipia County that we have been assigned to work for and therefore in this case, it is my sincere wish that we are going to work together as one team.

For those people who went ahead of us we want to thank you very much for those 3 months we have been outside, we want to appreciate that you have done a great job and it is my prayer that we are going to work together till the end of the term. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you Members. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the overwhelming support that you have accorded us for the short time we have been here, but I am wondering in my mind of Hon. Deputy Speaker when he says he is afraid of the confusion that we might cause in the House. I am wondering if he is afraid of confusion or competition, but I want to assure him that we are here on a very particular purpose and we are very proud of constituencies that we are representing, those of women, young people, and people living with disabilities and at no point will we lose track of that.

As I had mentioned earlier maybe outside this forum is that, we truly respect you for the people who elected you and the mandate you got from those people. What we wish to assure you is that we will cooperate and work together for the betterment of this County and for the people of Laikipia. Thank you very much and as I said we have been in the cold for a while, 5 months or so and as you experience the warmth of the House we are also doing the same. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Hon. Daisy.

**Hon. Daisy**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is to thank God for this opportunity because it has been a long journey, troublesome and we have been through some things but thank God that today we are here and we have been sworn in and we are looking forward to work for the Laikipia County. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I think I will start thanking God above everybody else and also my family. Some of them are here outside and all the way from DolDol in Mukongodo forest. They have come to appreciate what God and all of you have done to ensure that they are represented in this House. I also want to recognize my party because they recognize the work that I did and those who supported us as Hon. Daisy said that we went through struggle.

Some time I felt like we went through what President Uhuru and his Deputy went through because we were always in court. There was a day I was told I was in 4 parties by different people and so it was actually a struggle, we really appreciate this day that we joined you in this Parliament which is the first County Parliament in this County and we will now be among you people. We will work together with colleagues and office of the Governor and his Deputy and the Speaker. We are looking forward to do good work together, Thank you.

**Speaker**: There is an opportunity to talk even in subsequent sessions, remember when a new Member in the County Assembly is speaking, you cannot be interrupted and so you will have all the time to talk. For those who have spoken, that is your maiden speech and any other subsequent speech you can be interrupted but those who haven't spoken even if you speak for long you will not be interrupted.

I hope you won't do that because we cannot interrupt you. Thank you. I think the others will get

an opportunity to speak as we move ahead and welcome again.

**PAPERS LAID**

**[Hon. Kabaci]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I do wish to table the report of the Auditor General on the financial statements on the defunct Council of Rumuruti for the year ended 30th June, 2012. Mr. Speaker I also wish to table the report of the Auditor General of the financial statement of the defunct Municipal Council of Nanyuki for the year ended 20th June, 2013.

In line with that Mr. Speaker, I also wish to table the report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of the defunct Municipal Council of Nyahururu for year ended 30thJune, 2013. Mr. Speaker, I also want to table the report of the Auditor General of the defunct County Council of Laikipia for the year ended 30th June, 2012.

Mr. Speaker I do wish to table the Papers.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Kabaci for tabling those 4 reports from the Auditor General in accordance to Standing Order No. 186, I would like now to direct that those reports be picked up by the County Public Investment and Accounts Committee, and that Committee brings a report on or before 31st October.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Kabaci]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *aware that the boundaries of our County are clear; noting that Nyahururu Town is at the Centre of contention with Nyandarua County claiming that this falls in Nyandarua County;*
>
> ***Appreciating*** *that Nyahururu Town fully belongs to Laikipia County; noting the need of Laikipia County leadership to ensure that this town remains in Laikipia County through peaceful means;*
>
> *This Assembly urges the County Government to move with speed and ensure that Nyahururu Town remains in Laikipia County and more especially appoint multi-stakeholder taskforce to look in this matter and that Hon. Kabaci, Hon. Mukuria and Hon. Wachira be part of that task force.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much. What is it Member for Olmoran?

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I was suggesting that we move an amendment motion to amend some three places in this motion Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** That's fine.

**Hon. Leshuel:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to support the amendments.

**Speaker:** Yes, I think you are all out of order.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Point of order Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** What is the point of order Member for Marmanet?

**Hon. Mukuria:** Is Hon. Dann in order to move amendments before this House?

**Speaker:** Member for Nanyuki, you cannot give two points of orders. I will give you a chance I know it's a procedural issue.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Is it in order for the Members to deliberate the motion? This one was just a notice.

**Speaker:** Good I have given two points of order there because I knew some will be procedural. Now as a matter of procedure you will know that Standing Order No. 44 gives a provision on the Notices of Motion and that there is no Motion that can be discussed in this House before a notice has been given. So all Hon. Kabaci has done is to give a Notice of Motion.

That means that he is alerting this House that at a time when the Business Committee will decide this Motion will be coming on the table but besides Hon. Member for Olmoran you are perfectly on target, it is only that you came slightly earlier. So the Notice is duly given. The House Committee did sit this morning and resolved that this motion will now be moved on 1st of August in the afternoon. That must be Thursday. I believe those who want amendments on this Motion can rightly put it at that point but for now the notice is given.

**STATEMENTS**

**[Leader of Majority Hon. Wachira]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to give the programme for the next five days of how the business of this House will be conducted.

- 31st July, 2013: Morning Session- there will be two items, devolution of Trade Development and Regulation functions to County…

**Speaker:** May be Member, I would suggest you don't read through it because Members have a copy of that but you can just give highlights.

**Hon. Wachira:** On 1st August there will be a motion in the afternoon and in the morning.

- On 6th August, we have a motion in the morning and two in the afternoon, and on August 7th we have a motion in the afternoon.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority Hon. Wachira]**

> ***THAT****, this House approves the appointment of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on Appointments tabled in the House on 10th July, 2013.*

**Speaker:** Yes, you have opened for the Hon. Members to front that motion.

**Hon. Wachira:** I ask Hon. Lebeneiyo to second that Motion.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I second the motion that approves the appointment of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board. Mr. Speaker, I think when we were in Nyeri last week, we interacted with the Members of the Assembly from Nyeri County, I took that opportunity to ask them about the member since there were rumours and it is the main thing that made us turn her down last time.

Mr. Speaker, I came to realize that it was true that she had applied for a job there but the reason why she was not appointed was because she comes from Laikipia County. When I heard that, I said that I will come and support her because she comes from this County, rather than that I think Mr. Speaker we have to invest on our professionals to move our County forward despite the political interest of other people.

If I talk about the vetting Board which I am a member, I think we did our work and we found this person qualified and ready to take this stuff. So

there are no reasons whereby I will turn this lady down. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT**, this House approves the appointment of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on Appointment tabled in the House on 10th July, 2013.*

Members the floor is open and those who have been sworn in today you are at liberty to contribute. Yes, Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Michael:** Asante sana Bw. Spika. Nimesimama kupinga Mary Wairimu Mutonyi awe mwenyekiti wa hii bodi kwa sababu hilo jina tulikuwa tumeletewa tena na tukaona hafai na baadaye kiongozi wa wengi bungeni akaomba yakwamba tukubali kupitisha huyu mtu kwa sababu ametoka kwake.

**Speaker:** Point of Order!

**Hon. Jacob:** Kuna kitu Mhsw. kutoka Thingithu amesema yakwamba kiongozi wa wengi bungeni aliomba apitishwe kwa sababu alikuwa ametoka kwake. Labda ameongea na yeye lakini sio sisi kama Bunge.

**Speaker:** It is a matter of talking, Hon. Kinyua is contributing.

**Hon. Michael:** Bw. Spika hatukuongea na yeye lakini aliomba hii Bunge tuweze kurudisha hilo jina tena na tuweze kukubali. Langu ni kusema yakwamba huyu mama hafai. Kwanza, tulikuwa tumesikia huyu mama ni wa Nyeri. Jambo la pili, tukaona hafai na tukaangusha. Wakati tulienda Bunge la Nyeri na nikaweza kuwahoji na nikasikia yakwamba huyu Mary Wairimu Mutonyi alikuwa ameuliza kazi Nyeri lakini yeye hukaa Laikipia, nikawauliza mahali alipigia kura wakaniambia ni Nyeri lakini kwao ni Laikipia.

Bw, Spika kuna wana Laikipia ambao ni wenye Laikipia katika mioyoni mwao na walikuwa wametuma maombi yao ya kazi na masomo yao ilikuwa inawakumbalia lakini mimi nikiangalia kulingana na wale walikuwa wanakagua na kuongea kwao, kwa sababu huyu mtu ni wa kwao wakaonelea ya kwamba ni vizuri wampitishe lakini mimi naonelea yakwamba roho ya huyu mama haiko Laikipia na akipata kazi atafanya sio juu ya Laikipia lakini kwa sababu ya mshahara.

Bw. Spika, mimi ningeomba kwa sababu tuko na watu ambao wana Laikipia mioyoni mwao na hata ingawa wanaishi Nairobi, wakati wa uchaguzi walitumia pesa zao, wakasafiri ili waweze kutengeneza Kaunti yao. Lakini huyu ni kumaanisha ikiwa alipigia kura yake Nyeri basi roho yake iko Nyeri na kwa sababu hiki kiti ni 'sensitive'…

**Speaker:** Order! Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Mukuria:** Yes, I want to ask the Member for Thingithu, can you substantiate whether that lady voted in Nyeri and whether you have documents to show that she voted there, because we are not in the House to prove that?

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua, you may want to substantiate in terms of taking responsibility of facts that you give to this House. May be you can respond to that.

**Hon. Michael:** Bw. Spika nimesema yakwamba nimesema kulingana na uchunguzi ambao nilipata tukiwa Nyeri, mmoja wa wabunge wa Bunge la Nyeri alinieleza yakwamba ni kweli alikuwa ameuliza kazi Nyeri.

**Speaker:** Yes, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Jacob:** Bw. Spika Mhsw. kutoka Marmanet ameuliza kama kuna stakabadhi yeyote ambayo

inaonesha ya kwamba huyo mama ni wa Nyeri na Mhsw. bado anatafsiri kwamba yeye alichunguza. Bw. Spika hapa tuko na kamati ambayo tulichagua na iliweza kufanya kazi ile, kwani tuliichagua kuweza kufanya nini? Kwa hivyo hiyo ndio ilikuwa jukumu la hiyo kamati na ni wao wangetupa ripoti. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua in accordance with the Standing Order No. 87, because that's the culture we want to put here,

***A member shall be responsible for accuracy of facts which the Member alleges to be true and may be required to substantiate any such fact instantly.***

You may want to evaluate Hon. Kinyua whether you have the facts so that we may go with that facts and it is better you take responsibility.

**Hon. Michael:** Asante Bw. Spika, sina uhakika lakini ni kulingana na ule upelelezi nilifanya. Sababu ya kusema ya kwamba kuna wale ambao ni wana Laikipia wana jukumu ya kufanyia Laikipia kazi, na wana moyo wa Laikipia.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order Majority Leader?

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, can I remind the Member here that although we belong to Laikipia there is only one country called Kenya. You can be coming from Laikipia but you can own property anywhere in this Country. So owning a property in Nyeri does not mean that this lady does not come from Laikipia so if he has nothing to substantiate, can he withdraw the allegations?

**Speaker:** I think Majority Leader, allow Hon. Kinyua to talk, you will get an opportunity to respond, but Hon. Kinyua you may tell where the Hon. Members are heading and I want you to be very factual on the points you will raise.

**Hon. Michael:** Bw. Spika, tunajenga Laikipia na tunajenga Kenya ambayo inaanza hapa tumesimama kwa hivyo tukibomoa Laikipia tumebomoa Kenya ikiwa yote. Langu ni kusema yakwamba nimekataa na sitaunga mkono huyu Mary Mutonyi aweze kuwa mwenyekiti katika kamati hii.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu, you may want to give Hon. Catherine. It is her maiden opportunity. Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine:** I don't know if I am out of order but I would kindly pass my view on the same. Personally we are only a few minutes old in this House and I would ask Mr. Speaker that you give us a chance so that we may be in a position to go through what the Committee which was responsible and the one that proposed the name of this Mary Mutonyi have.

If you will give us another sitting so that we may go through her CV and get to know what the Committee did and that way I am sure we are going to pass our votes from the bottom of our hearts. Right now if we are asked to give our views we will do it because we are seeing other people doing it, so please note that.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, just for direction, I think the motion is...

**Hon. John:** Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Hon. John, let me give you a chance. What do you want to say?

**Hon. John**: I was requesting for postponement of the agenda as we have no information. We are new Members of the Assembly.

**Speaker:** That is a different motion all together; it's almost a motion to adjourn that specific discussion. Usually it is not the Speaker to decide, it's the House to decide but before we come to that I would like to allow a few other Members on this motion and probably you can also contribute on postponement on this issue. Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Asante Bw. Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono jina la Mary Mutonyi kuwa mwenyekiti wa hii Bodi kulingana na maoni ya kamati iliyofanya hii kazi. Kwanza niseme kitu moja, kusema mimi niko Laikipia sio kusema nilizaliwa Laikipia. Kwa cheti changu cha kuzaliwa mimi nilizaliwa Nyandarua na mimi ni mkaazi wa Laikipia na hakuna shida nikienda kutafuta kazi Nyandarua na hata Mhsw. mwenye anapinga labda hakuzaliwa Laikipia, alizaliwa Kirinyaga na mtu ako Laikipia. Tukiangalia kila mtu alipozaliwa labda wote tutarudi Nyeri na wengine Nyandarua ama Murang'a. Kwa hivyo kile ningependa kusema kuhusu hili jina…

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Kinyua what do you have to say?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Ni nidhamu kweli Bw. Spika Mheshimiwa Wakahiu kusema mahali nilipozaliwa? Amejuaje?

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu, you really have to be factual. Do you really know Hon. Kinyua was not born in Laikipia? But anyway I think it is just taking notes, you may proceed.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Am very sure that is why I mentioned my name, I was born in Nyandarua, he personally took me to his home when we were at Embu, so I know his home.

***(Laughter)***

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua, Hon. Wakahiu has mentioned you, you must really say something. You have the floor.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Bw, Spika Mhsw. Wakahiu anasema nilimpeleka mahali ambapo nilizaliwa, lakini ajue nilipompeleka sio mahali ambapo nilizaliwa lakini kwa '*cucu*'.

***(Laughter)***

**Speaker:** That's a point of information. Hon. Wakahiu now you are informed.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the appointment of Mary Mutonyi. To be sincere when we were out with the Members of Nyeri County…, I personally cannot give evidence because I don't have the details but for sure we can't humiliate somebody because of her origin. For this case, this person belongs to Laikipia and if we follow law, I don't want to say that she comes from Nyeri but the law provides that we may also employ a certain percentage from other counties. So in that case, I strongly support believing she is from Laikipia. Mr. Speaker, I support her appointment.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Marmanet and then Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to approve the appointment of Mary Mutonyi because I realized that the last time we were passing this motion we were doing so out of emotion. When you look at her papers which are there for those Members who have come in and I would ask the Clerk to provide these Members with the merits of this member, Mary Mutonyi. She is a qualified lady and I was ashamed that we disqualified her last time because we did not know the background of her education.

I support this motion because I have realized that this lady has a vision. A person who moves in Nyeri to look for a job, loses that, comes back to Laikipia, she seems to be a lady who is determined to work for this County. Therefore Members, let us not base our argument on this seat but on what she can do.

Hon. Members, I come from Marmanet and I have realized that most of people from Marmanet come from Nyeri and it does not mean they are from Laikipia, they are residents in Laikipia, let us not base our arguments on ethnic background. This person has been given work to do by this County, remember we don't have time for the Public

Service Board to take over. There are so many people who want jobs here; therefore I request this House, let us put a timetable for this County. We are dragging behind to employ our people because of this Public Service Board. I beg this House, let us support this lady because she is qualified, I think the Hon. Members who have just arrived here, if the Clerk provides the documents on the table, you can prove that the people who have been appointed for that work had qualified. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I support Hon. Cate who had proposed that we postpone this motion Mr. Speaker until next time. These Hon. Members are fresh, a few minutes old in this House and right now we are dragging them in the quagmire of this House. They are just hearing of Nyeri and Laikipia and I know they don't understand anything. As a good teacher Mr. Speaker, I request that you should not allow these new Hon. Members who are very innocent to be dragged in this motion.

They should be given time, the vetting report and let them go through it and we give Hon. Kinyua enough time to do his investigations properly so that next time as we meet we shall have a good discussion. Some of these discussions will degrade the House Mr. Speaker and to retain the dignity of this House Mr. Speaker, I beg we postpone this motion. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Of course Hon. Jacob, when the new Members come in, I am likely to give them an ear. Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to mention three things: -

1) We are discussing a lady and most ladies in this House have just come in and those of us who are Christians like I am, the Bible says, 'actions speak louder than words'. The Members of this House and Hon. Speaker, I think you have passionately welcomed us in this House. I think if you act on that and give us time as my friend has requested and the Hon. Member so that we really get time and look at this matter. We are discussing a lady and some of us are here to represent women and we really need to make a sober and concrete decision when it comes to that matter.

2) I think Mr. Kinyua and those who are opposed to the motion really need to do some more work because to disregard somebody by the virtue they come from this County or the other. I don't think there is any law that prohibits us from recruiting from any other County especially when it comes to the Public Service Board. They should really have better reasons to table if they are really genuine about what they are doing but for us who have just come in and some Members have supported that, we really request for the adjournment of that motion so that we look at that issue seriously, conclusively and concretely.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jennifer, you have something to say.

**Hon.: Jennifer:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to further what my colleagues have just said. We have been here just for an hour. We are told a lot of stories some of which we don't know. Some are saying she is qualified and others are saying she was disqualified. We also understand that you vetted her. We are here eight of us and so our votes are strong and might make her come in or not come in. So we would like to understand those things so that we decide on the side of knowledge and we cannot regret our decision.

I also want to concur with Hon. Maitai, this is a lady and we are ladies and we would like to get more information on why she was disqualified because what has been said, we are not going to support anybody who is not going to add value to

us, but let us get more information on what makes her qualified or disqualified. So we request for that time because we want to make a good decision. Kindly we request for adjournment of this discussion to another day. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member for Githiga, Hon. Wangu is standing. Would you like to give her a chance? I think so. Hon. Wangu.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this chance to contribute on this matter. It is a very sensitive issue; in fact I understand the fear of our Hon. Members. This is a very serious seat which involves Public Service Board and that is where employment is and I respect them because once you pass the name of this lady from Nyeri, the fear is that she will be importing people from Nyeri. I don't want to say that she comes from Nyeri, that one I don't have any grounds but I would request as you can read the mood of the newly Hon. Members, is that, give us time because we don't want to drag ourselves into issues that we don't understand.

One thing that I was asking myself is, was one of the qualifications that were advertised stating that you had to come from Laikipia? Was it a qualification? I don't know I need to know. If the lady you found was qualified and you dismissed the name then there must be some fishy things going on and so I request some time Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I need to give Member for Githiga and then Hon. Ole Kaparo and then I will make a ruling on that matter.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to take this opportunity Mr. Speaker to argue and request that this motion is disgusting and needs to come to an end. Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't see the reason why we should give an extra time so that our newly nominated Hon. Members should look at this matter. Mr. Speaker we have just sworn in the newly nominated Members and I personally came to know them this morning. I did not stand here to say that I do not know them but we have allowed them in to this House, so I still insist there was a Committee on Appointments that came up with the name of Mary Mutonyi whom we are discussing here. Mr. Speaker, I beg we discuss this and have this motion until we come to the conclusion of it and not wait for tomorrow or any other day because we are here as Hon. Members and we can make a ruling on this. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Ole Kaparo.

**Hon. Kaparo:** Asante sana Bw. Spika kwa kunipa wakati huu. Langu ni kusema jambo lile naona na lenye najua. Watu wengine wanasimama kusema mtu ametoka sehemu ya Nyeri na wengine Kiambu na nje ya Kenya na wale ambao wamezaliwa hapa akina baba yangu watasema nini? Ukiangalia nyuma ya hii nyumba ni Nyeri na kwa hivyo huyu Mary anaweza kuwa anakaa nyuma ya hii nyumba na ni Nyeri ambapo ana haki ya kutafuta kazi kwa hii Kaunti. Mimi simjui lakini namjua Mary kupitia CV yake na ni mtu ambaye amesoma na anastahili hiyo kazi na ni mkenya. Ukileta mambo ya kusema Nyeri, Embu, Kiambu hakuna kazi itaendelea Kaunti ya Laikipia.

Na sio kusema watu Laikipia hawajasoma lakini ni vizuri tuweke kile kitu kina ukweli badala ya 'rumour' ambayo haitapeleka Laikipia mbele. Ukianza kuja hapa na kusema baba yako alitoka wapi au ndugu yako Laikipia haitaenda mbele. Langu ni kuunga mkono. Na acha kuleta maneno ya kusema huyu mtu ametoka wapi. Ninavyosimama hapa niliongea na Mhsw. mmoja kutoka Nyeri na akaniambia huyu mama alinyimwa kazi huko Nyeri kwa sababu yeye ni mkaazi wa Rumuruti. Sasa Rumuruti ni Nyeri ama ni nchi mbali na Kenya? Kwa hivyo naunga mkono kwa sababu yeye ni mwana Laikipia asili. Asanteni.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I think I have heard from both sides; Standing Order No. 55,

***After the question has been proposed on a motion, the motion shall be deemed to be in possession of***

***County Assembly and such motion shall not be withdrawn without the leave of County Assembly.***

What that means is that really this motion has been proposed and is now being discussed, for it to be re-brought again before this House; this House has to take that decision. For procedural purposes I would ask whoever wants this motion to be withdrawn formally to raise that that this motion be withdrawn and then be seconded, I will put the question and then the House decides. Hon. Catherine pleases.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Can you please make us understand what you mean by saying withdrawn?

**Speaker:** What I meant by saying withdraw is basically to withdraw from today's business and it is reintroduced at a later time but we stop discussing it today.

**Hon. Catherine**: We are asking that because we are still grasping these words and I know everybody knows my intent is to adjourn this motion, so can you clarify to us if what you are saying really mean adjourning the motion.

**Speaker**: Yes.

**Hon. Catherine**: Okay thank you, I support we adjourn the motion.

**Speaker:** Who wants to second, Hon. Member for Olmoran you seem to have volunteered yourself.

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker, I second this motion to be adjourned to another day so that we can do a bit of investigations. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members I will like propose the question and probably give one or two Members to discuss as we move on;

> ***THAT****, this House approves the appointment of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on Appointments tabled in to the House on 10th July, 2013 be basically withdrawn from today's business.*

I will give one or two Members then put the question. Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the withdrawal of the motion simply because we have taken a lot of time on this matter. It will be better we discuss it today until it dies. Again we are using the Standing Orders to defer this matter. There is a provision in the Standing Orders which states that; *a member can choose to vote or not to vote or abstain*. I think it would be better if we continue with the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Mimi naunga mkono vile Mhsw. Mwangi amesema kwa sababu huu mjadala tumezungumzia hapa kwa muda Mr.efu sasa na pia Kaunti hii inataka kuendelea mbele. hatuwezi kuwa tunarudi nyuma. Mimi naunga mkono tuendelee na huu mjadala. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to oppose the withdraw of the motion Mr. Speaker putting in mind that we have talked and deliberated on this issue and it is also good to tell Members who have come that we approved other Members who were vetted with the same Mutonyi and we know what we are saying that it is only the Chairperson whom we don't have and the other Members cannot proceed. It is important that we do continue with the motion and I approve the appointment of Mary Mutonyi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Member for Githiga.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to oppose the adjournment of the motion and it should proceed till we come to a conclusion of it. Mr. Speaker I was here when this motion was brought last time and I want to be very sincere and tell the newly nominated Members that there is no other information you are going to gather other than what you are hearing from the Members whom you have found in this House. That it's just a matter of approving or failing to approve Mary Mutonyi, otherwise Mr. Speaker Sir, this one is going to bring other issues when we move from this House and they will not have any other information on this lady. She is a lady we know, we have discussed and we should be given the motion either to approve or disapprove. I oppose the adjournment of the motion Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. John.

**Hon. John:** Yangu ni kwamba saa hii tunasikia tu jina ambalo tunasikia huyu mtu anahitaji kupewa kazi, kuna wale wanaelewa kama waheshimiwa wale walikuwa kabla ya sisi tuje hapa na kwa wale tumekuja hili ni jambo geni. Hakuna jambo ambalo mimi kama John nitapitisha tu kwa sababu ya kuambiwa na waheshimiwa wengine. Ningependa kuona stakabadhi za yule mtu ili nielewe kama anafaa ama hafai. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. for Olmoran, you are an old Member and you know you cannot speak twice within a motion.

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker, I had seconded the motion but had not discussed.

**Speaker:** That is also a contribution but I will you give a chance. Yes.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to tell Hon. Members who have just arrived that this House has powers. If you want any information now, I know Hon. Members they can be provided with it in this House. If you are voting because you don't have information about this lady, I would kindly request Hon. Speaker, let them scrutinize her CV and see whether she qualifies. If that is what is lacking, Hon. Members let us not adjourn because of this issue. If you can look at the reason why this lady was put off it's because she comes from Nyeri and not from Laikipia. Therefore, I oppose the adjournment of this motion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Elizabeth.

**Hon. Elizabeth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like this motion to be withdrawn. Why did this lady apply for a job in Nyeri and in Laikipia?

**Speaker:** Member for Olmoran, you have been very consistent, now you have a chance.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am very much concerned about the Members who came in today. By refusing to adjourn the motion you will have disregarded these new Members. Eight Members out of 23 is more than one third and Mr. Speaker if more than one third do not know what is going on I think we are breaching their right, right to know, right to vote with their own conscience. If we vote today the eight Members will follow the wind and I am very concerned. I do not want anybody in this House to vote following the multitude but people who are real politicians, people who have a stand and allow these new Members at least a few days so that they can vote through their conscience. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Point of order Hon. Mwangi? For a very short time, because we are closing this debate so that we can put the question.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is it in order for the Hon. Member from Olmoran to imply that the new Members should be given their right when we are not giving that nominated Member her verdict? Thank you.

**Speaker:** I think just to remind Member for Olmoran that this House cannot deny the right of the nominated but to Hon. Members who are new,

this House will decide shortly either to adjourn or not to adjourn and based on that decision the House decides and moves with decision. Let us have only those who are standing. Hon. Kinyua, you have just stood when I made my rule. Minority Leader, please.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to oppose the adjournment of this motion. Mr. Speaker if the newly elected Members would want to know more about Mary, I would kindly request that they should be given Mary's papers. Mr. Speaker we have held this motion for quite some time stopping all even the Members of the public who wanted to apply for this Job and work for our beautiful County. So Mr. Speaker I support we continue with the motion and make a decision today. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu you have the micropHon.e just proceed and then Majority Leader and Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to oppose the adjournment of this Motion. This Motion has been in this House for more than a month and there is nothing else apart from political influence and other things. In the beginning, we rescinded to approve the name not knowing what the matter was really but after realizing it is when the motion was debated back to the House. One thing that I want to assure the nominated Members, many are the motions that we have passed.

I personally being the chairman of Budget Committee, we have done budget and even passed the Bill. Saying that we have to push some things ahead so that we can be together, it also means we have to do another budget. So I would kindly request the Hon. Members, today you have joined us, let us walk together. Let us move forward for the betterment of this County. This motion has dragged this House for more than a month debating one thing and so for the purpose of continuity and progress of our County Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to oppose the adjournment and request the new Hon. Members that we be together and move ahead because many are the things that we have done previously. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua and then the Majority.

**Hon. Michael:** Bw. Spika mimi ningeomba tuhairisha huu mjadala kwa sababu mimi nashangaa wale ambao walikuwa wanapinga kwa nguvu na hasira wengine wao ndio wanaunga mkono na pia ndio wanakataa. Huu mswada uweze kuhairishwa ili tuweze kufanya uchunguzi zaidi ambao hatujamaliza hata wale wageni ningeomba waweze kujua kwa nini tunapinga.

**Speaker:** Point of order! Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Bw. Spika nafikiria katika hii Bunge tunayo kamati ya kufanya hiyo kazi na bado Mheshimiwa anasisitiza kuongea jambo lile. Hiyo kamati ilichunguza na kama hakuridhika angesema hiyo kamati ivujwe tuanze mpya. Kama ninavyoona ni kama ana mapendeleo yake ya kibinafsi, kwa nini mtu wangu hajaajiliwa?

**Speaker:** I don't think that was a point of order but anyway Hon. Kinyua just proceed and take notes.

**Hon. Michael:** Mheshimiwa nadhania hatungekuwa na haki ya kuchunguza hao watu kama hatungekuja kuwazungumzia hapa na mtu kutoa maoni yake na kwa hivyo ningependa kuambia huyo Mheshimiwa ya kwamba tuko na haki ya kujua kila mtu na kumjua vizuri kwa sababu tunampea kazi ya wana Laikipia na tulichaguliwa na wananchi na tukileta mtu ambaye hafai wao wenyewe kwa sababu ni sisi wenyewe tutampitisha watatulaumu. Kwa hivyo tuko na haki ya kuchunguza mtu. Nikiendelea mbele nitasema yakwamba hawa watu ambao walipinga na wakaangusha hao ndio wamekuja kuunga mkono na sasa wanasema yakwamba tusihairishe. Uchunguzi tunao na tutakuja na uchunguzi mwingine mpya tujue ni kwa nini walikataa na sasa wamekubali, ni nini walikula wanaogopa kutapika?

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order? We had said we finish with the Majority Leader and then we put the question, Hon. Jane.

**Hon. Jane:** Tunasikia vile mjadala unaendelea, lakini sisi tukisema tunataka pengine tunajiangusha. Tukisema hatutaki pengine tunajiangusha kwa hivyo nasikia kuna kamati walipatiwa wachunguze. Huo uchunguzi walificha wapi? Walishindwa ama haikutosha?

**Speaker:** On that point I would like to direct the Clerk to give the new Members the report and that does not prejudice your voting whether to adjourn or not. If the Assembly decides we adjourn, please go and read it outside this Assembly, if it decides to continue you will still have the benefit. Hon. Beth and then Majority Leader you have to contribute and we end.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Now the nominated Members are fully in the House because they are not half Members. I rise to propose the adjournment of this motion. Let us give them time to go through the CV of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise here to oppose the adjournment of this motion. My points being the motion on the floor of the House;

> ***THAT**, this House approves the appointment of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on Appointments tabled in to House on 10th July, 2013 be basically withdrawn from today's business.*

I rise here to say that this lady has gone through all the vetting stages. The memorandum to this effect was requested by this House through the Newspaper that anybody who had an objection to please report to that Committee. You gave that Committee a mandate like any other Committee of the House to vet these Members on your behalf and we have written a report on every Member in this Committee. Does it mean today because of these new Members who have arrived here, we shall redo all that we have done here from March to this moment so that we can move as a team? Do you want to tell me Members that all we have done we will redo because of the new Members? No Members. The new Members here were not here when we were vetting the new Members and even if they want to peruse and see the reports of all the Committee Members, even those we have employed before, the report is here with our own Clerk and not hidden. If somebody has no interests on whatever is being said in this House that we drop this one lady because of vested interests, Members we are not going anywhere.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, you cannot address the Members directly.

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, when you have vested interests somewhere we are not going to perform.

**Speaker:** Point of Order from Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Michael:** Bw. Spika, ni jambo la nidhamu kwa kiongozi wa wengi bungeni kusema ya kwamba sisi hakuna mahali tunaenda kwa sababu tumekosa kukumbaliana na yeye? Nje ni jambo la nidhamu, kutudhulumu.

**Speaker:** Order Minority! Hon. Kinyua is on a point of order you can't raise another point of order on top of another one.

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I did not condemn anybody at all, what I said is that we must move as one team. I don't even hate those who are opposing this motion; they are my good Hon. Members. We are here as one team to oppose or agree and this does not mean that we are making enemies. We are only here to contribute and give mandate to what you vested on that Committee. There are so many Committees of this House and the Committees have reported matters in to this House. If you report the Committee matters in to

this House when you have vested interests this is why I ask member Mr. Speaker Sir, are we going to form a unity County where we are going to work together? Thank you very much. Let us rest this motion here and now.

**Speaker:** I would like to put the question for purposes of those who came in today just to educate you a bit so that then you participate, the motion now is *THAT, Mary Wairimu Mutonyi be approved to be the Chairperson of County Public Service Board.* But Hon. Catherine did raise a motion that this motion be deferred to another date. So I a am going to put a question;

> ***THAT**, this House withdraws the motion on Mary Wairimu Mutonyi from the discussions today.*

***(Motion Negatived)***

So what that means Hon. Members is that I had proposed the question and that I want a few of us to discuss and contribute to Mary Wairimu Mutonyi and then I will put the question. The floor is open before I put the question. Yes, Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Leshuel:** Bw. Spika nasimama kuunga mkono huu mjadala na yale inafanya mimi ninyamaze kwa muda ni kushangaa wale wanasema huyu ametoka Nyeri ama sehemu fulani. Ukweli kabisa hatufai kuja na kusema nani ametoka sehemu fulani lakini kuja na ukweli wa kutosha kwa nini mnapinga mtu. Sisi tutaajiri watu wengi hapa na ile sababu ya kutosha ni kuangalia ni nani anafaa hapo na nani hafai. Nawaomba kama tungepita wakati huo wote na hatukuweza kupinga mkiangalia makaratasi yake, na hamkuangalia ametoka wapi na hata wakati huu hatuwezi kusema haishi Laikipia tunabahatisha tu. Mimi niko hapa kuunga mkono achukue hiyo nafasi ya hicho kiti ili tuendelee mbele kuliko kushida hapa tukiongea mambo ya Mary. Asanteni sana.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bwana Spika. Mimi nimesimama hapa kuunga mkono Mary Mutonyi katika nafasi hiyo. Sisi tunataka pia akina mama wapate kwa sababu ukiangalia Public Service Board wenye wamepita wote ni wanaume hakuna hata mama mmoja amepata nafasi pia vijana waangaliwe kama wamepata nafasi na kwa hivyo mimi naunga mkono Mary Mutonyi. Asante.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to go straight to the points. Like some of my colleagues have expressed, some of us who have just come in might be misunderstood by the way we handle this issue. However, I still wish to give my contribution which nobody will control. I have just looked at the documents of the lady that we are talking about. Mr. Speaker, I am a human resource manager by profession, a discipline that I am really passionate about and I would really like to hear what the rest of the Members will say, but I don't see anything academically on Human Resource Management. I agree she has good papers, a degree in Commerce and now pursuing masters in the same and I would really want somebody to convince me why they gave her a big post without the qualifications as a HR manager because it's a very critical docket. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** I will only give Members who have not contributed. Hon. Jacob you have talked once, twice and even thrice. Let's give Hon. Suge he has not spoken today.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, I just want to remind the Members that we are all elected Members and the voters of Laikipia County have confidence with this House. So I wanted to remind Hon. Kinyua that when he is contributing let everyone contribute with facts Mr. Speaker Sir, rather than abusing the House. Secondly Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say that this issue has taken long since it was brought to the floor of this House several weeks ago and since these people went through all the processes which are required by the law, we have the vetting Committee who vetted these nominees, we have the

people who conducted the interviews and these people went through all the required processes.

Mr. Speaker Sir. Concerning this person madam Mutonyi, the first day when this lady came in the House there were some rumours that she is a resident in Nyeri and sometimes we are being told that she owns a farm in Ngobit. After looking for the truth of this matter Mr. Speaker, we found that Mary Mutonyi is a resident of Laikipia County but she owns a property in Nyeri Town and since the constitution provides a space for everyone to seek for employment in every corner of this Country and we as the County we have the mandate of looking for qualified persons from neighbouring areas but am not saying that she is not from Laikipia.

From the information we have now, she is a resident of Laikipia County. So I feel and I support the appointment of this lady because she is qualified and has experience to work for County Public Service Board. So I stand to support that we adopt this name Mary Mutonyi today rather than taking it to another day. I support.

**Speaker:** Hon. Daisy.

**Hon. Daisy:** I would like to know why the House has disapproved Mary Wairimu Mutonyi, what has changed? What went on there?

**Speaker:** Thank you for raising that. I think it's because you are new but I will let you know. Hon. Wangu.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. In fact I have listened very attentively to all the arguments around Mary Mutonyi and I have not seen any reasonable ground of disqualifying her because all I am hearing Hon. Members saying is that she comes from Nyeri and it is hearsay. In fact I have seen her CV and it is very impressive and being in the ward of women, I support and even if she is not qualified in the areas of HR she has a long life experience. She is qualified. I don't see the reason why we should be pulling in and out and that she comes from Nyeri. That one is not enough grounds to keep us dragging on the issue of Mary Mutonyi. In fact I would request you Hon. Members to give her a chance and you will not regret. Thank you. There is no change of heart or am pushed so much to the wall that I cannot make that decision. We requested for the papers we have been given and went through and after all I just thought after going out there what I will hear is hearsay and we will have no ground of judging her so I beg we support the nominee Mary Mutonyi and then we move on.

**Speaker:** Okay, I will have to conclude this matter, Hon. Jennifer what happens when a motion is raised a Member speaks once. You don't have another reason to speak twice but as you have seen, I have given old Members more than one chance and because you are new you can certainly get another chance but for your information that does not happen. Hon. Jennifer, please.

**Hon. Jennifer:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to give my contribution after seeing the CV of the lady and I can see she is really learned and with a lot of experience. I have tried to listen to those who spoke about her and there is nothing so concrete that really disqualifies her because the only issue is that she lives in Nyeri, and nothing else. So as a lady, I don't see why we should disqualify her. I have seen a lot of management; she has been manager for change, manager for IT and a manager for several things in different studies which she has done in different universities. If we are going to follow the truth that brought us here then I think the lady is qualified. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Elizabeth, you are prohibited from clapping but you can use your feet in a manner that Hon. Mwangi should have taught you by now because he is sitting next to you. Hon. Daisy, the issue you raised to this House as per the Standing Order No. 46 can make a decision and undo that decision but that decision is made by this House and so that was made some times back and the

whole House decided to undo that decision. Hon. Member, I will now like to put the question and for purposes of those who came in today when I am saying am putting in the question it's basically that I am inviting the Members to vote but with their mouth. If you support you say Ayes! And nay! If you don't support and the Speaker in his wisdom is able to get where it goes.

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the appointment of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on the Appointment tabled in to House on 10th July, 2013.*

Before I put the question I give the mover to reply and the mover is Majority Leader. Please be brief.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to thank all the Members who have contributed to this motion whether positively or negatively and let us not be divided by the motion. We will still continue in this House as one common House and so I rise here to support the motion of Mary Mutonyi. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the appointment of Mary Wairimu Mutonyi as the Chairperson of County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on the Appointment tabled in this House on 10th July, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority Hon. Wachira]**

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the appointment of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a Board Member of the County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on Appointments tabled in to this House on 10th July, 2013.*

I request Hon. Mwangi Maruga to second.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. From this motion of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau, let me admit to the floor and say that she comes from my area because according to the previous debate everybody was saying that she was not from Laikipia, this one is from Laikipia and more so Umande Ward. Again, I would like to flashback when the same motion was brought on the floor on 3rd of this month and the whole House rejected and only my voice was heard supporting Esther Wanjau. Today I would like to urge the House, let us support Esther Wanjau. Simply she is qualified, she is a youth and comes from Laikipia and I don't think there is any objection. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the appointment of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a Board Member of the County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on Appointments tabled in to the House on 10th July, 2013.*

Yes Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support Esther Wanjau. Mr. Speaker this is the time to empower our youth and she deserves the task. I support because the County Public Service Board needs gender representation yet she is a lady. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Githiga you had stood earlier.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the appointment Esther Wanjau and the Committee that vetted her is the same Committee that vetted the others. Mr. Speaker, I feel that there is no problem of approving Ms. Esther Wanjau as a woman, a learned person and having been approved by the Committee on Appointments I don't any doubt why we should not allow her in this County Public Service Board. I support her appointment.

**Speaker**: Member for Marmanet and then Minority Leader.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Asante Bw. Spika ninauunga mjadala huu wa Esther Wanjau kwa sababu kama nilivyosema awali tulipokuwa tukijadili huu mjadala hatukuwa katika hali nzuri ya kujadili. Kwa hivyo mimi naona yakwamba tunaendelea mbele katika County Public Service Board kwa sababu naona ya kwamba Esther Wanjau amehitimu na namuunga mkono ili Kaunti yetu isonge mbele na pia kama mama atakuwa ametuwakilisha vizuri na kufanya kazi nzuri katika Kaunti yetu. Asante sana.

**Speaker:** Mhsw. Lebeneiyo.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the appointment of Esther Wanjau. I am a Member in the vetting Board and we did our best to forward this name to the County Assembly and to my surprise when we were vetting them, one of the things we were looking for was gender representation, disability and the youth and Mr. Speaker I was shocked when one of the Members stood up and said that gender was not represented well and at the end of the day they declined down. I thank God that we are now supporting and the kitchen politics have ended and I hope no one at the end will insult us again. So I support Esther and I have not been bribed.

**Speaker:** Let's start from Hon. Maitai and then Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. It is interesting that in most cases women are critically scrutinized when it comes to the appointments and I don't know what had transpired even in the Committee that only these two ladies that had been put off and for that reason with the little knowledge I have for this lady, the fact that she is a young person and a woman I would seriously support her that she gets that position as young people in this Country are not corrupt since they have not worked for long. For that reason I think she is suitable for this position and I will support her for the seat.

**Speaker:** Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to support the appointment of this lady Esther Wanjau. Am seeing the recommendation of the Committee but you have not given us her CV and from it I can draw a few things which I would like to bring to your attention is that she holds a bachelor of Commerce, Human resource which is something we were deferring on the chairperson who had done nothing about HR. Her being a member has done Human Resource in Bachelor of Commerce she has done a master on HR again and in this case she is a young lady, a youth and as a woman I would like to support her.

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Michael:** Asante Bw. Spika. Langu namuunga huyu mkono.

***(Applause)***

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua why are the Members laughing when you… I thought it is within your right to support anyone you want?

**Hon. Michael:** Hapo mbele tulikuwa tumemchukua pamoja na huyu Najua wanafikiria watanidunga lakini bado kunidunga. Sababu yangu ya kumuunga mkono ni nimefanya utafiti na tulipomwangusha hapa mimi nilienda kufanya utafiti na nikajua yakwamba ni msichana ambaye

amesoma, amehitimu kuwa katika kiti hiki na pia ni mwana Laikipia na roho yake iko Laikipia na kura yake alipigia Nyareginu Primary School. Yeye ni mwana Laikipia kamili lakini Mary Mutonyi lakini nilikuja kuwatofautisha kwa hivyo namuunga mkono kwa mikono yote miwili aweze kufanya hii kazi na najua ataifanya vizuri na tutakuja kufurahia.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob then Hon. Wangu.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Sana Bw. Spika nimeshukuru Mheshimiwa yuko karibu na mimi na tumeanza kuwa pamoja.

***(Laughter)***

Mimi namuunga mkono Esther Wanjau kama kijana na mara nyingi nimesema tuangalie jinsia ya kike maana tukiwaacha nyuma tutapoteza vijana wetu wengi sana wakikosa nafasi. Asante.

**Speaker: Hon. Wangu.**

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, in fact I am excited for seeing change of heart of the Hon. Men. You can see there is that balance of gender and the women of Laikipia have a ward to cry on. That is it and in fact I stand to support the appointment of Esther Wanjau. First she is qualified for the job because it's not only that you being a youth you are qualified, she is fit for a job and again she is a lady. I want to support her appointment and next time ladies tuwe macho'

**Speaker:** Point of order from Mr. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Is the Hon. Member right to use or to mix English and Swahili while debating?

**Speaker:** Thanks old Members as they were called by Hon. Mwangi for teaching the new Members some basics.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** Order! Hon. Wangu you cannot mix English and Swahili. It is either you start in Swahili and finish or English and finish but you are done and now you know that's why you saw many Hon. Members standing to correct you. I would like Hon. Members to ask the mover to reply.

**Hon. Wachira**: I will ask Hon. Mwangi to reply in this matter because he was in that Committee.

**Speaker:** Okay Hon. Mwangi please.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I was almost to raise a point of order that he is not supposed to call on me but donate some minutes to contribute. Thank you Mr. Speaker and am glad that Members have agreed to approve Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau. It does not take the mighty of somebody so that her motion can be adopted be by the House, it's just heavy consultation and for the hard work that the Members have done for Members to investigate and confirm every fact that the lady comes from my area. Thank you and God bless you.

**Speaker:** Good, Hon. Members I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the appointment of Esther Nyaguthii Wanjau as a Board Member of the County Public Service Board as per the report of Committee on Appointments tabled in to this House on 10th July, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

I now wish to adjourn the House until tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 5.20 p. m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Members, I just want to inform you that the Hon. Speaker is attending a conference from today up to Friday. Therefore, he will not be with us as he is attending a conference in Mombasa with the Speakers and the Governors plus the Governors from South Africa and Nigeria. It will be beneficial to the whole country and again I will request that after this morning session, we are going to have the engineer of roads for the welfare of mileage. Therefore, we will accord him and will be having a short meeting with him, thank you. Next order

**MOTIONS**

**Hon. Michael**: Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion... to move the following the motion:

> ***THAT****, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process; appreciating that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer;*
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> *Noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*
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> *Noting further that trade development and regulation is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating further that trade is the key area for poverty eradication and generation of revenue for our County; appreciating that self employment is the guaranteed route to find meaningful livelihood for our unemployed youth; noting that tourism remains highly untapped in our County yet the potential is unparalleled and considering that trade development and regulation includes markets, trade licenses, fair trading practices, local tourism, and cooperative services;*

*Noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker sir, ningeomba niweze kuchangia kwa lugha ya Kiswahili. Hili jambo la biashara I jambo lina upana na I la ukubwa katika kaunti hii yetu kwa sababu jambo la biashara na mambo ya utalii ndio uti wa mgongo katika kaunti hii yetu. Ukiangalia, mambo I mengi yanayotaka kutekelezwa katika biashara katika hali ya kutengeneza masoko yetu ili tuweze kuwavutia kaunti zile zingine ili waweze kuleta biashara hapa na wakati wanapoingia na masoko I mazuri, wataingia hapa kuuza ama kununua kazi itapatikana.

Kwa sababu kuna ukosefu wa kazi na hili jambo la biashara ndio itakuwa imebeba watu wengi zaidi. Tukiangalia pande la utalii, utaangalia kwamba jambo la utalii I jambo linalo stahili kufikiriwa zaidi. Ukiangalia wale watalii wanaoingia katika kaunti yetu, ukiangalia kama kaunti yetu northern corridor inapitia Laikipia na tunaweza fikiria habari ya hawa watalii ambao wanapita kutoka sehemu za central wakienda sehemu za kaskazini tunaweza kuwashika na wawe wakija kupumzika hapa kabla waendelee na safari.

Kwa hivyo I jambo la umuhimu sana katika kilimo na mambo ya utalii tukishika vizuri na tukifikiria vizuri I jambo ambalo linaweza kuandika watu wengi na itakuwa na manufaa zaidi katika kaunti yetu na kutuletea pesa mingi. Kwa hivyo I jambo tunalolifikiria zaidi na ningeomba iweze kutekelezwa haraka sana na hii mswada ningeomba bwana spika Mhsw. Wakahiu aweze kuiunga mkono.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Mwangi, are you on a point of order?

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, there is a Hon. Member who has entered the House with a strange luggage. I am scared for my life and for the life of this House and that of the Hon. Members.

**Deputy Speaker**: Who is the Hon. Member? Mshw. John, wacha Mhsw. Mwangi aseme ni mjumbe mgani.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Okay, it will be unfair to disclose her name but it is she and she is carrying big luggages in the House, which is not allowed by the Standing Orders.

**Deputy Speaker**: The Hon. Catherine. It is imperative that though you are new, you even never bowed to the chair as you entered and it is always good and make it a routine. Are you on a point of order?

**Hon. Maitai**: Yes Mr. Speaker sir.

**Deputy Speaker**: But you cannot overrule the chair. Nevertheless, let me allow you, what is the point of order?

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, it is not only she who did not bow, but several Members are walking in without bowing. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

**Deputy Speaker**: It is very good that you are noticing that and...Well what do you have to say Hon. Catherine?

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, yes I am new to the House and I wish to take this chance to apologise if I did not bow to the chair but I think I remember the rules. I was supposed to bow and he caught me before I got there but am on track. Thank you for your correction.

**Deputy Speaker**: Apology accepted, let us continue.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker**: I hope the Hon. Wakahiu you are the seconder. Thank you, continue.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to second the motion that was moved by Hon. Kinyua on trade, tourism and trade licences as per the trade Committee. I rise to second this motion noting that tourism and trade are some of the core areas that can thrive our County to move forward and noting specifically tourism. It remains one of the major foreign exchange earner and Laikipia as a County has all the potential as far as wildlife and tourism are concerned.

I just came to realise as they say that Laikipia harbours most of the wildlife in this country and is a destination to foreign tourists who visit Laikipia and noting how it is, this can make one of the areas that can raise the revenue of this County and can make our County to grow. So having and taking some of the measures, tourism will be one of the major earners of the County's revenue and as per the devolved function of this government.

I will request the authorities that are concerned and even the agencies and even the County Government comes up with measures to speed up and prepare themselves for these functions; because if we happen to capture it at this particular time of the devolved government, we can raise a lot of revenue and even a lot of finances to boost our County development specifically the economy. The other thing is Laikipia has some of the rare wildlife that other counties do not have, as they say the zebras and white rhinos are many in this County and the foreign investors are the ones who have conserved them so if we happen to encourage even local investors in this area, Mr. Speaker sir I believe this will eradicate and even will improve the livelihood of laikipians. The other thing is we happened to realise that trade is also taking shape in this County particularly with the foreign investors. I know and have seen many people having investments in the interior parts of this County for instance Olpejeta where you happen to see people like Usain Bolt and others who are popular in the world have come to buy plots in this place.

Therefore, if we encourage this, our County will thrive economical for the betterment of the people. So I will second this motion believing that whatever will be discussed as per trade will make our County grow in a way that the lives of our people will be improved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker**: I now wish to put the question:

> ***THAT****, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> *Appreciating that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution*

*(CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*

*Noting further that trade development and regulation is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating further that trade is the key area for poverty eradication and generation of revenue for our County; appreciating that self employment is the guaranteed route to find meaningful livelihood for our unemployed youth; noting that tourism remains highly untapped in our County yet the potential is unparalleled and considering that trade development and regulation includes markets, trade licenses, fair trading practices, local tourism, and cooperative services;*

*Noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

The motion is now in front of the House for discussion, yes Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I am happy that this House is being moved when am in the House. I want to outline a few issues in support of the motion, Mr. Speaker sir I want to approach this issue from the employment point of view. Especially among the young people because employment among the young people is key, it's very pivotal and there are only two employers in this world, maybe three if you look at it. The government can employ you, you can be employed by the private sector or you can employ yourself in one way or another.

The government is usually a major employer but with the population that we have in this country and more specifically in the County, the government can never absorb all the people who wish to be employed. For that reason; we as the County or we as the leaders of this County must seriously think of how to create employment for our young people, the women of this nation and for the children that are just about to start looking for employment.

It therefore fundamental that we seriously think of promoting trade in this County, trade in all areas and all aspects. It has been mentioned earlier that Laikipia is a County with very high potential and for that reason; we have no shortage when it comes to ideas and ways of which to promote trade. I get worried when some of us leaders and the young people as well are craving for employment from the government thinking that you must get employed by the government for you to survive and I keep wondering how many of us can really get employed by the government?

Very few and at the end of the day those opportunities are very limited so I think that's a mentality that we must get out of our young peoples' minds. That being employed by the government or the private sector is a very important thing. I look forward to a point where we facilitate young people and motivate them to thinking how do I get to start my own business, how do I start trading, how do I make money out of my own business?

Its only at that point that this country will be able to move on that our young people will really appreciate the fruits of this country and appreciate being Members of the County of Laikipia. Trade, being entrepreneurs, being facilitated by the government and the County

owning that function will be a very strong milestone toward achieving economic and social stability for that reason Mr. Speaker sir I support the motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion noting that trade is a very important section in this County. In my own investigation, I have realised that for us to get self-employment for our youth we need to know how these people will be able to tap into the blessings of our government. I have realised there's a gap that has been created during this devolution and this County should believe that. When we hear about the CDA, there's a person called the CDA in our sub-location.

When it comes to the registration of these companies, I have realised a big problem for those CDA's who are being used by the County Government to collect revenue. Instead of being able to come and join the groups of the youth, so now the County Government should up with a formula to know that if the CDA people that are employed by the County Government are being diverted from their role then our young people will not be able to be registered . As you know for our young people to be registered to get the blessing from the national government and the County Government, they have to be registered therefore I request the County Government not to transfer the function of the CDA people who collect the revenue.

I also came to realise the CDA people are very few in this County and you see these people have no means of transport from one area to another so that we are able to catch up with the youth who don't know how to come out and write a proposal for their companies. Because these youth need to be guided, we need to come up with a formula on how to educate these young men and women to come and be able to write a proposal so that when the national government releases the 6 billion that was promised by his Excellency the president of this country, we are able to tap into those blessings.

We can also be able to tap into the blessings from the CDF I therefore urge this County Government to come up with a formula to assist these young people to come together and work as one because if they do not know that, then we are going to lose a lot of money in this County. I therefore rise to support the motion knowing that trade is also a very important issue. I have come to realise that this County Government should come up with a formula on how to give licences to these businesses in this County. I have also realised that many people in this County do not have licences; they just work by themselves and do not give this County any revenue.

Therefore, for us to able to collect revenue for this County, we have to come up with a better way of using licences so that our trade will benefit the people of this County. If we come up with that kind of a formula, we are able to guide the way to collect this revenue. Mr. Speaker sir, I have also come to realise that this County gets very little money from our tourism, due to the transfer of functions the County Government should come up with a way to collect revenue from tourists in this County because I have come to realise that those tourists who go to the north and the east, that money only benefits outside this County. Therefore, let us put laws that will harness the collection of money from tourism. Mr. Speaker sirs, because this County has a lot of potential, let us come up with a way of having good cooperatives in this County. This because I have come to realise that cooperatives that used to be there before have died because the people in the ground have lost faith in those cooperatives.

Like now we have the milk processing plant in Marmanet has many problems with management, we should also come up with a formula on how to guide them on how to come up with these cooperatives so that they may come and generate

income for this County. Mr. Speaker sir, therefore I urge this government to run steadfast because they have a role to play in this County, thank you Mr. Speaker sir and I rise to support this motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: The Majority Leader, the Hon. Ephraim.

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker sir I rise to support the motion on the devolution of trade from the national government to the County Government. Due to this Mr. Speaker sir, for instance if trade is not devolved there is no employment that is going to take place in this County and with no employment, we are going to have a population explosion of our own youth. When the youth are not employed or self employed, they become wasted material and we do not want our own youth to be wasted.

By so doing that Mr. Speaker, our own infrastructure is so badly off, without our own roads being passable in all season's trade cannot go on. By so saying, I mean this County arranges to buy machines so that at least one or two wards have one grader on the roads or one truck to collect murram so that our own roads become passable throughout the year. Mr. Speaker sir, on tourism there so many large areas of farms here. Their owners are collecting money from tourism and not limiting it to our own County. They just collect money and keep it for themselves, we want this County to pass strong bylaws so that when these tourists come they are followed to these farms and we make our own revenue collectors and make our own bylaws that will enable our own revenue collectors to go into these farms and collect our money.

We cannot make money when our own people who are in the County are hiding revenue. Mr. Speaker sir, there are these farms which are strange, a County cannot do trade with its own people but we have to pass laws whereby rates are collected from these farms because the rates collected from these farms are at a very low percentage. We want these farms to be evaluated so that the rates can go higher and our County will get money. We cannot trade in any other way so that our youth can get employment.

Mr. Speaker, want livestock development to be improved, our own system here is farming which is livestock development and planting. When people from the north don't have good roads and cannot even reach their markets to buy these animals, that means that they are not doing any trade and when they have animals and the dry spell comes, these animals will die. So let us make these roads passable and make markets in their own area so that we collect taxes. We should also organise trade fairs in our own County to educate our own farmers.

When we have these trade fairs and people take their own animals and crops to that market, people will start learning that Kamakia is growing this and that and I can also grow it in my own area, Kamakia is rearing such breed of cattle, I can also rear it in my own area. When we are doing this, we are educating our own people and our youth will start these income-generating activities and when we do so, we shall have very educated youth in our own society. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Wangu, continue.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion of devolving trade and tourism to the County Government. In my view when I was going Laikipia, I was seeing and wondering how our Laikipia people are blessed with resources they never realised they are blessed with. I went out there and heard people complain about elephants and I would think of how our Laikipia people would come to own these assets, get to own the wildlife like something that can generate income to our people and create employment if only the Laikipia

people are allowed to own them and get to realise it is an income generating employment.

I would like to support the motion whereby I would urge the County Government to open up a national park whereby our people will be coming to see the animals and also bring income back and then the young people will be given licences to operate curio shops in those parts so as to get employment. Locals will also be encouraged to engage in local tourism and to generate income to the County Government to help in development project.

Therefore, I rise to support the motion and urge the County Government to come up with a way whereby the youth can be able to start a business, which will be pocket friendly and not tedious to them. I have also realised that the people who get to benefit from the resources of the County are not from here. Some other time I went to this Brookside Breeders show, I was shocked to realise that most of the ranchers own the beef and milk cattle are foreigners and we don't get to benefit from the resources that we have. So is stand to support the motion of devolving trade, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion and I want to take over from what my colleague has just said on the resources that are available and are being utilised by a few people and most of them are maybe cattle ranchers and they are carrying a lot of bug businesses like tourism. Some of their activities are secret and they are doing it in their own farms, which they say are visitors. Mr. Speaker we need to do some bit of research on what happens in tourism in this County because it is known that Laikipia is ranked second in Kenya in counties with potential after Narok.

I think it is the initiative of this House to come up and maybe formulate a Committee to find out what happens in the group ranches knowing that a big chunk of land in Laikipia is occupied by ranchers and they are doing a lot of good businesses and its the work of this House to find out what goes there so that it can benefit the County and even the poor in an effort to alleviate poverty in the County. I also think in the trade issue, the issue of flowers grown in Laikipia is also a big business within the County. I think it also among the leading counties in horticulture, so this is also another potential, which is also occupied by the people who are still foreigners.

I think it is the work of this House to know what is being imported, what is being used, what they are doing and whether we are benefitting as a County from the work they are doing there. If there is a lot of money coming to this County, something should be done so that the people of this County can benefit.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to concur with what my Hon. Colleagues have just said and I am going to base on five facts why Laikipia County should be empowered to run its own trade.

1. On the issue of employment which has been expounded by the rest of the Members and don't need to get into it. When I talk of employment, I also wish to highlight that yes, there could be many ranchers around, many flower farms and other business activities running in the County but at the end of the day do they benefit the local person?

2. On the investors, for us to be in a position to exactly know the kind of people we need to attract in the County we first need to be in a position to realise what is our potential; what are our strengths and in that way we can be in a position to know the right people for us to approach so that

we can encourage them to come and invest in our County.

3. On the growth of the County, the County cannot grow if in the real sense traders are not empowered to do business and do it with the minimum interference maybe with the governance and the rules that they are bound to.

When I say that I mean if for instance somebody comes and wishes to establish a business in this town what are the procedures that they need to go through? What are the charges that are attractive for them to acquire their licences and by that, I mean if for instance we need to see the growth of the County and we are encouraged in trade and we are talking of devolution of trade. We must also be in a position to know that our people must be given the easiest way. They must be given maximum support for them to establish businesses.

4. The boost of revenue, which is obvious. I look forward to a point where maybe we will introduce the cess and the rates that my colleague here was talking about concerning the flower farms, the ranchers; at least we want to see them pay their rates just like any other normal person who is doing business out there.

5. It will be a boost for us to major on areas where we are based, when I say this I know Laikipia is known for tourism and horticulture as my colleague has said and other activities. I know that Maasai and the diverse cultures are here in Laikipia and I would love to highlight that I feel we have not done our best when it comes to tourism. I know we have an able lady in the tourism department and I wish we would major on that because as we do the tourism we are marketing our trade, we are marketing our businesses.

We are even marketing the investors who are together with us and at the end of it is the expansion of trade. Once we do the devolution of trade am sure at the end of the day we will be in a position to know if we can be in a position to do exchange programmes with the counties surrounding us and that way I know we will grow. I beg to support the motion and strongly say that this is the way to go.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Kabaci, member for Igwamiti.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of the functions devolved to the County putting in mind that it will help our people very much. My concern Mr. Speaker lies in how the docket can establish industries; I would urge this House to think of how we can have industries in this County. Otherwise, it is very much astonishing; you can be astonished if you think that the whole County we do not have any industry that we can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker it is high time the government of this House thinks of how to construct a factory, I suggest we can establish an industry of hides and meat putting in mind that we are very rich in livestock farming in our County and it can be very important if we can have an industry in Laikipia north where we have livestock in large numbers. This will create employment from the youth and this will create revenue for our County. I also suggest that the minister concerned or the House to think of how to establish an industry of tomatoes where we have the horticultural farming in Laikipia west. Those farmers have been exploited for a long time and it is high time the government comes with clear measures or

formula to construct those factories where we can be branding our tomatoes and possibly sell them outside the country and locally as well.

I would also suggest that the House comes with clear measures of how farmers will not be exploited putting in mind that the units which measures something like tomatoes, for instance the box which was initially carrying tomatoes was supposed to be 65 kilograms. Mr. Speaker, imagine the box has gone up to 200 kilograms, this one has exploited the farmers and they are almost in a point of despair Mr. Speaker. This has exploited the farmers and they are almost in a point of despair Mr. Speaker, putting in mind a piece of land where we had been growing tomato and getting a yield of one lorry you can only get one pickup Mr. Speaker.

We must also keep in mind that the price of inputs is going higher, it will be good if this House comes up with units of how the clear units of those boxes. The same case applies to those growing potatoes as well. Mr. Speaker, the law is also clear otherwise a bag of potatoes was supposed to be carrying 110 kilograms and now it goes up to 150 or 180 kilograms Mr. Speaker. I would kindly request this House to come up with clear measure or units of how these goods will be carried Mr. Speaker. This is what will encourage farmers and am sure they will continue farming on a larger scale Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion, thank you very much.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion and as I support this motion, I remember on day Hon. Wakahiu telling us that we are making the budget and we might put some items there and by the end of the day, we have a paper budget but not a budget that can be implemented. As I support the motion, I am also scared that we are getting 2.1 billion from the national budget and our budget is 6.7 billion, there is a very huge deficit. How are we going to cover the deficit?

Currently, cess collection or revenue collection is very low, very low and it's a challenge to the executive County Government to come out or to go out and try to correct every revenue as well as stimulating some development that can earn more income to our County. For instance, when you are in Umande, there is a shortcut where you can go up to Olpolei within 15 minutes but there is an obstacle, there are ranchers. They have not provided the road to go to Olpolei. From Olpolei to DolDol, if they can just open up, it's just around 45 minutes from DolDol to Umande and from Umande to Nanyuki is less than 30 minutes, which means if they can just open that road, they will stimulate development in our areas and open up new markets in this areas.

Again, preparedness of our County, we need to asses and reassess ourselves and see whether we are really ready to take these devolved functions. This is because if we have poor management of funds I don't think we will be successful in this issue. Currently we have over 150 illegal employees and with that, some are not even assigned somewhere. Some are just working from their homes and they are being paid. Again, who will come out and harmonise their pay? Out of 570, legally employed by the Laikipia County Government there is an addition of over 150 who are taking money illegally. How are we going to do this? Therefore, as I urge the House to support the motion, I will also put a challenge to the County Government to make sure that they maximise revenue collection and opening up avenues for business. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I beg to support the motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members for your deliberations. I can see this function is quite critical and now I wish to refer this matter to the Committee of Trade, Tourism and..... to give us a report in the last week of September..

**MOTION**

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

> ***THAT****, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*
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> ***Noting*** *further that County planning and development is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function alone for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating that County planning and development will ensure that any County development is systematic and not ad hoc; noting that County planning as per the constitution includes statistics, land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing and electricity and gas reticulation as well as energy regulation;*
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> *Noting further that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker, am happy to move this motion otherwise it has come at a time when we as the County Government would wish. Mr. Speaker, it is very clear that the docket of planning and development carries all matters pertaining money, revenue and all that matters Mr. Speaker and it is high time that this House comes with clear measures and methods of how the revenue will be collected as well as how the land should be mapped among others.

Concerning money Mr. Speaker, I kindly urge this House to deliberate exhaustively concerning these functions and how the money will be monitored or how the collection will be done in our County Mr. Speaker. My colleague has said that we have a deficit in our budget Mr. Speaker and clear measures should be put on how to collect the revenue. It is my concern that there are sectors that do not pay anything in terms of revenue.

When it comes to motorbikes Mr. Speaker, measures must be put or charges must be harmonised for them to start paying the revenue otherwise I have an idea of areas where those motorbikes don't pay only because there are no clear measures or no clear policies to collect those charges Mr. Speaker. Therefore, it is high time that this House think of how those measures can be put to that issue for them to pay. Mr. Speaker, I would also like this House to think of

how the charges can be revived of harmonised when it comes to land. Mr. Speaker sir, wanjiku in the constitution pays a land rate of a plot 50/100 at Kshs. 1,500 and you cannot imagine a rancher paying Kshs. 3.50 cents per acre Mr. Speaker and I fail to understand where the fairness is.

It is high time that this House and the Laikipia government comes with policies of how to harmonise those charges otherwise we have been there for too long when it comes to those charges paid by the ranchers. 3 shillings is too little Mr. Speaker and it would be very nice if this House came with measures of how too increase those charges. I understand that the previous councils intended to charge those ranchers, they had been going to court Mr. Speaker and it is high time this House which is just like the high court Mr... Speaker and it should come clearly with measure on how to deal with the issue of ranchers.

They should increase that money from Ksh.3 to Kshs.100 per acre and it will increase our revenue to fight the deficit we have in the budget Mr. Speaker. I would also like this House to come up with ways of how to form board when it comes to land issues. Otherwise, I was surprised when I was in the land registry the other day and I found a very huge file of a transaction that had been made and those issues had not been dealt with by anybody. I inquired about what the issue was and I was told that there was no board to deal with the cases. So it is high time this House comes clearly and constitutes a board if possible even if it means the Assembly will do that or the executive, it is high time this House urges the government or the House to constitute that board to deal with the land issues.

There are very many transfers pending there and I think those files being dealt with it will encourage the people concerned to acquire their title deeds, which will help them uplift their businesses. Mr. Speaker, it is very clear that you cannot access a loan even if your business is so big or large, if at all you are operating that business on a temporary premises Mr. Speaker and to develop those premises on a permanent basis you must have a title deed and a lease in this case and it is high time this House comes with a board for those people to be able to construct those Houses on a permanent basis. Mr. Speaker I would also like this House to think of how boundaries will be put concerning some trading centres. I was at Muthengera Mr. Speaker and I was surprised to see that at the entire trading centre, there is no one who has a title deed or a lease in this case.

Mr. Speaker and it is high time this House clarifies the measures to put or pressure be put on the surveyors to go and map those trading centres for those people to have the title deeds or lease on this case for them to build permanent structures Mr. Speaker. I would also like this House to be clear on how the electricity can be supplied throughout the entire County Mr. Speaker. I was surprised to hear that DolDol which is the headquarter of the north sub County has no electricity knowing very well that the current regime must work with IT. It is high time this House becomes clear and thinks of how electricity can be spread to every town centre, which will boost the economy of this County otherwise, IT carries the day.

I therefore would also request this House to think of how we can generate our power; the power we are getting from the electricity body is too minimal. We can think of how to we can construct or have a generating power of our own especially in Nyahururu where we have a waterfall which can be modernised and we can at least have some power there to supply to those who are around that area. Mr. Speaker, I therefore wish this House would deliberate exhaustively and come up with all those measures which will require our County to get moving, I therefore Mr. Speaker request Hon. Mukuria to second the motion. Thank you very much.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to second this motion. I have come to realise that without planning anything we will have challenges in this County. Hon. Members, for this County to succeed, we need to plan and develop in our areas. Mr. Speaker sir, I want to come up or put a clause on the issue of land and surveying. I have come to realise like where I come from in Marmanet, there is a lot of government land survey. Land that should be the governments land, we have about 800 acres that we don't know whether it's the governments. The government should come up with a plan to see how that land is being utilised by this County. In the 80's that land was used to keep cattle, they were put there and after that they were being transport4ed to Nairobi through the railway lines.

I have come to realise that we don't know who manages that land and if we don't plan well it might go to the wrong hands. Therefore, Mr. Speaker would like this County to come up with a formula to make sure that all the government land in this County has the title deeds so that the land can be utilised in a better way to earn resources in this County. It can be used to as a training ground, it can be used to build modern schools so that the big tracts of land from the people from the previous regime can be utilised in a better way. I have also come to realise that most of the land in this County has no title deeds and that has made this County not to develop, developers come to this County and feel they are not secure when to comes to planning.

We should come up with a formula to see that the upcoming towns should have a plan, if we go to Karandi they are fighting because of land allocation. If we go to Kinamba there is double allocation of plots of different people, people are fighting. I urge this County to come up with a formula and to make sure that these title deeds are well issue and people come up with a way to solve the fighting. The other thing is about Houses, I have come to realise this County has to have better planning. Most of the council Houses have no importance in this County; we should go there and come up with a formula of how to make this House modernized.

Some of those Houses are very old, should be demolished, and built a fresh so that this County can be earning a lot of money from those Houses. Others need to be renovated so that we can be earning because you can realise in Nyahururu, in Nanyuki there are other plots that can earn just about Kshs. 500 per month. Therefore, it has no importance in this County, for us to raise funds we should come up with a better formula on how to make these Houses better for people to live in. I therefore urge this government to realise they have a big role to play in a making sure that these Houses are being utilised to bring revenue to this County.

I have also come to realise that we also need to have better roads to be able to have better plan for this County, there are those roads connecting counties like now connecting Nyeri with Nyandarua or other areas like Isiolo. For us to be able to bring business to this County, we should come up with a formula to open up those major roads to bring revenue to this County. Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to urge the government that we have a big role to play to come up with a better plan on how to make sure this County is accessible from the market place to where the farmers are.

Mr. Speaker sir, I also realise that for us to be able to move in modern way we need power. This power in the rural areas, in our schools, very many schools have no power and it is the job of this County to ensure that all secondary and primary schools are connected with power because of this regime of laptops. If the government provides laptops in this County, then we realise that very few villages will be able to access that service, therefore Mr. Speaker sir urge this County to come up with a way of utilising

that land. We also have a lot of water resources that are lying idle and this government should come up with a formula to revive all our boreholes in this County.

There are very many dormant boreholes in this County, for instance in Marmanet ward we have seven boreholes that have no use and people have no water, there are many dams that remain idle. We need to have many dams that are idle, we need to have a formula on how to make these dams useful to the people of this County, therefore Mr. Speaker as I second this motion, we need to realise that we need to come up with laws that will help us to make sure that we have a better plan for this County for the next five year. Mr. Speaker, I rise to second this motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Member, I now wish to propose the question:

> ***THAT****, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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Now the motion is before the House for deliberation. Member for Tigithi

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, the land issue is something critical in our County because Mr. Speaker sir as we look at the wards, which we represent, for instance my ward of Tigithi you can get double title deed allocation.

Therefore, it is high chance for our people to enjoy the devolved government and I would therefore urge the County Government and the executive concerned to take measures on that land issue on double allocation of lands. The other thing Mr. Speaker sir is housing, it is high time for us as Hon. Members and the County

Government to encourage our people to build permanent Houses so that we can minimise fire issues. Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, I urge the County Government to come up with something called bricks. This is because stones are now expensive, it is good to introduce bricks in our County so that they van have permanent Houses.

Mr. Speaker sir, it is also good for our people to know the importance of involving physical planners when building premises because we have already seen many buildings being demolished therefore Mr. Speaker sir it is a good time to use the physical planners that we have in our County. We also have public land and also it is good to mark the road reserves that we have because we get people building near the road for instance, we have heard that Matanya, Tharwa on the way to Ngobit is going to have tarmac roads.

Therefore, our people should know it is good to open the road reserves that we have. We also have the graders which is good for those people that we represent to know that it is high chance to open the road reserves that we have to open up the feeder roads. On the other hand, on electricity, we said it is good to have electricity in our health centres and the schools. It is good for the County Government to speed up and take measures to have the function being devolved to our people in the County. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir and with those few remarks is support the motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: Yes the Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I again rise to support the motion but with caution. There is a common cliché that says when you fail to plan you are planning to fail. When it comes to planning in my view, there is usually no option because even if you fail to plan you are still planning to fail. It is also very difficult to have somebody else plan for you and then maybe you are expected to implement because you may not agree with the plan or even not understand the plan and it's for that reason that I think it is critical that this function comes to the County Government so that we are in charge of our own activities, we are in charge of our own work plan.

One that we can own and for sure move ahead, Hon. Mukuria has already exhausted many of the important issues but I am keener on planning our town, when I talk of towns I also mean the small towns. They are many and I may not mention them one by one, earlier we were talking of trade and promoting trade and these small towns, call them Kinamba, Karandi and Matanya. If they are well planned as Hon. My friend here has just mentioned facilitated to that when the infrastructure is well put in those small towns, trade can easily grow.

We had earlier spoken of employment, these are hubs that can really promote trade, and people can even go there and do business with the involvement of the physical planner so that we can have something concrete. When we talk of planning, there is what we put as short term, medium term and long term. I keep on refereeing back on the three previous governments that have been there. First headed by Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, the second by His Excellency the retired President Moi and then His Excellency the retired Kibaki came in.

In my view, the many problems that we are experiencing today as country is because the first two governments failed to plan and they never foresaw that a time would come when population would grow and the young people of this nation would be so many. I think the first president with his cabinet and government were only looking at a few thousand people and were only living for that particular a day and time. The same was in the second government and they never looked at what would happen 50 years later in Kenya and where will the country be, how many people will we plan for.

They never foresaw that land will be an issue, they never foresaw those things, they never planned and now we are in a mess as a country. In my thinking and in my opinion, I think the retired president Hon. Kibaki tried to put a few planning issues in place and for sure it is evident of how much he has achieved in planning. Mr. Speaker sir, I mentioned earlier that I wanted to put some caution in this planning issue because I heard my colleagues raising issues of a few thing that have not been going on well with the previous government.

Misallocation of land, double allocation of land, poor infrastructure, the Hon. from Umande mentioned it but a bit shallowly and maybe, I will get a bit into the details. Mr. Speaker I reside in Rumuruti township ward, the former Rumuruti town council that is now under the County Government is right outside my door. Mr. Speaker I have evidence of this if required, everyday not less than five people walk into that town council for employment.

Mr. Speaker sir, less than a week ago I walked into the CDF offices looking for their services and met about five ladies seated in that office and doing absolutely nothing and I remember in their conversation, of course by then I had not been sworn in and some of them were not aware of that so they were able to misbehave but I heard them say I quote " hii chai ya saa nne is ikuje tukunywe twende tufue nguo" and those are people who are underpaid by this County Government. Mr. Speaker if you walk to that council gate you will find not less than five watchmen, I do not know whether they are watchmen or askaris seated at the gate and chatting the whole day while doing nothing.

Those are the people who are underpaid by this County Government. Mr. Speaker if you go to the stage where the drivers pay their rate or cess, there are five of them. Young men and women seated there collecting 50 bob from the drivers the whole day, until the drivers asked me at some point " hii 50 yetu ndio inalipa hawa watu wote". There is a place where charcoal is sold at Rumuruti behind one kiosk there, I do not think 20 bags are traded in a day. You find the last time I did a count there were four people collecting the 20 bob.

Those are the people under the pay of this County Government; I am sure most of you know how small Rumuruti town is. There are over 20 people walking in yellow coats moving around businesses looking at the certificates, permits and all that the whole day and doing nothing. I am told none of those people earn less than Kshs. 20,000 per month and am thinking what type of planning is this? Mr. Speaker sir, I repeat again, planning is fundamental and if we fail to plan we are definitely planning to fail and I am not ready to be part of this County Assembly for five years and then after five years this County is in a mess.

Nobody knows where to pick from because there was no planning, there was no forecasting, and there was no objecting. You know, we want to say that we want to move from this point to that point and I mentioned earlier that everybody wants some income and money in their pocket. I don't know but I heard , maybe the leader for majority as born and I wasn't that a while ago the name Jirongo when there was the youth for Kanu when retired president Moi would be told there was no money in the country and the much he could do was to order central bank to print more money and print more money so that there can be money in the country, I don't know how true it was.

However, Mr. Speaker if we don't have professionals running this County and planning economically and come up with things that are economically viable, economically they can be sustained and the much you can think of. You know, this person wants a job get into the County Government...this person wants a job get into the County Government. Hon.estly, I think we are losing it, I think we will be losing it and I think

we will not have a name in this County and it will be a shame that we were the first County Government and that was the way we were thinking.

With those many remarks Mr. Speaker sir, I support the motion but as I said with caution; we need to be very genuine when it comes to planning. When it comes to our objectives, we need to be very genuine and committed when it comes to putting measures in place so that we plan and develop this County to the next level. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion and Mr. Speaker sir the issue of land is a crucial issue. We all know that the land issue in the world is very crucial. Most of the conflicts in the world is due to land including our country and County. Therefore, I will start by suggesting that this House takes this issue as a critical undertaking and I suggest that this House establishes consultants.

We need experts on various issues that we shall supervise as they undertake a lot of activities that are related to land and the most important step to take is the issue of mapping. What I mean when I say mapping is mapping the boundaries. Mapping the boundaries is also in various categories because we have individual land, private land, ground ranches, towns, small centres, market places and plots. So all this is mapping and this should be done in conjunction with the office of the surveyor, the land office and a consultant which I suggest this House should look into.

On the same issue of mapping, it is also good to map and identify some categories of land. We have land that's very arable so we can plant there and we also have land that is completely arid. We have land with rocks like if you go to Mukongodo, we have a lot of rocks and stone that covers the soil. Therefore, everything that is in that land has potential so it is for us to categorize that land so that we may also rank the importance, the value of that resource that is in that land. We have different ecological area or zones in this County, I suggest Mr. Speaker that we establish and get to know these areas with the mapping of these important areas that are found in our County.

If you will help us also to rate this land because we need to know what is there and we have to help the people get the product from that land and we may also task the same product to be able to help this County carry out their activities. I support that we establish this and rate it so that this County can also get some taxes, the taxing of those products. The other thing I want to talk about to support this motion is the road to public land through private land, I realise in this County you all know we have very big chunks of land that belong to private like what I said earlier like the group ranches.

We also have individual farms and I remember one time we had an activity in Narijijo School, I know some of you do not know where the primary school is but I hope one time we will get a chance to understand our County and you will know there. I was going to conduct an activity on anti-FGM, so were moving and I carried the senior magistrate of this County, she is Anne Ndung'u, she is not here now she is a big person in Nairobi. We went there but we went almost next to the school but there is a gate there and we spoke when we were entering through Borana farm.

Those from Laikipia especially the member for Laikipia north, Hon. Shuel, he know very well the place I am talking about. When we went there we were told to go back, so we were coming back again towards Timau so that we can go round almost to Isiolo so that we can come back again next to where we left. Therefore, I request this County to think about how we will access the public, our citizens. If I want to go to Narijijo

primary, should I go up to Isiolo then come round. Therefore, I think those are things that we need to come up with and establish roads because this is our work so that we don't have such kind of retrogressive issues like those ones that you go and come back and become disappointed, they can also bring conflict as I said.

The other issue about land is that we must understand and identify all the natural resources within our land, our County is very rich as we have said and it's been said by many people. We must discover what is in our County, many resources are being discovered in many other parts of the country. In Isiolo, there is petroleum or minerals underground, in Laikipia we do not know whether there I something but it is the initiative of this House to think about that issue. We have a lot of rock, blocks, stones, we have sand, trees where we get charcoal, timber and edibles in terms of fruits and herbs.

So we need to have and inventory of all these things, we need to have an inventory of all the riches of our County. We can also be able to know how to alleviate the people from poverty and how we can also benefit by taxing those things and as one of my colleagues said, to also empower our people to maximise the output and maybe minimise the inputs. Therefore, I rise to support this motion, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I would first and foremost to thank the mover of this motion because it is very meaningful. If we actually adhere to what the motion is leading to. Mr. Speaker, we as Hon. Members of this Assembly, if there was proper planning we could not be moving from this lodging to that other lodging everyday for five years. Mr. Speaker it is very painful that I personally have visited all the lodgings in this town. If there was proper planning Mr. Speaker, we should have our own Houses being rented by the Assembly itself other than for us Hon. Members to leave our beautiful homes and families to come here and engage with people who sometimes do not sleep overnight.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the issue of planning is very sensitive and might actually be a concern, Mr. Speaker on land and survey I feel that a lot has to be done on land. Every one of us is after owning land, every one of us needs to have a place to live or have his family set up but Mr. Speaker we have crooks in this land who are in a way knowledgeable than others. They can acquire all the land while the innocent are just waiting for the truth to come. Mr. Speaker if there was proper planning, a place where Hon. Dann comes from. I happen to know Olmoran, there is close to 43,000 acres of land, land that has been allocated to people and they have their title deeds but Mr. Speaker simply because the owners of the land are not living there because of insecurity there is not road that can lead you to anywhere. If you want to visit that place you have to make your way.

Mr. Speaker if there was proper planning we have some people who are interested in living there and they could be able to access their land so I believe and if there was proper planning then the roads should be done irrespective of whether people are living there or not. We have the machinery and now roads are going to be done where people are living but in Olmoran, maybe there will no roads to be done because there are no people living there but if the roads where there and the dams were there lives would change. So Mr. Speaker I feel something needs to be done because that is one of the things that is moving the people of Laikipia backwards. Mr. Speaker, when we talk of planning I come to my area where I represent, there is Kinamba town from my Githiga ward where a fleet of over 100 matatus ply that route and I want to assure this House that there is no stage. There is no stage and some people board matatus at a petrol station, others on the roadside, others a kilometre away from the town, people use boda boda to move

them to a certain place where they can board a matatu.

Mr. Speaker, if this House does not take this issue seriously, then I don't know where we will be heading to because you find there are different kind of matatu's, there is 4nt, there is nuclear, ngarua life Sacco and they all want to play in that same town. Mr. Speaker, if there is no set stage then we find a woman going to that vehicle and the child going to another matatu so I would like this House to take this as a matter of concern and ensure that there is proper planning for this County of Laikipia if we really want to see our County prosper. On the issue of boundaries Mr. Speaker, we also have to know the boundaries, not necessarily the boundaries of our County but for the areas we represent.

The other time I found my friend here, Hon. Mhsw from Marmanet purporting or he wanted to go and read the Governors speech on 1 June in my area and Mr. Speaker I was not happy with that, I felt he does not know his area. Therefore, Mr. Speaker even we have to know the areas we represent, so Mr. Speaker the issue of planning, land and others need to be taken seriously and with a matter of concern. Mr. Speaker we have the conservancy, we have the Laikipia nature conservancy and there are elephants there and as you all know the history of these animals, they migrate or they move from one place to another and there is a route they are used to.

If there is an elephant corridor connecting Laikipia nature conservancy and Mugie ranch, these elephants could use that route but today there is no elephant corridor so they are forced to go into people land where they feed on our maize and wheat so Mr. Speaker the issue of planning has to be taken seriously by this House in favour of the people we represent. Therefore, I stand here to support this motion that it be supported by everybody and something is going to be done. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker**: Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir rise to support the motion on County planning Mr. Speaker. We have been talking about having a Model County Mr. Speaker and if we want to realise a Model County we should implement this motion on County planning Mr. Speaker for we have always been caught off guard by most events Mr., Speaker especially when it comes to land cases. Land is sensitive and most of the times it is elusive because it is high time this County took stock of what it has and what it does not have because if we visit most of our towns we realise that we do not know what we have as public utilities and what we do not have.

Mr. Speaker, this gives room to those who want to benefit themselves Mr. Speaker to steal public land from the community Mr. Speaker. It is rampant in Olmoran ward and they do openly Mr. Speaker and it is because we lack proper policies Mr. Speaker. I suggest that when we conclude this motion we come up with proposals Mr. Speaker that will govern land surveying and land demarcation Mr. Speaker. We should encourage our public to use government surveyors to avoid private ones. The private surveyors have brought a lot of problems especially in my ward because they demarcate what they dont know and this has caused us to lose a lot of public land Mr. Speaker.

The County Government should know whether what it has is benefitting the County or it is making the County to lose money Mr. Speaker especially for the last two years we had a public s(Laughter)House in Sipili town that has been run down my individuals who are self-centred. We have a cattle sale yard, which has been run down within the past one year, and this is not development. This is losing revenue and we should have proper ways and controlled ways of record keeping Mr. Speaker.

After the plots have been demarcated and given to individuals, we have some self-centred people

who tamper with records Mr. Speaker. Right now, I have about three letters in my pocket trying to reclaim plots that were owned by individuals but have changed hands Mr. Speaker under suspicious ways. Therefore, we should know where we keep our records, how we keep them and how we safeguard them Mr. Speaker. In boundaries, I am an example, I represent the entire Sipili division and a chunk of Sosian has been put to Olmoran ward but it is an island inside Sosian ward therefore boundaries should be put in proper ways because you cannot represent a ward here then you are given an island inside another ward, that is what it is.

Olmoran town is inside Sosian but it is under Olmoran ward and I wonder how it came to be that way Mr. Speaker and it gives me a lot of stress because you travel for 20 kilometres across Sosian to get to Olmoran town. Therefore, these boundaries should be revisited because that will give us room to serve our people and with that, I stand to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Rose.

**Hon. Wangu**: Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support the motion. In my mind, I am thinking about the motion that was brought here by Hon. Mukuria. It is very sad for Laikipia people, they don't even know where Nyahururu is and it is very sad because it is a potential for disaster since any time there would be a fight between the two counties claiming Nyahururu is on their side because of that poor planning.

That is the reason why I stand to support the motion and to keep it in mind very well. There is also the issue of towns, you get that to go to a town you cannot know where the commercial plots are and where the residential plots are. That alone is meant to scare our investors who go into a town because of the security. An investor would go into a town to invest and behind his business, there is an upcoming slum since the residents are just behind the commercial plot. Therefore, I stand to support the motion and I would like to urge the County Government and the County Assembly to keep in mind that those upcoming trading centres should be planned and how the people should own title so that they are able to develop those plots in a way which will attract investors.

There is no way a ward or town will attract investors with poor planning. There is no way a person will come to develop your town which doesn't even have titles where people can develop keeping in mind any time you may be developing a public plot which can be demolished like we see in other counties. That you develop a plot, either commercial or business and your are told whatever you have developed is not your land and is government owned. Therefore, it is a very sensitive issue that we should put in mind for those who are representing their wards when going around making it possible for their people to lose property in a very miscellaneous way that you cannot even be able to explain to the people because you kept quiet.

You did not know and saw the plots being developed and after sometime, you get the plots being demolished because they have been built in a road reserve. Therefore, I stand to support the motion and there is also the issue of marking of the boundaries. It was very sad for someone who was going around; these Hon. Members did not know their areas. It is very sad, you get people who would go round to the voters but they are in other peoples ward.

After maybe holding their meeting, you come to realise those people you are talking to are not from your ward. That was very sad and people need to know their areas and boundaries of their wards. In addition, the boundaries, we need to come up with a plan or something like a gate when we are entering Laikipia County from Nyeri we get something that will tell me that welcome to Laikipia County and automatically I

will know I am in Laikipia County. Therefore, I stand to support the motion, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker**: So thank you Hon. Member I am impressed by the way, the new Members are really deliberating but I find this motion is very serious and Hon. Members, you actually know that it is from 1 July that these functions were supposed to be devolved to the County Government. We have teething problems here and there so according to Standing Order no. 50, we were supposed to finalise this motion.

I was supposed to put the question after deliberation but I now want to give it some other time so that I can refer this motion or this matter to the Committee of the finance and planning headed by the Hon. Kabaci to come up with a report on the last week of September so that we can finalise this matter. Hon. Members I am quite impressed and am very happy continue with the same spirit and I can now see Laikipia County being a Model County and the Assembly being a Model County Assembly. Thank you very much.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned until 2.30 in the afternoon.

House rose at 10.53 a.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Hon. Members we have communication that the Chairman of liaison needs to meet all the Members of the liaison Committee in the boardroom. Next order

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Francis Mukuria]**

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Madam Speaker sir, I beg to move the following motion:

> ***THAT****, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> *Appreciating that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*
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> *Noting further that County public works and services is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating that County public works and services is the backbone of planning and development that will ensure that any County development is systematic and not ad hoc;*
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> *Noting that County public works and services as per the constitution includes storm water management systems in built up places, water and sanitation services among others noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Madam Speaker sir, I beg to move this motion.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay, Hon. Wakahiu on a point of order.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Hon. Mukuria it is not in order to stand when one is on a point of order. Thank you.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Madam Speaker, I do not know whether the Hon. Member is in order to refer to the chair as Mr. Speaker sir.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay.

**Hon. Mukuria**: I do not think he got it right, I said Madam Speaker sir. Is that how it is said?

**( *Laughter)***

You know we are not used to this Madam but I have said Madam and ended up saying sir. So just, forgive me for that because we are used to saying sir. Thank you Madam for that correction. Madam Speaker sir...

***( Laughter)***

Mr. Speaker...Madam Speaker, just allow me to move. It has become rather difficult for me but I will try...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay Hon. Mukuria you better say Madam Speaker, only that is enough.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Okay Madam Speaker, I think it was problem with saying Madam then I say another Madam. Madam Speaker, as we have come to realise that very soon the government is coming to receive or is ready to revive these functions and therefore to receive this County public works and service is one of the functions to be devolved. We need to know how the County Government ins ready to receive this function because without proper planning then it means that this County Government of Laikipia will have challenges to encounter if they don't have a good planning.

If we do not plan well concerning our water services we realise in both towns of Nanyuki and Nyahururu, when it rains there is a lot of flooding in these towns. It is the work of this County Government to come up with a better way of unblocking all water drainage system that have been blocked so that when it rains in these towns we don't have havoc. I have come to realise that when it rains in Nyahururu, people use buckets to remove the water from their shopping areas. Therefore, we need to come up with a system of rules to ensure that these water drainage services are well used. We also need to come up with a way of building good bridges in our towns and in our home areas.

Therefore noting that the public works and water services as per the constitution include the management of the built areas. Most of the areas that are supposed to collect this water have been hijacked or have been built by the people of the previous regime. We need to come up with a proper House plan for this County...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay Hon. Rose, is it a point of order?

***... (Off record)***

**Hon. Mukuria**: Okay, they are consulting so Madam Speaker, I do not know who should give them a warning. Madam Speaker it is also good to realise that we need to control our sanitation in our towns. When we say sanitation, it means that we need to develop our drainage system in our towns and upcoming towns. That can also be realised when we come up with a better planning in our town.

I have come to realise that when towns are being built they are supposed to be engineers to sit down and plan the town for the next 10, 15, 25 years to

come. Nowadays people do not care about the drainage system and therefore it is high time that the government came with a way forward to make sure that we consult our experts so that as we divide the plots in those towns we may come back with a better way of doing things. Madam Speaker I also realised that due to a lot of mismanagement of our towns, there are many blockages in our towns; one is because of lack of dumping sites in those areas for dumping our waste materials.

We need to come up with a better way of dumping materials that are being used in towns particularly in market areas. I have come to realise there is a big problem of dumping places in our towns and even the small towns. We should come up with a system whereby we have good services to our people in our wards and a County as a whole. We realise there is a lot of garbage being dumped in those areas so therefore we need to come up with a better and modern way of collecting those garbage's and we put dust bins in every corner to bring about a better way of collecting garbage.

We also should put laws that are going to be strict on those people who are destroying our natural resources in those towns. Madam Speaker, therefore planning being the backbone of this County I urge this government to come up with better planning of our towns, better planning of our roads so that this dream can be realised. I therefore I beg the Members to support this motion so that we can be able to come up with a better County and beg my colleague the Hon. Member for Igwamiti to second this motion. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Yes Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Madam Speaker, I will start by thanking the Hon. Member for bringing this motion to this House. It is a very crucial function which we are very much waiting to be devolved by the County Government. Madam Speaker, he has exhausted a lot on that function but I can add one or two things Madam Speaker concerning sewerage in Nyahururu town and other areas Madam Speaker. It is high time this House has mechanisms of dealing with these issues pertaining the sewer system.

I do not know what we will do to have a body to supervise how sewers are being constructed. I am concerned with the sewerage in Nyahururu and I have heard there is and ongoing project on the sewer system in the town. It is surprising that some of the rules are not followed so I would like this House to come up with a solution of mechanisms or a body that will be supervising those projects that are ongoing concerning the sewerage. Madam Speaker I also would like this House to think of how we can improve on culvert drainages. This is an issue in our towns especially in Nanyuki and Nyahururu; I would like this House to think of how we can have a place where culverts will be built in plenty. After having those culverts, the openings of those drains can be so easy Madam Speaker, I propose this House comes with...hoping that there is budget for that item of culverts, I would highly request this House to come with clear measures to know which sight is best for us to be accessing culverts in this House. Another thing I will point out pertaining this docket is that it also carries the day in terms of water.

Madam Speaker I happen to be in a forum where his Excellency the Governor was and promised that there would be no woman who will be travelling more that 500 metres to access water. Therefore, it is high time that the people concerned or the government, be it the Assembly or the executive to think of how to fulfil that dream of his Excellency the Governor of this County. I would also request them to think of how they can prioritise on water harvesting in those areas that are not good in terms of the climate. I also request them to think of how the dams can be constructed so that we can harvest the water during the rainy season. Madam

Speaker, I stand to second the motion. Thank you very much.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: okay, I wish to propose the question on the motion:

> ***THAT****, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> *This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Hon. Members, the motion of today is very crucial to our County, the floor is open deliberation. Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Madam Speaker, as we are all aware the County Government is ready to most of the responsibilities as per the constitution starting from July this year and public works is one of the functions that Laikipia is awaiting. As per the budget, if we can see how the budget was, much of the allocation was taken by public works and infrastructure, and for that case having the picture of our County there are no roads and I believe roads are part of public works, there is no water particularly dams especially in the pastoral areas.

Being one of the functions to be devolved, this is one of the areas that we need to be very serious with since it has challenges mainly on the untapped resources and it is one that will make our County grow and become a modern County since it's our vision. For that case, public works being devolved to us, we believe that there are many machines that belong to the previous government, they are lying idle, and we have still budgeted for others. Therefore, Madam Speaker, as part of this I have knowledge of a certain place where there are many machines grounded, they are not working and the only problem with some of them is with their batteries. Therefore, as the County Government takes over this function .it is

also important that we know they may know the machines and sources that we have so that once we move forward plus the others that are already budgeted, we will be in a position to know where we are starting.

So I will request this House and the Committee most probably concerned that what is allowed or what we have as a County that it is important that we know so that we may be able to come up with a way forward; we will take over the public works because this is one of the areas that is very crucial and important. Our roads are impassable, there is no water for our people, and there are many areas that need to be worked on as far as public works is concerned.

If you can see, the area's most probably water, people need water and there very many gulleys's whereby there is water during floods and sometimes there is no water. If we can take the public works machinery, we are able to come up with dams forgetting that the water that has been flowing from the slopes of Mt. Kenya and Aberdare ranges will be utilised and our people will get water not only for domestic use but also for irrigation. This is very important, I have an example of a certain gulley in my area that runs all the way from Nyandarua and ends up in Lorian swamp.

It does not have water but during floods, nobody can pass through that gulley since there are no bridges and the area becomes impassable. Therefore, as we take over public works, we take it with a responsibility that there is a lot to be done for the benefit of our people so that they may access the services. There is no development without infrastructure, there is no development without water and there is no development we can get in this County if we cannot progress not unless we tap into what we have and for that case, I am supporting this motion Madam Speaker.

Once we take this docket or once it is devolved, it our responsibility as the elected leaders for the people of this County that we manage what we have because it is only public works, which I believe, will make our County to grow because it holds many of the sectors. Therefore, Madam Speaker I support this motion and urge Members that we support it whole heartedly with our hearts and with our knowledge for the purpose of the benefit of our people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Yes Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support this motion and I wish to support it using three areas. Madam Speaker, the devolved government was meant to take services to people and the services should be seen and felt. Madam Speaker, if you go to our centres in the rural areas, they are in a mess since in every centre some are planned and some are not so it is difficult to know the streets because every urban or any centre should have streets. Therefore, you will find a lot of unplanned work, there is no water being piped to those centres. I will give an example of one of the oldest centres in this County, DolDol and it is now the district headquarters and it is also the headquarters of Laikipia North constituency.

If you go to that town now, there is no piped water. You will find many women fetching water with their backs and I think the devolved government should embrace change and take these services to the people so that we don't see such things happening. Therefore, there is need of piped water to Houses, to the plots so that people can get clean water. The other issue is with drainage, if the water is not in the premises then the drainage is also another issue. Some of the centres that we come from have no drainage system. Pit toilets are filled and you find an unhygienic set up in those areas. This is another area that this House should deliberate Madam Speaker and come up with ways of trying to this so that people feel the importance of having this new constitution that we brought in. I spoken

about the streets and I also want to talk about DolDol, if you go there, those who have gone to DolDol centre, it is very difficult to move from one street with a car and pass another one. If you reach there you have to try to get a place to stop and back your car and walk on foot because there many small streams in the centre.

This is due to erosion and if this water is gathered because this is area is on a hill, this water can be used rather than depending on the boreholes water can also be harvested from the rains and maybe stored in dams. We have one big dam in DolDol; they can be cleaned and maybe piped to the centres and many other centres in this County. There is need to tap water and make big reservoirs, clean the water so that the people can have enough water and clean premises and clean centres. Then this will also raise the taxes and it can also boost the business so the people will be able to benefit and the County will also get taxes to carry out work. I rise to support this motion, thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay Hon. Ephraim.

**Hon. Wachira**: I rise to support this motion Madam Speaker and what I want to say is that the backbone of our own economy in this County depends on this ministry. This ministry of public works is very crucial; all other ministries will depend on this one. Without this ministry we cannot go ahead with our own development, I therefore urge the minister concerned plus the chairman of this Committee to take an inventory very quickly of the machinery that we have within our County.

The ministry has now been devolved, before these machines are vandalised. You need to go to every centre where they are lying, take stock, write there we have these graders, shovels, Houses and everything since they belong to us now and they might be vandalised. Without doing that and we are waiting for this ministry to be devolved, we shall only see a shell of itself. Therefore, the member concerned with this sector should advice his minister to work very quickly so that we inherit what is ours before they are taken somewhere else for sale. By so doing Madam Speaker, I say it leaves a very bad taste and that is why I am saying that every department of this County depends on this ministry.

Look at our environment, it has really been degraded, papers lying everywhere. Look at our sewerage system in these major towns. They depend on this ministry; look at where we want to build dams in our own ward. Everything in our own County and that is why I am saying this ministry will need to move very quickly will depend on what it will do. Again, Madam Speaker, if these people run very quickly, that is the minister and the County Assembly member in charge of this docket we shall create employment. Our youth need to be employed and they cannot be employed on nothing. It through the machinery that I am asking the member to take an inventory. They will start working immediately they take stock. We want to employ our own people so that they start operating these machines, we want our own roads to be murramed, and we want our own roads to be graded.

In the morning, we were in a session saying that somebody wants short routes into our own County; we pass through other counties to come to this Assembly. Therefore when our roads are made, all what we are spending through other counties will be part of our own income. So Madam Speaker I rise to support the motion and support it full. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Yes Hon. Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand here to support the motion for tit has come at the right time when we are starting to build the County. Madam Speaker we promised the people a Model County and to realise a Model County we

must start with the County public works and service Madam Speaker. I will fist touch on the storm water management system. I think it is high time we came up with ways on how we shall create new dams along river streams Madam Speaker along river valleys Madam Speaker and harvest water for usage during irrigation and domestic.

Madam Speaker by creating dams for irrigation, we shall have created jobs, we will have eased problems of domestic water usage and that is why we are encouraging Hon. Members to come up with ways on how the County can manage the creation of those dams especially in those semi arid wards like Olmoran. I have suggested two mega dams to be created and be used for irrigation to create employment, to ease the struggle for water by the pastoralists and Madam Speaker by that we shall have taken our County far. During campaigns, we promised our electorate that nobody, no woman will ever carry water more than 500 metres from her home.

Madam Speaker, to realise this w must come up with ways of how we acne get water for domestic use, not only water but clean drinking water either by drilling boreholes or cleaning the harvested water for domestic usage. Madam Speaker, it is not a wonder if you visit those semi arid areas and a woman walks for over two hours to look for water, some use donkeys, bicycles and it is terrible and it is high time as a County we give our residents water to save the time that they waste looking for water. Surely, in some areas of Olmoran, half of the day is used by women just looking for water and that should not be tolerated Madam Speaker. On sanitation Madam Speaker, as a young boy or some years, back we used to have public toilets that have now been privatised and once you visit that small room you pay 10 shillings and I do not think 99% of Laikipians can afford that 10 shillings thrice or twice a day. Therefore Madam Speaker I guess we should have those public places to avert dirtifying our environment.

Mostly men use fences to hide themselves there and it is not good hygiene and it is because of the closure of those places they were using for free. We have the sewerage systems Madam Speaker, most of our towns are so small and they do not have sewerage systems and therefore when the toilets are full, we have the sewerage tractor that remove the refuse and ways must be written down on where they dump their waste. In the rural areas, they just dump them anywhere, along the riverbanks and beside the roads and finally after the heavy rains all the refuse is carried by the floodwaters to the dams and it is sad because they use that water for drinking. Madam Speaker it is worrying because some of them use that water without boiling and it is risky and dangerous because it will cost the County lot of money.

Therefore we should come up with ways which we can control our sanitation, how they remove the refuse and where they dump it. Madam Speaker we also have the dump sites in our towns, some of them are at the middle of the town and they end up burning it exactly at the middle of the town and the smoke. The stench and that bad sight Madam Speaker; It is awful to the community and therefore in every town, big and small we should have dumpsites outside towns. Where the town area is small, some sites should be availed to avoid dumping of the waste. We should also come up with laws that govern the dumping of the hard waste, hard waste Madam Speaker is dumped everywhere so it is...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Hon. Mwangi are you on a point of order?

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Madam Speaker is it in order for the member for Olmoran to continue misleading the House that we should have dumping sites when he has a budget copy and he knows very well that we did not allocate such money to cater for that. Is it in order for him to continue misleading the House? Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Dann**: Madam Speaker, I think Hon. from Umande should understand why he is here because he was elected for five years and not one year. We only budgeted for one year and we have next year and the year after, maybe he is planning to leave the House before five years. I will be here for five years and I will budget for the dumpsite next year, I will budget for it the year after next year and Madam Speaker I think before he rises for a point of order Madam Speaker...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Point of order Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Madam Speaker, instead of continuing to debate, the member is still attacking me thinking I will leave the House the following day. In fact, form our budget Madam Speaker we did not allocate that amount, he should address that and only that. Again, on top of that let us focus on what is in the budget instead of trying to bring some other issues from the ministry of works to dumping sites, does he want to imply that we will continue suffering with the garbage and bad smell until five years are over?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay, Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann**: Okay Madam Speaker, I think if consult oxford dictionary, dumpsite falls under sanitation. if I am right Madam Speaker, I think Hon. Mwangi consulted his oxford dictionary to be more conversant with the language so as to know that dumpsite falls under sanitation and therefore...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Point of order Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Madam Speaker I am kindly requesting you to order the member from Olmoran to continue with the debate on works and public but not health and sanitation.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay Hon. Dann it is good that you deliberate on what is in the budget although the motion also covers the...maybe next year's budget but now we are talking about 2013/2014.

**Hon. Dann:** Madam Speaker if I may understand the English language properly, the devolvement is not only for this year, it will also cover many years to come and we are doing a long-term plan. Madam Speaker we are not only planning for this year alone and I therefore call Hon. Member to plan for...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Point of order Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Madam Speaker I believe that motion is about devolving the function of public works. The issue of the budget and other things is not in the paper so I request the Hon. Member to debate on devolution of public works.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Madam Speaker, I conclude by calling my Hon. Members to support this motion. It is vital, it is necessary and it is most wanted. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay Hon. Rose.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support the motion and I want to limit myself to roads. This is because Madam Speaker it had been mention earlier in this House and outside that the one and only reason why we do this and many other activities is to make sure the citizens of this County and the nation at large have food on the table. We have discussed many other things, in the morning we spoke about trade and planning. I appreciate what the leader of majority mentioned that many functions depend on this public works and service.

Madam Speaker, if we are to talk about trade we cannot ignore our roads infrastructure, someone

has mentioned about culverts, somebody has mentioned about repairing of the murraming of roads and many gulley's that exist in our County. Therefore, I feel if we are to achieve our final objective that is to ensure everybody has some cash in their pockets, they are assured of every meal, and they are sure that children are to go to school. Then we need to ensure that our feeder roads, our murram roads, you know that network. Somebody spoke of how we go round other counties and how we go long distances just to bridge a small gap because there are no roads.

The ones that are there are not passable, I think if we get this function devolved and we are able to fix a few roads here and there and fix some bridges and culverts and drainages, then we will be able to enhance trade, we will be able to do better planning and it will be economical in what we do. The good thing with infrastructure is that it facilitates many more activities. Many of our major income generating activities in Laikipia is agriculture of both livestock and crop. How do we make sure that we achieve the objective in agriculture if our roads remain impassable? How do we do marketing of our products if the livestock from Mukongodo cannot be brought this way to the market? or if the buyer from Kenya Meat Commission or any other interested buyer cannot walk or drive to DolDol to collect the meat.

How do you help the person from Kinamba to transport their maize? How do you help someone from Igwamiti to transport their potatoes? At the end of the day, everybody has some money in their pocket to meet their daily need. So I think devolving this particular function of core essence, I agree it should be done as fast as possible by the relevant ministry. However Madam Speaker I also wish to give ourselves a challenge because I know it is very expensive to make roads, Engineer Mukuria will concur with me. Other than a tarmac road, every other seasonal road is subject to damages whenever rain comes you do a murram road is damages.

If you put a culvert, it rains again and somehow it is swept away, you do some grading and drainage it rains and spoils. Therefore, it is very expensive to maintain roads and on that note, I think the government even as we seek the devolution of this function, I think the government and everyone else in this County needs to go out of their way. I was just going through another not here telling us what you have done before we came here, I think we need to get other partners and actors to really assist us in construction of roads preferably tarmac roads.

We have a very small portion of tarmac roads in Laikipia, I think only the Rumuruti, Nyahururu and little bit to Kinamba. I do not think we have any other, you know it is so small that we can achieve so little with the small tarmac roads. So I think several other roads, I am happy the Rumuruti Maralal road is being done. However, we really need to go out of our way to get a little bit more of tarmac road so that we enhance and facilitate network and connectivity among the people of Laikipia, which will really boost our economy. Thank you Madam Speaker and I support the motion.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth)**: Okay, it seems that there is no other deliberation but this motion, we may refer it to the Committee concerned led by Hon. Mukuria to come with a report by the end of September this year because this issue on public works is very crucial to our County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Members, we adjourn until tomorrow at 2.30 pm.

The House rose at 3.21 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Kabaci]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *aware that the boundaries of our County are clear; noting that Nyahururu Town is at the centre of contention with Nyandarua County claiming that this falls in Nyandarua County; appreciating that Nyahururu Town belongs to Laikipia County; noting the need for Laikipia County leadership to ensure that this town remains in Laikipia County through peaceful means; this Assembly urges the County Government to move with speed and ensure that Nyahururu town remains in Laikipia County and more specifically appoint a multi-stakeholder task force to look into this matter and that Hon. Kabaci, Hon. Mukuria and Hon. Wachira be part of that task force.*

Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful this evening for the Committee which brought this motion in time when Nyandarua County Government wants to grab part of Laikipia County. Nyahururu being part of Laikipia from the beginning, there is that part of contention which has been raised by Nyandarua claiming that Nyahururu belongs to them and have invested a lot in that town and it should be theirs. Mr. Speaker, the County boundaries are clear and from time immemorial Nyahururu belonged to Laikipia. It is even clear that after independence half of Nyandarua County was in Rift Valley. The name Olkalau, Ol Jororok, Ol Borosat can portray that those towns belonged to Laikipia in Rift Valley.

Mr. Speaker, after independence, during his reign of H.E the founding father of this Nation granted that piece of land to people of Nyandarua. It was curved back in 1963 and allocated to Nyandarua. Now we are very astonished to hear that they want the boundaries to move inside our County. Mr. Speaker, it is the high time this House should think of how to defend that land in Nyahururu, otherwise it is part of Laikipia and most sincerely it is one of the riches that we have in our County in terms of economic growth, Mr. Speaker. Among the biggest towns that we have in Laikipia, from Nanyuki I think we have Nyahururu then Kinamba and Rumuruti. So it's the high time this House comes up with the formula of how we can fight that battle with Nyandarua, Mr. Speaker. Otherwise, it is clear I can call them land grabbers because they want to grab Laikipia land.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to remind this House that in Nyahururu we normally collect more than Kshs. 80 Million on yearly basis, and it's a lot of money and am sure most of the Nyandarua people knowing that well, they are after that money and mostly they are interested with the natural feature that we have –Thomson Falls. They are all after that since I have gathered all the information

concerning the meetings which are done in Nyahururu town by those tycoons, Mr. Speaker.

They are not many but few who are claiming that they have invested heavily in Nyahururu in terms of Schools or Hospitals and I think even those who live in Nyahururu have part of those investments putting in mind that the schools were built partly with the Government Revenue or Government Resources and as well as the hospitals that we have in Nyahururu, which were also constructed using the Government money which is the Public…*(off record)* Mr. Speaker, Nyahururu residents are part of those people who contributed in building those premises they are claiming to have invested heavily. Mr. Speaker, it is also clear that it's not a must that where you have invested in terms of premises or maybe a plot you have built that you must come from that home land.

Many people have invested in Nairobi but they cannot go claiming that Nairobi is theirs, so it is the high time for those Nyandarua people to develop their County and especially the headquarters which were gazetted to be at Ol Kalau and make history of what they did.

They should know that we have hosted them for more than 20 years in Nyahururu and it is the high time after winning this battle Mr. Speaker, I would like those premises they are sitting on, either by their DCs and probably the police and some of their administration which are still in Nyahururu… It is the high time this House comes with a clear formula if we will enter an agreement of whether they will be paying us for those premises. Otherwise, it is very embarrassing our DC stays in a rental House in Nyahururu and their DC sits in a very big premise, Mr. Speaker.

It is the high time that after winning this battle we should think of how we will let them be paying or else they vacate those Houses and leave vacancy for the administrators from Laikipia. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, it is the high time I invite Hon. Members to contribute knowing that Nyahururu is not Igwamiti but part of Laikipia which has been invaded. It is the high time we come up with clear measures or a method of that issue and most probably we come up with a Committee which will deal with those matters. Probably we can be given two or three Members from this House who will go and join the stakeholders of Nyahururu or somewhere else in Laikipia or we can be given some Executive Members to deal with the matter possibly one or two weeks to come Mr. Speaker, and with that I beg Hon. Waithaka to second.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Waithaka.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I concur with what the Hon. Member for Igwamiti has raised on the issue of Nyahururu or rather the issue of Igwamiti because I believe Nyahururu is part of Igwamiti and it can be very serious to see our land being taken away by other Counties. By the way, if it happens and I hope it will not happen, I do not know if the Hon. Member will either lose his seat or sit in Nyandarua County in Ol Kalau. But all the same I believe it is our branch, our part of Laikipia of which we cannot allow to let go. That is just like somebody coming to my home and steals my cows and I think it is not something that can be debated and so for that case, I rise to second this motion believing and having the knowledge that Nyahururu is part of Laikipia County. More so, Nyahururu used to be the headquarters of Laikipia Districts that is Igwamiti, Salama and Marmanet Location or Divisions. So for that case, if Nyandarua thinks of Nyahururu they are thinking even of entering as far as Rumuruti and we cannot agree.

So for that case, the Constitution that we passed in the year 2010, we did not pass it so that we may partition our country or to look like there are colonisers who are getting into our Counties because I see this is more of colonialism than even dividing our Country. So for this case, there is a certain sinister or motive that maybe they are seeing in Laikipia and they wish to have it in their

County. Laikipia is endowed with natural resources, physical features and even human activities and as a result, a lot of money is collected as revenue and since most of the leadership of Nyandarua has the greed of what Nyahururu has in this County, that is one reason of trying to take Nyahururu and so Mr. Speaker, Nyahururu cannot be Migingo whereby we cannot fight with other people. We have to defend our land to the letter. We have to defend the sovereignty of our County and as a County we have all what it takes to defend it and devolution means bringing services closer to the people not dividing this Country and also to allow the public to participate in the way they will be governed. We the people of Nyahururu know it is part of the County which we represent.

On the economic point of view, there are some physical features that raises more than Kshs. 18 Million per annum and since the National Government has allocated all the Counties their allocations, they think they can only get money to develop their places by grabbing land and those tourist attraction centres from other Counties. If maybe they will be allowed, they will go as far as Subukia in Nakuru and even maybe Gilgil where tourists usually visit. For this case, I believe it is our responsibility as Members of this Assembly and as the County Government of Laikipia Mr. Speaker Sir that we have to defend our land to the last because we cannot just allow people to bring issues that cannot be solved at this particular moment. This Country was mapped, areas were demarcated and nobody is supposed to take a portion of our land.

About the human activities in Nyahururu Mr. Speaker, we have very hardworking people in Laikipia especially in western where the area is endowed with good climatic conditions whereby agricultural activities both horticultural and livestock keeping can make good sources of revenue. This is a target for Nyandarua people who are complaining and trying to take our place and we cannot allow this.

I believe Mr. Speaker and I can testify in your presence Mr. Speaker Sir, that there is a certain part in Nyandarua that stretches all the way from Ndaragua to the forest of Rumuruti bordering Mahianyu, and some areas like Raichiri. I believe some Members know, some areas like Leshao, Mayu that run all along to Rumuruti forest to a place called Lorien. So I do not know if they want their County to be a Square or a circle but since the world is not a square and even Kenya is not a square, we are supposed to understand the area is mapped like that because not every portion of land is a square or rather a circle. So for that case Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support and second this motion seriously and to make sure that we have to utilize our resources to make sure that our land will not be taken over by foreigners because we are a different County and they have their own County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe some times back, in Nyahururu, there was a certain point that used to be the headquarter of Nyandarua, and the former regime moved the headquarters from Nyahururu to a more central place called Ol Kalau. Since Nyandarua is one of the coldest and coolest places where the temperatures are so cold, I do not know whether the current leadership is feeling cold and that is why they want to come to the lowland and take Nyahururu to be their headquarter but the fact remains that they have to be contented with their central part, and if it is not Ol Kalau we have Ndaragua which is also part of them.

So Mr. Speaker, Sir I am supporting this motion that people are supposed to be contented with whatever they have since greed cannot take us anywhere. It is upon us and we do not want to be hijacked or swallowed by people who have interest in what we have, so if they are not satisfied with Ol kalau, they have Ndaragua, Wanjohi, Miharati and other places like Engineer whereby they can base their headquarters if the temperature in their place is not fit for them.

For that case Mr. Speaker, I support this motion and I support it to the letter. The task force that will be formed should not negotiate but defend our sovereignty. We have to defend our land. The task force that will be formed Mr. Speaker Sir, let it not be a task force that will sit down and negotiate, but defend what belongs to us because as I had said, it is just like somebody who just comes to my home and takes my livestock by force. That is daylight robbery that the people in the leadership of Nyandarua want to do and we cannot allow or agree and we must defend it to the letter. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, for sure I second this motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, I now wish to propose the question.

> ***THAT,*** *aware that the boundaries of our County are clear; noting that Nyahururu town is at the centre of contention with Nyandarua County claiming that this falls in Nyandarua County; appreciating that Nyahururu town belongs to Laikipia County; noting the need for Laikipia County leadership to ensure that this town remains in Laikipia County through peaceful means; this Assembly urges the County Government to move with speed and ensure that Nyahururu town remains in Laikipia County and more specifically appoint a multi-stakeholder task force to look into this matter and that Hon. Kabaci, Hon. Mukuria and Hon. Wachira be part of that task force.*

Members the motion is before the House for debate, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Speaker, I wish to support this motion and urge Members to support this motion fully and guard Nyahururu jealously because if you do not guard it jealously history will judge you harshly as the first Government of Laikipia who are going to make their land go to another County and that will be a bad repercussion for this House. Members, as I stand here I will say Nyandarua Council was given refuge and was given hospitality by Laikipia people because they had nowhere to shelter their administration as they built their headquarters. They overstayed. Their own DC is in Laikipia, the whole of their administration is living in Nyahururu and have started developing their own headquarter which is in Ol kalau. If you give someone somewhere to sleep and he overstays, next time he is going to say that that place belongs to him. This is what Nyandarua County is now saying because they have overstayed due to that good hospitality we have given them, they want to abuse it. Members do not agree.

As I speak here now, one Member from that area told me via pHon.e that they are still claiming Nyahururu to be their territory. Members do not agree this land to be ceded to Nyandarua County. They have their historical sites but they want to manage Thomson Falls as their historical site. They have their own lake Ol Borosat which has dried up because of their own negligence. They have Aberdare Ranges where they can build their own hotels around those areas which they can develop for tourist attraction but not at our own place called Nyahururu. Please guard it seriously, I urge this House to settle on a Committee so that it comes up with a very strong mandate to move them out. If it means force, we are going to do it, we are not going to sit here idly and see our land ceded to another County. I support this motion Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Maruga

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion and as we deal with this matter, it reminds me of a Caribbean narrative of a camel and a man where the camel was given somewhere to shelter and to feed and later the whole of the camel was in that hut. This thing we cannot condone. We cannot allow even a centimetre of Laikipia to go anywhere. We understand very clearly that it may not be our

responsibility to define boundaries, there is the National Government, and here the matter calls for unity among the MPs, Members of the Assembly both from Laikipia East, West and North plus Women representatives, the Senator, the Governor and nominated Members from Laikipia County: we must all unite.

This is a matter that is supposed to be discussed here in the County Assembly as well as in the National Assembly plus the Senate. The aim of discussing this matter is to urge the National Government to tell their County Administration and Nyandarua County Commissioner that they should vacate and go somewhere in Nyandarua but not in Laikipia. If they continue staying in Laikipia finally it won't be well, let me censor that word because it might become sensitive and we cannot have two office blocks for commissioners from different Counties neighbouring each other just within some metres not even a Kilometre. We understand that they might be very close to Laikipia but that building is in Laikipia. So let them go and build their offices in Nyandarua but not in Laikipia so that they can shift their administration or regional administration to their own County. Again Members we may be frustrated because of dragging issues that may tend to take time but I will urge Members not to become emotional such that they create enmity with the public of Nyandarua. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Minority leader.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion and before I support, I would really like to thank and congratulate Hon. Kabaci, Member for Igwamiti for bringing this motion into this House. Mr. Speaker, I think one of the reasons why we represent our people here, is because of their interests and to protect them. Mr. Speaker, this morning me and Hon. Leshuel, Hon. Kaparo and Hon. Jacob we were actually around there for land issues surrounding our communities. People coming from surrounding counties are claiming Laikipia as their own.

Mr. Speaker, it is very painful again to hear another side of Laikipia is being claimed by another County. Mr. Speaker, if I may say on behalf of the House, I do not think that we will accept part of our County to go like that. I urge whoever is responsible to notify the representative of that County. We are not ready to give out our land and they should stop that and never to say it again. Mr. Speaker, if we allow people to come and take our land today, at the end of the day they will come also to claim for our wives and what are we doing, Mr. Speaker? This House is close to the boundary of Nyeri County and Laikipia County, so the moment we allow Nyandarua County to take Nyahururu town, Nyeri will also claim the County Assembly of Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker what shall we be left with? I urge the Members of this House to take this seriously and let usual have faith and energy to work for our people and to protect the rights of our land and our people. Mr. Speaker, if possible within one week I urge the one who is concerned to write to the County (Nyandarua) and tell them if there is anything that belongs to them in Laikipia to move it away with immediate effect because we are not ready to give out a fraction or even a centimetre of Laikipia right now. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I highly support this motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Bwana Spika, langu ni kuunga mkono huu mswada. Ya kwanza, Nyahururu iko Laikipia West na kabla, DC wa Nyandarua alikuwa Nyahururu kasha akaambiwa arudi wilaya ya Ol kalau. Kwa hivyo muelewe ya kwamba Nyahururu iko katika Laikipia. Ile shida imeleta haya mambo yote ni watu kutoka Nyandarua kuingia nakugawa Nyahururu na kusema wataishi milele na kwa hivyo jambo la maanani wao kurudisha ofisi zao upande wa Nyandarua na waache Nyahururu kwa sababu

tangu tukiwa watoto tunaelewa Nyahururu iko Laikipia na wila yaya Laikipia West.

Ya pili, hapo Ol kalau wako na ofisi ingawa wamejenga kama 'Lodgings' tukitembea tulikuwa tunalala 'Lodgings' ambazo wamejenga Nyahururu ndani ambazo zimeleta hii shida yote na kwa hivyo wasonge watupe nafasi. Pia bwana Spika ningeuliza kuwe na kamati maalum ilete ripoti kwa sababu wako na waheshimiwa kama nyinyi na wanang'ang'ania huko. Mimi naunga mkono huo mswada sababu hatuwezi wachilia hii wilaya yetu iwe inagawanywa. Saa hii nasikia ukitoka hapa uvuke mpaka huu wa mtoni Meru, nikikanyaga hapa nyuma nasikia ni Nyeri, kwa hivyo tuangalie Bwana Spika.

**Deputy Speaker:** Member for Olmoran.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I rise to support the motion Mr. Speaker, I will like you to guide me because the constitution says that, it is only through a referendum that a County boundary can change.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Rose.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion because it is very sad for a County claiming the property or the land of another County while they know very well, like Nyahururu was gazetted on the Gazette Notice. It is known that it is in Laikipia and also known that we have hosted them as they completed constructing their offices at Ol kalau and I think they are even long overdue because the offices they were claiming they were holding in Laikipia, they have them at Ol kalau.

I think this is the high time as residents, as the Hon. Members and all the leaders of Laikipia joined hands and show those people that truly Nyahururu belongs to Laikipia and know the areas they have come from. I know it is not just the offices they are claiming for but it is about the revenue that is collected at Nyahururu. There before when the money was not refunded back to the County they were not claiming Nyahururu and then you wonder why they are claiming it when there is this issue of Counties. This is the high time the Laikipia people should hold hands and protect their land and if they do not do so, am telling you next time you will hear Nyeri claiming Nanyuki. After this motion and after the dust has settled, I think these people will be given notice to relocate to their County. I support the motion fully and they should know what we are discussing. Infact we should not just say we are discussing without taking any action, before they think of going somewhere we should go before them or do whatever they want to do and claim whatever they are claiming for. So I say Nyahururu is ours and nobody can just come and claim that they are going to take it, so I support the motion. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Leshuel

**Hon. Leshuel:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion for the following reasons;

We are not traded to allow anybody or any County, living around Nyahururu or Isiolo or neighbouring Counties to take a piece of land in our County. I know the boundary is very clear, so whoever is moving this motion or saying that Nyahururu belongs to Nyandarua must be misleading or wants to create conflict between the two Counties. The boundary is very clear since immemorial or since independence and so I fail to understand which ground is he basing on, to say Nyahururu is in Nyandarua when the boundary is clear, the maps are in Nairobi and Nakuru. If you do not know I will tell somebody to tell them to go and enquire for the documents so that they can claim things clearly.

The other reason why Nyandarua want Nyahururu to be their part, it's because of revenue and it cannot be an excuse that they want to take a part of Laikipia. If you allow Nyandarua to take Nyahururu, definitely when we develop Rumuruti

and other parts of Laikipia they will claim they belong to them. If at all the offices which are there makes Nyandarua to claim Nyahururu, I will urge the Members, to give them a notice to move their offices there and construct their County. They should remember one thing that this is a Government and another Government but not about an individual who has stayed there for twelve months. If a Government gives you a place to put up your offices for long and instead of appreciating you want to claim them, then my friend…. Let's give them notice to leave our County because I know they are stable and if they are not financially, then they should seek for a 'harambee' to build their offices.

Another reason, when we talk of historical injustices, the Nyandarua people should understand two things, that there are people called Laikipians and they still exist in this Country and it is us. Just near to us Naromoru, that name belongs to Laikipia; it is now part of Nyeri. All people from Central I think three quarters of them are in Laikipia, why should they again claim a piece of Land when we have accommodated them here in Laikipia? Why should you then claim a piece of land when we are living here peacefully? The people of Nyahururu I know most of them are from Nyandarua and from Nyeri, why do you want to take the land and we allowed you to leave there without anybody questioning you?

If that is the case, then we can go back to the constitution and because of historical injustices, we will claim other lands that are in Nyandarua, so let's not go in that direction because if that's the case then we have to go back to the books and look for other issues. I just want the people from Nyandarua to understand that the boundary should not be an issue to discuss in this Country. It is clear, you have the right to live where you want, you have the right to invest anywhere you want so unless they tell us what is that good they want from that land. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Jennifer

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion and Mr. Speaker, I remember around 2004, there was that issue of moving the offices of Nyandarua to Ol Kalau, and we were given offices because I was working in the Ministry of Education. So the AEOS, the inspector of schools, the TAC tutors were allocated some offices at the headquarters where we have the council offices and some of them moved to Ol kalau. One time I was working at Salient just next to Ol kalau, Salient Secondary, and I met a lot of them in hotels. They constructed some hotels and big hotels in the centre meaning they were accepting to move so I think, Mr. Speaker, our generosity is what is eating us now. Those who remember they were told to move but requested for some time to develop Ol kalau to accommodate everything and I think those things are in the records. So if we have delayed and given people time to live in our House and then they have tasted the food and now it is very difficult to get them out and now they are demanding for it.

You know in the Bible, a camel just wanted to put in the head only but finally it entered with the whole body. So this is what is happening, it is our problem, our generosity so we must move now very swiftly to get out the people from our own homes and I go with what the Hon. Mover suggested in this motion. He said that we make a Committee because everything must begin with a step, the first step even if we are going for a 1000 km it must start with the one step and this step is making this Committee so that it starts functioning and get time to gather the information because they might be having a lot of information why they are claiming. You know they will say we have built a lot of things; we have a lot of property here.

So they have their reasons why they are saying this, so we cannot undermine what they are saying or what they are trying to claim. So we must be fast, we make this Committee and we contact the Land Commission. I just heard form Hon.

Lebeneiyo that they went to some places again in Laikipia North which have problems may be different or the same and they are here so if that Committee was already existing may be they would try to seek and meet those Commissioners to put around the issue so that they are aware that we trying to prepare ourselves by getting the documents showing that this is town is in our County.

It is in record, my brother, the Honourable here said that it is in the constitution, the boundaries are there but what is their claim? So I suggest we talk to that Committee and then they move very fast and they gather all the information and we do the application and use the law to move them immediately because now the people are settled and do not want to go. So we must be fast and try to end this problem. Thank you, I support the motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Member for Thingithu.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante sana Bwana Spika. Langu ni nimesimama kuunga mkono mjadala huu kwa sababu watu kama serikali ya Nyandarua kaunti ,inataka kukaa kama yule fisi ambaye alifukuzwa na wawindaji akakuta mama shambani akilima akamwambia nifiche kwa hii kiondo yako hawa watu wakipita nafikiri nitaenda zangu. Lakini wakati wawindaji walipopita wakafika kwa mama wakamuuliza, 'kuna fisi umeona ?'Mama akasema, 'Hakuna fisi nimeona'. Wawindaji wakaenda zao. Wakati fisi alipotoka akamwambia mama, ;Niko na njaa sana niko na siku mbili nikiwindwa na hawa wawindaji'. Akamwambia,' sasa nipe mtoto wako nile'. Wakati fisi alipokula mtoto, baadaye akaambia mama siku shiba nataka wewe nikukule. Mama akapiga nduru, wale wawindaji wakaja wakamuokoa lakini tayari mtoto alikuwa amekuliwa na akapoteza mtoto.

Watu wa Nyandarua waliomba waweze kupewa maofisi ama waweze kukaa kwa ofisi ambazo ziko Laikipia. Lakini baadaye walikuja kujua utamu ambako uko Laikipia sasa wanataka kusema Nyahururu yote iko Nyandarua. Nami nataka kukuambia kwamba, Bwana Spika, waandikiwe barua na wapewe 'notice' ya haraka sana hata ikiwezekena leo. Ama waandikiwe barua pepe 'email' kwa sababu ndio itafika dakika hii hii. Waambiwe yakwamba tumekataa na nafasi yao imeisha na ule mda ambao tume wapatia wa kuishi hapa umeisha na wawezekurudi kwao na yule ambaye anasikia ya kwamba yeye hataki kuitwa mtu wa Laikipia, na ako Nyahururu ana weza kuhama ako na uhuru aende akaishi Nyandarua. Na yule ambaye ako Nyandarua, asikie Laikipia ndio kuzuri, ama anataka kuwa mwana Laikipia, hajakatazwa akuje tuungane naye tuanze tujenge Laikipia. Lakini sio uanze kudai ardhi ya Laikipia ati wakati wenu iweze kurudi Nyandarua hiyo.

Bwana Spika tumekataa na ndio sababu nimeingiwa na roho, ile zamani nilikuwa nikiuliza kwa nini watu wanapigania mipaka. Nilikuwa nikisikia na kuona kwa runinga (T.V) na kwa magazeti watu wakipigania mipaka nashindwa hawa niroho gani imewaingia. Kumbe ile sasa roho niko nayo ndio imeni ingia na ningeomba tafadhali hilo jambo lichukuliwe kwa haraka sana kwa sababu wakiendelea hivyo umwagikaji wa damu unaweza kupatikana hapo.

Na ningeomba serikali ya Laikipia Kaunti ichukue hili jambo kwa maanani sana. Nayo serikali ya Nyandarua wajue ya kwamba ile mambo wanaenda kuguza inaweza kuleta madhara makubwa zaidi. Kwa hivyo waambiwe ya kwamba wafunge virago vyao waweze kuhamia kwao hata sisi tunahitaji ofisi. Bwana Spika, hatuna ofisi hata hapa tumesukumana sana. Tunaweza kuwa na ofisi hizo ambazo wanatumia katika Laikipia, tunaweza kupatiwa hizo ofisi na tuwe tukizitumia na tuwe tukikutana huko. Kwa hivyo ningeomba kwa haraka sana ni jambo la dharura waweze kuhamishwa ili warudi kwao. Lakini ikiwa mtu anataka kuishi Laikipia, akuje yeye mwenyewe akae na tujenge Laikipia. Asante Bwana Spika.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to rise and support this motion and I want

first to highlight that am aware that Samburu County together with Nyandarua County inclusive of us as Laikipia County have invested in Nyahururu town. So in this case, if we are basing our arguments on the facts that a certain County has invested in Nyahururu town, then I think that Samburu County as well as Laikipia County can claim that Nyahururu is part of our geographical location. So what I am trying to say is this, that Nyandarua County and Laikipia County are sharing a Milk Processing Plant in between them and have not heard somebody trying to say that the two Counties are fighting over that processing plant. So what I am trying to understand is that, what is this so special that is in Nyahururu town that makes these people feel that they cannot let it go because they feel that they have invested there?

May I be quoted saying this, that any investor or developer in Kenya can develop any part of the County and in the Country but cannot claim any part of land if they do not legally own that part of land. What I am trying to say is this; the boundaries are very clear in this County. The IEBC knows very well where the boundaries are per each County in Kenya. My point is this, if we give these people a warning and when I talk of a warning I am not very sure if Hon. Kabaci could have highlighted to us and tell us where he sourced this information, was there a formal communication or maybe this was something that was on air?

You know these are some of the things that he could have highlighted in the motion. You could have wanted to know, why I am saying this ,it's because you cannot kill a mosquito using a gun. Before we use guns on these people, there is a relevant part that we as the County Government need to play so that we make sure that we do not raise temperatures in Nyahururu town and we make sure that we do not incite the good citizens we have in Nyahururu.

On the same, I would like to give a backup on what Hon. Mwangi said, when he said that all the MPs and the Governors need to highlight this thing even in the National Assembly so that these people get to know that we are ready to fight for Nyahururu if they feel we are cowards or we are not the rightful owner of Nyahururu town.

As I wind-up there is a great need to get a Committee and we dearly ask if we are going to get a backup from the office of the Governor, we are not very sure if these guys have constituted a Committee or what even the Governor is saying towards the same. It would be my prayer that we are not going to be found in the media or even in the National Assembly, we move systematically and when I say systematic I do not mean we are cowards, let's get to see what will be the reaction of these other people on the other side and let them also get to see the impact of our reaction from this discussion. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Rose on a point of order.

**Hon. Wangu:** Mr. Speaker I am requesting if I can stand on his *(Hon. John –visual impaired)* behalf so that he can contribute.

**Deputy Speaker:** That is alright.

**Hon. John:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members as I stand in front of this House, I stand to support the motion, understanding and knowing that issues of boundaries are so sensitive that no one bothers to talk as a leader. Talking of a boundary, going to the media and looking for support from the community who do not understand where the boundaries are…. Whoever is a leader in Nyandarua County does not have to talk about the issues of boundaries. If they want to know where the boundaries are, the National Government is there, IEBC is there to stand and show them where the bounders are. For now as Hon. Member in the County I call upon the County Assembly, the Senator plus the Governor and the National Assembly to stand firm and to inform and protect

the boundary and the land of the people of Laikipia so that nobody will interfere. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Jane.

**Hon. Jane:** Bwana Spika ninaunga mjadala huu kuhusu mtaa wa Nyahururu. Kuna msemo wa Maasai unasema, mtu ukimpea Ng'ombe akamue ile siku utakayo ihitaji utaichukua hata kama itakuwa imezaa siku hiyo, kwa hivyo hata sisi tukiwa wanalaikipia tukitaka kuchukua Ng'ombe yetu ndio sasa. Kwa sababu ikiendelea kukaa na mwenye tulipatia hakuna wakati atairudisha kwa sababu anajua iko na nyama na maziwa na kila kitu. Kwa hivyo imefika wakati wa kunyang'anya mali yetu na tukae nayo itufaidi. Kwa sababu tukikubali Nyandarua Kaunti ichukue mali ya Laikipia Kaunti, hata kesho sisi tutapatana na Kaunti ya Samburu na watachukua mali yetu ikiwa wanaona tunawachilia mali yetu. Kwa hivyo hatuwezi kubali. Asanteni.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Rose.

**Hon. Maitai:** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether am being procedural, I need to be guided by you but I wish to withdraw this motion and introduce another motion that I think will be more relevant to the matter.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Rose, you cannot reintroduce another motion. You have not even given a notice of that particular motion.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Consulting)*

**Hon. Maitai:** I am consulting with my friend here who is being my teacher and I am told that I can give a notice as early as now.

**Deputy Speaker:** It is not possible. You could have given a notice of motion earlier not now.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, let me continue with what I was about to say because what I was about to say was not really to oppose the motion but I just felt like we need a more substantive thing majorly because, I think I agree more with what my colleagues said especially Waruguru here and Hon. Mwangi. Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not think the issue of boundary and I think Hon. Waruguru has put it right that we might be killing a mosquito with a gun because and one of the Hon. Member from Olmoran Ward tried to gather some advices saying that the issue of boundary is really a big issue, surely we need a referendum to do that. Mr. Speaker Sir, I happen to work for Laikipia West for former leadership….

**Deputy Speaker:** What is the point of order Hon. Lebeneiyo?

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Am little worried to what Hon. Member is saying that we are using a gun to kill a mosquito. Does the Honourable want to tell us that Hon. Kabaci has not done enough research to bring this motion in this House saying that the Nyandarua County want to take Nyahururu town? I think Mheshimiwa is not in order to say that we are using a gun to kill a mosquito because a Hon. Member cannot bring a motion in to the House that he is not sure of. He has done the research on this motion and that is why he decided to bring it on the floor of this House. Thank you very much.

**Deputy Speaker:** Point of information.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will react to what the Honourable has said and it is very clear that this issue will touch the National Government and possibly the Commission that was entitled to deal with boundaries, that is IEBC. As my colleague Hon. Member Waruguru has said this news were all over the Country, otherwise it had been highlighted by the news paper. The media also did that and I think that thing was exhaustively deliberated even in our radio stations especially Inooro and people were called to respond whether Nyahururu is in Nyandarua or

Laikipia and very many people called and the thing was deliberated in those stations. It is also clear that the Nyandarua people are intending to organize a referendum come next month or two months to come. They have also executed a Committee which is now heading to H. E the President of the Republic to raise the issue to him and so it is not a joke Hon. Member. You must know that soon or the way you take the matter lightly, the same way you will lose Nyahururu, a part of Laikipia. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Continue Hon. Rose.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I truly appreciate that information. Mr. Speaker, I do not want to take the matter lightly at all and no wonder I really felt I needed to get the substance in the motion. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to say this, it very clear that they want to think of a referendum because that is the only way a boundary can be changed. It is absurd that anybody can argue on the basis of revenue or how much one has invested in a town and we have all invested in Nairobi but of course I have not but many people have invested in Nairobi, in Nyeri, here and elsewhere, so you cannot go arguing that by mere fact that you have investing in a town then that town belongs to you. I like what former President Kibaki was saying when he was leaving office that Kenya remains a unitary state as long as we have the County Government, but Mr. Speaker Sir, as I said that am really surprised that this is coming up from Nyandarua and like I mentioned I happened to be part of former regime and am amazed because I thought we had brought this matter to rest.

We have a whole university in Laikipia right in Nyahururu called Laikipia Campus, Laikipia Secondary School in Nyahururu and then you want to tell us that that is in Nyandarua? Mr. Speaker it has been gazetted, formerly that Nyahururu town was part of larger Laikipia West District. When it was sub-divided, it was gazetted that Nyahururu was part of Laikipia County. To clip it short Mr. Speaker, I know there is a big issue not really a big issue but I also remember there is the current Nyahururu District formerly known as Nyandarua District Hospital and it went through the legal process and it was changed from the Nyandarua Hospital to Nyahururu District Hospital to make sure that everybody knows that is not in Nyandarua but in Nyahururu.

Something else I also need to highlight and I know it has been an issue; I was formerly a Board Member of Nyandarua Boarding School Day and Boarding. Mr. Speaker I am sure Mr. Kabaci is aware of it and it is a boarding primary school in Nyahururu District performing very well. Most of the parents there reside in Nyandarua District. Mr. Speaker Sir, that school has not been registered by the Ministry of Education. It is a very old school, based in Nyahururu and performs very well and has never been registered by the Ministry of Education. Reason, it is based in Nyahururu but most parents come from Nyandarua and part of Nyahururu Districts and so every time the Educational Officer from the former Nyahururu District would go to register the school, the parents would chase him away because geographically the school was in Laikipia West, but the parents would demand that they do not want the school to be registered in Laikipia because they say in Laikipia we do not have good secondary schools and so they wanted their children to be admitted in Central Secondary Schools. On that reason…

**Deputy Speaker:** Are you on a point of order?

**Jennifer:** Mr. Speaker, I will like to make some correction on what Hon. Rose is talking about on registration of schools. If the school performs well, I think that school does exams and if the school is a centre and is allowed to do exams then that school is registered, so I question you to find out because the school is registered. It is never possible to register a school without a letter from the Ministry of Education, may be they are using a certificate of another school. They might have registered in Nyandarua and so you must be very

careful. Try to find out because that is the law of the Ministry of Education that a centre will never do exams until when it is registered by the Ministry of Education. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** I think the point of information is good for you.

**Hon. Maitai:** Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir, I appreciate what she is doing but am telling you for sure and it is good that I believe this task force will be formed. There has been a lot of zigzag ways to make sure that the school does the exam but I can assure this House that the school has never been registered by the Ministry of Education. So the issue is the lack of agreement, should this school be in Nyandarua or Laikipia? I request that the task force that will be formed to speed up its consideration.

**Deputy Speaker**: Are you on a point of order?

**Hon. Wangu:** Am trying to think, is Hon. Maitai in order to bring another motion about registration of schools while we are discussing about Nyahururu? Is she in order?

**Deputy Speaker:** Well, she is trying to refer the issue of boundaries and the importance of having clear demarcations of boundaries.

**Hon. Wangu:** It seems that she is introducing another motion on registration of schools.

**Deputy Speaker:** I am going to advise her on how to introduce a new motion.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Continue Hon. Maitai. Are you on a point of order Majority Leader?

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, it is not a point order as such but I want to give value to this motion. In the history of my own life our own former president, Mr. Speaker **…** Muchungui Division was in Laikipia District and it went to Baringo.

**Deputy Speaker**: What is the point of order, Hon. Majority Leader?

**Hon. Wachira**: This is not a point of order but I am giving value to this motion. Muchungui Division was part of Laikipia District and now Nyandarua County want to take the same trend as what was done by …

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Ephraim order! Order!

**Hon. Wachira:** Members, can you please note that one.

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! You cannot debate twice Hon. Majority Leader. It was not a point of order. Hon. Maitai continues.

**Hon. Maitai:** In conclusion Mr. Speaker Sir, I was just highlighting some of the issues that the taskforce may want to look into in support of the motion. This is because I believe Nyahururu District must remain in Laikipia but most specifically Mr. Speaker Sir, as we try to do that, I think our very first move in support of what the Members had suggested, is to demand through the right channel that the Provincial Administration that is still based in Nyahururu, to vacate with immediate effect. As we go for referendum and as we try to bargain, negotiate and ask the National Government to assist, I think the first thing is to demand the Provincial Administration of Nyandarua to move from our County. Like Hon. Kinyua said, we need those offices. I come from Laikipia West and I would love to have an office there. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Are you on a point order? Who do you want to give the point of information? Hon. Maruga, you have already deliberated. Hon. Minority, what is the critical concern?

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: I still support the motion, Mr. Speaker but I have got a point of concern giving the task force that is being put into this matter because Hon. Members have said Hon. Kabaci, Mukuria and Wachira. I don't know who is Hon. Wachira and in my point of view I want all Laikipians to be represented here not neighbours of the same ward. So I would like….

**Deputy Speaker:** Are you trying to introduce an amendment?

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** It is not an amendment but a point of consideration.

**Deputy Speaker:** Are you trying to bring an amendment? That is an amendment.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Ok. It is an amendment in that case.

**Deputy Speaker:** According to the Standing Orders, you are not supposed to bring an amendment now but you could have brought it two hours before the plenary. You could have signed the amendment and given to the clerk.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** We really need the information. Continue Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I still support the motion and the information I wanted to put across is that, well, we are deliberating on this issue but again Nyandarua people are taking their delegation to the Head of State. Who will reach before who? We need to communicate to the head of state and the only channel is through the National Assembly or the Senate. We need to make a very quick move before they reach there because some of them may not understand the boundaries than we Laikipians. If we talk about revenue….

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Maruga, this could have been in your contribution.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Yes, I understand that but it just came. If we look at revenue, here in Timau we have a very big market and it just lies 5 metres away from our boundary and we cannot claim that that market is ours as a Laikipia County. Hon. Leshuel can confess that. Here in Kamangu, Hon. Member for Nanyuki can confirm that and just beside the road there is a very big market. The County revenue officer from Meru comes to collect that revenue and we are not claiming on that. So we need to quickly communicate with the National Government so that they can define these boundaries and the issue is 'Provincial Administration'; County Administration to move out of Laikipia.

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Members, before I call the mover to reply, I would like to advice Hon. Maitai. If you want to bring a notice of a motion, Standing Order No. 44 clearly says that:

*1. Except otherwise provided by this Standing Order notices shall be given by a member of any motion which the member or a Committee proposes to move.*

*2. Before giving notices of a motion the member shall deliver to the clerk a copy proposed motion in writing and signed by member and the clerk shall submit the signed motion to the Speaker.* The only motion that can be brought without notice is in Standing Order No. 49. The following motions may be moved without notice:

- *Motion by way of amendment to a question already proposed from the chair.*
- *Motion of adjournment of the County Assembly or a debate*
- *Motion that the County Assembly do dissolve itself into a Committee of the whole House.*

I hope you have understood and if you really want to bring that notice of your motion, you are allowed to take the motion to the Clerk and then we shall be able to deliberate the motion. I now want to kindly ask Hon. Kabaci, the mover of the motion to reply.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I must be very grateful due to the way the Members have exhaustively debated the motion and am very happy that they have come out with solutions. Otherwise, I was touched by Hon. Member, my colleague here who has said that it is our generosity which is putting us in trouble and now I think it is the high time that the Laikipia Government thinks of how to appoint that Committee and deal with those issues. If it means giving them notice to vacate those premises they are calling theirs, the government must work with speed.

It is also the high time this House urges the Laikipia Government to think of how to change those names of Laikipia schools like the Nyandarua Boarding School which is at the centre of Nyahururu and the parents claim that it belongs to Nyandarua. The House should also urge the County Government to think of how to change those names and to deregister those schools from Nyandarua and let them be in Laikipia so that they will have nothing to claim from Nyahururu town. I am very grateful to the Members and I therefore kindly request this House to urge the government to appoint the Committee or that task force of multi-stakeholders and work with speed. As Hon. Mwangi has said those people might reach the president before we do that and so it is the high time this House thinks of how to work with speed and possibly that task force to be constituted with immediate effect so that if it means going to the president we can also make a point of going to see him and the Governor should also react to these issues. Otherwise, I think they invaded or grabbed Nyahururu. I am grateful to all contributors of the motion and may God bless you all. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, I now want to put the question.

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Joseph K. Suge]**

**Deputy Speaker:** Where is Hon. Suge? Hon. Kabaci, do you have something to say?

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Hon. Suge left yesterday, he had an issue in Nairobi concerning a piece of land he owns somewhere else in this Republic of Kenya, and I thought that he would be here. He had called me in the morning and told me that he would be in, in the afternoon but it is very unfortunate that he has not yet arrived. You are the one to rule Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Did he request you to move the motion for him?

**Hon. Kabaci:** He did not. Otherwise I was not aware that there was a motion to be moved by Hon. Suge. I could have requested him to move the motion on his behalf.

**Deputy Speaker:** So, it is unfortunate?

**Hon. Kabaci:** It is unfortunate. Probably it will be considered by the Committee at a later date. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Deputy Speaker**: We defer the motion. Thank you Members, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday at 2.30 pm.

The House rose at 4.00 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Thomi]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

**Noting** that the Transition Authority appointed an Interim County Chief Finance Officer –Mr. Richard Kimanga; noting that this chief officer has been a clear hindrance to financial progression in our County; noting that Town Council of Rumuruti has been riddled with numerous resource (human, land, financial) misappropriation and/or misallocation all under his watch as clerk and some of which are under current investigation by various organs; noting that the chief officer has not proactively and speedily spearheaded County's steps to complying with finance operations and requirement as per the law; underscoring that on various occasions the Assembly operations have had to be suspended owing to unexplained finance shortfalls as managed by this officer; noting that this officer is rarely available to support and guide the County Government on finance matters. This Assembly resolves that:-

1) *His Excellency, the Governor together with the Transitional Authority immediately relieves this officer his duties as the Chief Finance Officer.*
2) *His past and current operations – within the County –be immediately investigated by relevant authorities.*
3) *This Assembly shall not admit any matter from this officer henceforth.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**STATEMENTS**

**[Hon. Dann]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise on a Statement to enquire from relevant Chairman of County Finance and Planning whether he knows that illegal allocation of plots and public land is going on in Olmoran Ward especially in Sipili Town. Mr. Speaker, some people invaded Sipili Town during the weekend and started demarcating plots of land that was set aside for public utility. Mr. Speaker, all public land set aside for a proposed site for car park was subdivided, site set aside for banks and public utilities was subdivided and three acres proposed site for sewerage was subdivided last week.

Therefore, I wanted some explanation from the Chairman of Finance and County Planning whether he knows about the allocations and how he will help me and the people of Olmoran to

tackle this menace before it goes out of hand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member, I think this is the first request for a statement since we started but it is provided for in the Standing Order No. 40 and 41. In that case the requisite

Committee is the Committee on the Finance and County Planning. Hon. Kabaci in line with that that is in our dispensation and we do not have ministers here. Ideally, the Minister could have responded to that and so, that falls under your Committee. You need to be advised to pick up that with the relevant Government Officers or Ministers and you bring a response on that for Members to consider. How long do you think that can take?

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will kindly request to be given around three weeks' time. I need to consult the Minister and if it would mean engaging an auditor in three weeks' time it might be appropriate. Thank you, Sir.

**Speaker:** I will rule then you bring the report on or before 5th September. That should be nearly two weeks.

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Dann]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> ***THAT****, aware that the Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already on-going discussions between the various Government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; noting further that the fire fighting and disaster management is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function in this financial year 2013/2014;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that fire fighting and disaster management is critical to our County as it is prone to certain disasters; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and take all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker, as we are aware that the devolved Government is bringing almost all the activities nearer to the people, I urge this House to support me in this motion as we tackle this it about disaster management and fire fighting.

Mr. Speaker, we had a lot of problems in managing disaster and fighting fire. I beg the County Government to put aside enough money to cater especially for fire fighting machines in the growing towns. In Laikipia West the fire engine is situated in Nyahururu Town which is 100 kilometres away to the far end and therefore a task to call it. I beg the County Government to buy more so that we can have at least two fire fighting engines in every Constituency.

Mr. Speaker, on disaster management we are far behind because we fight disaster when it occurs. We should be prepared and ready to tackle disaster. Mr. Speaker, I beg this House, to support me in this motion and I call Hon. Thomi to second this motion.

**Hon. Thomi:** I stand to second my colleague, Hon. Dann, on this issue of fife fighting and disaster management. Mr. Speaker, this is something that should be looked into with a lot of concern. I am personally aware in the ward that I represent, Githiga Ward, this is a rainy season and I can confirm to you that a school in Ng'arachi children have failed to attend classes because they cannot cross a bridge next to the school hence they are forced to walk not less than six kilometres to attend the classes in a school that they can see with their own eyes despite the problem of the bridge.

Mr. Speaker, I feel that disaster management is something very serious and that the Laikipia we need should have funds set aside and utilized to ensure that disaster management is truly adhered to. Mr. Speaker, I doubt even in this Assembly whether we have a fire fighting extinguisher. I have not seen one and I believe this is something that should be very visible on my way in and my way out. So I still feel that this is a concern and a lot should be done concerning fire fighting instruments and disaster management.

Mr. Speaker, we have only one small vehicle- fire engine in Nyahururu, in fact that a Land Rover. If there was fire in Sipili which is 80 kilometres from Nyahururu Town I doubt Mr. Speaker if that engine would be of any help. So I second this motion and request other Hon. Members to support me in this.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members I would like to propose the question;

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The floor is open for any Member who would like to contribute on that.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Hon. Macharia here was a bit worried but I need to support this motion. There are certain theories in disaster Management. The one I like is the theory of contingency because I believe Mr. Speaker Sir, the other day we were talking about planning and we were really passionate about planning. But it is natural that there so many things in life that you cannot plan for and they really come unexpectedly. It is therefore prudent Mr. Speaker Sir, that we as human beings at all the levels we think of those issues that come unexpectedly and without planning because they are really part of us, they happen every day and especially in Kenya we are known for that. The issues that were bothering us several years ago they are still bothering us today and many are the time they catch us unaware , many are the time that we do not plan for them. Talk of floods they come every year, sometimes sweep us away the challenges that we face year in year out they keep on repeating themselves. I think Mr. Speaker, on that note if I may put it that simple; it is prudent as a County that we get ready for those issues.

In terms of equipment, finance, human resource and any other resource that may be required we need to be ready for any eventuality. Some are natural some are man-made. If we could put those equipment in place like Hon. Thomi has mentioned, if we could put personnel in place it would be very good for us. It is really frustrating when you plan for so much, a nice building, an infrastructure somewhere, a road, a school, hospital then in one day everything is brought down by fire, floods or by any other issue that may arise. If we were to have some equipment that will mitigate such occurrences it would be very good for our County so that we make sure that our efforts are not swept out in one day simply because we did not have some measures in place. On that note Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of the motion saying that it has come at the right time. I also want to congratulate the mover of the motion otherwise; there is a lot to be done pertaining the function Mr. Speaker. It is very clear and I am glad that the Members have highlighted that in Nyahururu we do not have those equipment especially the fire fighting vehicle, Mr. Speaker. The one we have is a Land Rover as one Member has said and it is surprising that you can find it in a state that it cannot respond to disaster. In fact I have called the personnel who works with that machine Mr. Speaker, and it is surprising that you can find them drunk or you can find that vehicle having broken down and we have no other vehicle Mr. Speaker.

I come from a place where we have a number of villages where fire breaks now and then and it is surprising that we have never offered those services by that vehicle. It is my suction that this House urges the County Government or the Executive or whoever is concerned Mr. Speaker, to think of how after devolving this function we can prioritize on having a big track that can hold big volumes of water and can assist in bringing down the fire. Mr. Speaker, I also suggest where we have trained personnel-people who can be able to fight the fire possibly tall storey Houses where we need people who are more skilled. I also urge this House to authorise the people concerned if it mean the Executive member Mr. Speaker, to think of how we can have few personnel who can fight disaster. In recent times Mr. Speakerour towns are

having tall storey buildings and in case of a disaster, I think we do not have the people or the equipment to curb the same. I also suggest the people concerned or the Minister concerned to think of how we can train people or how we can have the machine to … *(off record)* after the destruction of that House. I also suggest that we can a have a sniffer dogs in our County whereby after having that disaster possibly we can unravel people that might be covered by that ravel Mr. Speaker. I support the motion, Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion on matters of emergency. When we talk of fire, it can easily consume what has been invested in millions in years and this is a serious thing. Laikipia County is one of those advantaged counties that we can acquire skills of handling any emergency from our friends, that is, from Laikipia Airbase, 10 Engineers plus the British Army.

We will urge the County Government to exercise or conduct a rehearsal what if emergency comes. In support of this motion let them have frequent programmes of exercising and making sure that fire engines are started daily to ensure that they are in good condition. In some past we had fire breaking out and when that engine was started it could not start or if it could start it did not have water. You can see the kind of engines we used to have.

I believe that through this Motion we will make sure that there are readily available fire engines and in that I support the Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Catherine, do you want to speak before the Member for Salama? Hon. Catherine the gentleman is very kind to give you a chance so you better speak.

*(Hon. Wakahiu stood up in his place)*

**Speaker:** Or he is not that kind, Hon. Wakahiu.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Hon. Catherine, thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I also rise to support this motion by Hon. Dann from Olmoran. Mr. Speaker in support of this motion I will start by saying Laikipia County has unused land. Laikipia is one of the Counties whereby more than half of it is not inhabited. When I talk about it Mr. Speaker, I also think of our forest and pastures. One of the areas we can invest in is our unused land whereby our livestock and even the wildlife are the dominant of this species. It came a time Mr. Speaker particularly during the months of January to March, when the County is dry, and most of the time our forests and pastures are destroyed and burned down by fire. Mr. Speaker, I have never seen since I was born any personnel who usually put off such fire and being one of the devolved functions, I would suggest that we must also come up with a way on how we shall be dealing with this fire outbreak in our land because when I see livestock, I see thriving economy of Laikipia County. When our pastures are down we are left with nowhere to look for pastures. So in support of this motion Mr. Speaker, I suggest that this House or the County Government should come up with a way whereby we will be managing fire or disasters irrespective of their origin whether from our buildings, from our towns or even from our forests or the land unused.

Mr. Speaker, I also suggest that all towns or trading centres with a population of a thousand inhabitants may be provided with a fire fighting equipment and machines. I have a place in my ward, Pesi Trading Centre, that has a population of more than a thousand people living in the trading centre, the place is congested and the buildings are not well planned, and it came a time when plots were destroyed down by fire and there was nowhere that we could go or any personnel in

the area who could help us. So Mr. Speaker Sir, as we discuss this motion let us not only look at those big towns but we also look at those small trading centres whereby when you see many of the buildings, they are just shaggy, the buildings are not permanent and those areas Mr. Speaker, if there is a fire on one building it can destroy more than a hundred Households.

So Mr. Speaker Sir, as the County Government is preparing to devolve this function, I would urge the House in a way that every trading centre with such a population should be provided with all these because we as the County Government has budgeted for this function. I believe being the Chairman of County Budget and Appropriation Committee; we have to set aside emergency fund as well as disaster management fund. So it is important as a House and as the County Government that we come up with measures on how we can make use on this fund that has been allocated for this. Mr. Speaker Sir, I fully support this motion. Thank you.

*(Majority Leader stands in his place)*

**Speaker:** Majority Leader, Hon. Catherine had the time before you certainly. Majority, you want to say that you are not that kind? Yes Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise to support this motion this afternoon. I wish to highlight three things, when we talk of disaster management basically we do not just talk of fire, there so many other things that are accrued to disaster management. We can talk

of water, rain, lightning and because other Hon. Members have highlighted all the key issues, I have heard the Hon. . Thomi talk of the state of fire extinguisher. I will talk of Nanyuki and probably what is behind us if it is still here, you will notice that engines even if they are around whether it is a track or a land rover, there are things that you cannot call for when there is a problem or when fire breaks out somewhere, in that case they are not maintained and they are not in their proper condition. That one means that it is just a skeleton laying there but if a problem comes in those machines can do nothing.

I also wanted to highlight the poor state of our roads; last year in the month of November a fire broke at the centre of CBD. I know the Hon. Deputy Speaker will concur with me. Some place near Grogon and another place near Garrison. You will notice that some of our good citizens where they live and the kind of roads that are there, the fire engines cannot locate them if fire breaks outs a distance that would take those five minutes to be there. They might take even thirty minutes before they access the roads and so that's another problem, so as much as we would say that we have the right engine or we will put in place the best measures to control disaster, it also becomes a problem if we cannot reach these people where they are in time.

About disaster preparedness, I wanted to highlight because most of the Members of the public do not know the way to react, if a fire breaks, if there are floods and the bridge is swept away, or a building has collapsed what do you do? Most of us are not aware. For instance, in Nyeri right in the CBD a fire broke out, there is this guy who sells gas and you can just imagine what the public did, they would go fetch water and then come with water to the fire. If you are joking with gas it will come automatically and consume everyone else there. So what am trying to say is that the mover of the motion, if you could push we get maybe a week whereby we are going to campaign to the public and educate them about disaster management and maybe we climax it at the end of the day with one of our towns around and make people understand that this is the way we can curb this thing. I think that is my contribution and I support the Motion.

**Speaker:** Leader of Majority or the point is covered by Hon. Catherine?

**Hon. Wachira:** Mr. Speaker Sir, although what I wanted to say my dear lady here has already been said, I cannot fail to add some two three points on this motion while I support it. Our Government here in Laikipia should come up with a way of urban planning. This is what Hon. Member here has said that when you do not have a good planning in urban areas, even if you had this engine or fire fighters they cannot reach where the fire is. Members, we have by-laws to ensure that our own urban areas are well planned. Again we should have very strong Houses based on very strong concrete to overcome strong winds. In schools we should have lightening arresters, we have children in our own schools, we have livestock where livestock comes and clears everything. We should come up with a way to ensure that our schools are supplied with lightning arresters.

Other disasters are soil erosion. We have to build gabions to prevent soil erosion and build bridges where necessary because sometimes you get our own children going to the other side for education and when it rains they cannot even come back. When we have good bridges, the places become passable and so they are very important. When it rains and we have pit latrines that overflows and through that everything goes back to the river so we are trying to say here that we should come up with by-laws to make sure that we dig deeper and cement these latrines so that when it rains the water does not fill the latrine and then overflows back to the river. To avoid future disasters and health management I rise here to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you, I kindly request the mover to reply.

**Speaker:** Okay, are you in a way saying that from the mood of the House, the mover to conclude the motion? Is there any person who can conclude on this or Hon. Kimondo did read the mood correctly. Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thank all the Members who supported the motion, they supported it overwhelmingly, unanimously and as a Committee we shall sit down and lay the structures and streamline what pertains fire fighting and disaster management. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Okay, Hon. Members we shall not vote on this matter, it is clear that the issues of disaster management and fire fighting mechanisms that the County has from the deliberation and the issues that have been raised by the Members here, I would like to commit the matter to the relevant Committee to look in to this matter and this is also a constitutional function that is being devolved from the National to the County as per Schedule 4 (2) of the constitution. May that Committee pick up the matter and do what is needful and take into consideration what the Members have deliberated on that matter and bring a report here on or before 31st October. Thank you.

**MOTION**

**[Hon. . Mwangi Maruga]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will start by moving the following motion;

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*Noting further that pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home-craft centres and childcare facilities is one set of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating that education is the universal enabler for development; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker, it's clear that through ECD (Early Childhood Education), the budget has already set aside an amount of Kshs. 130 million to cater for the ECD and operational cost of Kshs. 12.7 million to enhance this matter of pre-primary education and childcare facilities.

Mr. Speaker, through the Ministry of Youth and Gender and all the targeted groups should be catered for such as youth and gender facilities. Mr. Speaker, it is clear that we need this function to be devolved to our County Government. For instance, last year Nanyuki polytechnic had just 50 students and currently it's holding up to two hundred and twenty something, that's just an improvement. It would be good if we encouraged our youth to go and get skills from these polytechnics as well as motivating them and building some other facilities whereby our youth will be able to access these skills.Therefore Mr. Speaker, I stand to move this motion and ask the House to contribute on the matter and I ask the Hon. . Ndegwa to second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Dann**: Asante sana Bwana Spika, nafurahia kumshukuru Bwana Mwangi kuleta swala hili katika Bunge hili tuongee kuhusu elimu. Sana sana elimu ya watoto wa chekechea katika Kaunti yetu imekuwa chini sana Bwana Spika na nashukuru kwa sababu kuanzia mwezi ujao, sisi ndio tutakuwa na hilo swala la kuajiri hao walimu. Ningependa kabla tuendelee na huo mswada, kwanza tutilie maanani wale ambao wamekuwa wakiwafundisha wale watoto katika hizo chuo. Pia katika shule za ufundi, ningependa tutilie mkazo sana na tuongeze pesa katika hizo shule, kisha tuajiri walimu ambao wana ujuzi ili Kaunti yetu iende mbele, kazi hatuna, kazi zimekuwa haba, kwa hivyo tungependa watoto wetu wawe wakijifunza hata kazi za ufundi Bwana Spika.

Pia katika Bunge hili, tumeongea sana kuhusu mambo ya elimu, tumeongea kuhusu sehemu kama Sosian, inasemekana hakuna mashule. Kwa hivyo tungependa tutilie sana mkazo katika swala hili la kujenga mashule ya watoto chekechea, shule za ufundi na uhakika kabisa nikiongea siku hii ya kwamba Sosian hawana shule ya ufundi hata moja kwa hivyo tungependa serikali yetu ya Kaunti itilie mkazo jambo hili. Pia tushawahi kuongea katika hili Bunge kuhusu shule moja ambayo ilikuwa na shida sana inayoitwa Thome Boys. Ilidaiwa ya kwamba watoto wa Thome Boys wanasomea katika darasa mchana kisha usiku wanageuza hilo darasa kuwa bweni. Tungependa kamati ambayo inahusika katika mambo ya elimu ituambie ni jambo gani wanafanya kuhusu shule kama hiyo kwa sababu

nadhani katika Kaunti hii hatuwezi kuwaruhusu watoto wageuze darasa kuwa bweni wakati ya usiku.

Pia kuna wakati nilileta swala kuhusu shule moja katika sehemu ya Olmoran, ilikuwa inaitwa Mutaro Primary School. Hiyo shule ilikuwa katika hali mbaya na washiriki katika Bunge hili waliniunga mkono na tulienda kule na maofisa wote wa Kaunti walitembelea ile shule. Tuliona shule ilikuwa tu na paa, hakukuwa na ukuta kwa sababu hapo zamani zilikuwa zimejengwa kwa matope, baada ya kunyeshewa matope yakaanguka kisha hiyo shule ikashugulikiwa. Sasa imeanza kung'ara, wamejenga madarasa na siku ya ijumaa walikuwa wamekamilisha madarasa matatu na ifikapo wiki ijayo tutamaliza hayo mengine matatu. Na kwa hivyo ningependa pia tukimaliza kamati ambayo inahusika na elimu, itembelee hiyo shule ili waongeze kile kimekosekana kwa sababu kuna shida kule. Wananchi hawawezi kujimudu, kwa hivyo tungependa wale watu ambao wametoka mahali ambapo hawajimudu washikiliwe Bwana Spika na kwa hayo machache naunga swala hili na kwa hivyo naomba mniunge mkono. Asanteni.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I would like to propose the question;

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Tuna nafasi ya kuchangia, wale ambao wangetaka kuchangia huu mjadala.

**Hon. John**: Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Yes, Mhsw. John.

**Hon. John**: Nashukuru mwenye kulete mjadala kuhusu masomo katika Bunge na nikisema kwa haki na kweli imekuja kwa wakati unaofaa. Sababu asubuhi ya leo niko na maandiko (Document) kutoka kwa Afisa mkuu wa Elimu wa wilaya ya Laikipia ya kati ambaye anauliza mheshimiwa ambaye anasimamia watu walio na ulemavu ya kwamba shule inayoitwa 'Tharwa

School for the Deaf' imefungwa mwaka huu yote kwa sababu ya kutokuwa na chakula. Ya kwamba watoto walemevu wako nyumbani sababu ya chakula na hawapati haki yao ya elimu. Ni jambo la kusikitisha ambapo ilifanya mpaka jana nikaenda kumwona kamishena wa kaunti kuhusu miradi ya kuwalisha watoto wa shule ndipo akaniambia ya kwamba serikali haina ile chakula. Nikamwuliza ya kwamba sababu hakuna chakula, watoto walio na ulemavu hawatasoma? Pili ni kuwa shule zenyewe za walemavu tuseme kama 'Likii Special Unit' imewachanganya walemavu aina wote mpaka unashindwa mwalimu ambaye yuko pale anasomesha mgani, ukienda Laikipia Kaskazini ni vile vile. Ukienda pande za Nyahururu kuna mkadiri ambaye anaitwa Gacheri, nilionana naye asubuhi na akanijulisha kuhusu shida wako nayo kuhusu wale watoto walio na ulemavu. Na tukiangalia kwa 'Kenya Bureau of Statistics', kuna watu wengi walio na ulemavu karibu elfu kumi na tano katika Laikipia.

Hata hivyo hiyo nambari imeongezeka kwa sababu ya zile janga tulio nazo za magonjwa ya aina nyingi yanayofanya watu wawe na ulemavu. Ni jambo kubwa na la kuhuzunisha ya kwamba watoto ambao wako na ulemavu hawana walimu wa kutosha, pili ni kuwa hatuna shule za walemavu za kutosha. Ni ombi langu kama mtetezi wao kuhakikisha kwamba serikali ya kaunti imehakikisha ya kuwa shule za watoto walio na ulemavu ziko na zina huduma sawa na zile zingine. Ya pili ya kuchangia ni kusema ya kwamba kuna masomo ya bure kwa watoto wote, ndugu zangu ambao walio na ulemavu na wanasoma hawapati masomo ya bure. Hawa watoto wanaitishwa pesa sababu ya mahitaji yao ya kimaumbile, sijui ni jinsi gani nitasema kwa Bunge hili ya kwamba hawa watoto ni ndugu zetu ambao wanahitaji kupewa haki yao ya kimasomo. Ninaomba jitihada zote ziwekwe zinazo hitajika kuhakikisha kwamba watu ambao wako na ulemavu wapewe masomo ili waweze kuinua Laikipia yetu. Gavana wetu alisema elimu ni kitu cha lazima katika Laikipia na wale walio na ulemavu na watoto wao waangaliwe. Sijui niseme namna gani, ni ombi kwa wabunge wenzangu wahakikishe ya kwamba watoto ama watu walio na ulemavu wamepewa huduma sawa na wale wengine, asante Bwana Spika.

**Speaker**: Yes,Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante sana Bwana Spika, yangu tu ni kuchangia kwa sababu mambo ya masomo katika Kenya hii yetu iko hali ya juu saa hii. Lakini kurudi sehemu zingine kama za wafugaji, sisi tuko nyuma sana, inafaa iangaliwe kabisa. Kama sasa ukienda eneo ambalo nimetoka Bwana Spika, niko na shule zaidi ya ishirini katika eneo hilo lakini sina hata shule ya sekondari moja, wala shule ya polytekniki. Ukienda eneo la Kirimon, niko na shule tano huko na shule za chekechea zilizoanza ni tano na zingine zimefika darasa la pili. Serikali haioni maeneo hayo kwa sababu hawa walimu wote wanalipwa na wazazi saa hii. Ukitoka huko uje eneo la Lonyek niko na shule saba na shule za chekechea ziko eneo kama Kariwo, Lonyeriwo na Lonyek zinalipwa na wazazi kwa sababu wamefikisha darasa la tatu. Inakuwa gharama kwa wazazi kulipia watoto kama tano kwa shule kasha inafika wakati anasema wacha watoto wengine wachunge na wawili waende shule. Unakuta wamepoteza elimu na hiyo ni haki yao, kwa hivyo nachangia na ninaunga hii mambo ya elimu sana kwa sababu ukija kama saa hii eneo la Sosian mzima hakuna shule ya sekondari hata moja, eneo hilo linao watu karibu elfu thelathini na hakuna sekondari hata moja. Kwa hivyo niko tayari kuunga, asante.

**Speaker**: Hiyo ni hoja la nidhamu ama nini? Ndio Mhsw. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I don't know Mr. Speaker whether the Hon. . Members have come up with another motion because I am seeing we are debating on education and according to Hon. Mwangi Maruga's motion, it is about pre-primary that is, ECD, home crafts, village polytechnics and all that. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Sosian is debating about issues

of secondary schools and other forms of education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mhsw. Wakahiu, hiyo ni sawa kwa sababu unajua yeye amesimamia eneo mzima na anaona mambo mengine ya masomo pia, sio lazima aseme tu*pre-primary*. Kama hakuna sekondari si aseme pia, hata kama hiyo si jukumu letu. Mhsw. Jacob, unastahili kuwa umaketi chini. Kwa hivyo kwa sababu ni watu wake, lakini mwisho anasema kama anaunga huu mswada ama haungi mkono lakini hawezi kunyamaza kama hakuna shule kwake. Ni mambo tu ya masomo lakini Mhsw. Jacob unaelezwa ya kuwa mswada una husika na mambo ya masomo kabla ya shule ya msingi. Kwa hivyo mwishowe ukimaliza inafaa useme kama unaunga mkono ama unakataa.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bwana Spika, nilikuwa ninakuja hapo. Unajua Bwana Spika sisi kama waheshimiwa tunatofautiana na kuna eneo zilizoendelea kama mahali Mhsw. Wakahiu anatoka, si unaona yeye ni 'university'.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Maitai, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Maitai**: Yes Mr. Speaker, it's a point of order. I don't think it is right for Hon. . Jacob to mix both Kiswahili and English.

**Speaker**: Mhsw. Jacob, si wewe ni mzee hapa? Mbona unachanganya...

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante sana.

**Speaker**: Weka Kiswahili peke yake. Unaona huyo Mshw. Maitai ni mpya hapa lakini amekuona.

**Hon. Jacob**: Maitai unajua hapa tunarekebishana na sio baya Mhsw. kwa sababu unajua saa zingine tunachanganya na saa zingine tunarekebishwa. Kwa hivyo tunaenda hivyo, asante sana, mimi ninaunga huu mswada..

**Speaker**: Is it a point of order Minority Leader? Yes. Hon. Jacob please sit.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Mr. Speaker, is the Hon. in order to address the House rather that the chair?

**Speaker**: Certainly he is out of order; he has to address the Speaker all the time.

**Hon. Jacob**: Bwana Spika, kuna lugha ambayo tunashindwa kutamka kwa Kiswahili, lazima tutamke kwa kingereza...

**Speaker:** Hiyo ni sawa...

**Hon. Jacob**: Kwa hivyo matamshi ambayo yanatofautiana msione baya nikitamka hivyo waheshimiwa. Mimi ninaunga huu mswada kwa sababu nikisikia 'free education' mimi ninafurahia sana kwa sababu naona wananchi wataendelea mbele. Kwa hivyo ninaunga huu mswada, asante Bwana Spika.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, we know ECD is devolved to our counties. Talking about ECD is pre-primary education; we need to employ trained teachers in those pre-primary schools. We also need to have good structures for our children to protect them from the cold because Mr. Speaker Sir, if we visit the pre- primary schools that we have in the public schools, you only get that from class one to class eight. You find that they have a very smart classroom but for ECD centres they only construct those classes with timber. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, it is good for our County Government to build permanent classrooms for those small children.

We also have issues with polytechnics, Mr. Speaker I want to urge the government as a Hon. Member, that in order for our County to advance, they should build a polytechnic in every ward to serve the youth that we have because it is not all of them who go to universities, colleges or

secondary schools. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform Hon. Kinyua, the Member for Thingithu, that since we have Nanyuki polytechnic here and that's where the market is situated…, therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, I wonder and feel pity for those children because many of them are under 18 and the market is there around the gate. Therefore Hon. Michael Kinyua, the Hon. Member for Thingithu should write to the County Government so that they construct the market where it is supposed to be and not there around the polytechnic because nowadays we have a lot of drug abuse and we have to look after those children who are in that polytechnic. So Hon. Kimondo, because it is called Nanyuki Polytechnic, as a Hon. Member we have to come up with...

**Speaker**: Order, Order Member? Hon. Mwangi, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is it in order for the Hon. Member for Tigithi to address the individuals in this House instead of addressing the chair?

**Speaker**: Now that point has been raised severally, I think it has to be clear Hon. Members. You cannot address any person directly; that has to be through the Chair. I think let us not repeat that point, it is clear and thank you Hon. Member for raising that, Hon. . Beth now you are advised.

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, we have to come up with solutions because even if we have problems we have to solve them. Mr. Speaker Sir, with those few remarks I support the motion.

**Speaker**: Yes, Mhsw. Ole Kaparo.

**Hon. Kaparo**: Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa ile muda ambayo umenipa. Yangu ni kuchangia kwa sababu ninashukuru aliyeleta huu mswada, Mhsw. Maruga, kwa sababu ameleta wakati inatakikana na wakati inafaa ijulikane elimu ya Laikipia inaendelea aje. Kwa mfano, kama kwangu huko Segera, iko shule moja ambayo ni ya *nursery* na imejengwa kwa matope na iko na watoto mia nane themanini, hiyo ni jambo ambalo linatakikana tuchunguze na tuone ni njia gani tunaweza kuwasaidia wananchi.

Ya pili ni kuwa mimi ninaunga mkono huu mswada kikamilifu kwa sababu kama hakuna elimu hakuna ile itaendelea Laikipia, kama hakuna elimu hakuna kitu itaendelea Kenya, kama hakuna elimu hakuna ile matarajio ambayo sisi wote tunatarajia siku za usoni ambazo tutakuwa Laikipia. Kwa hivyo huu mswada umeletwa wakati unatakikana na umeletwa wakati unastahili. Kwa hivyo mimi ninauliza hii Bunge kwa makini zaidi ile maongeo Bwana John amesema kuhusu walemavu, hata hiyo inatakikana tuangalie kikamilifu kwa sababu iko jamii zingine ambazo wanaweka watoto walemavu nyumbani na wanafichwa kwa sababu wanaona kama sio kitu cha ukweli. Inatakikana kama yuko mlemavu mahali popote, hakuna haja awekwe nyumbani. Ni mtoto ambaye anastahili aendelee na masomo kama wakenya wenyine, kwa hivyo hiyo mswada wa mheshimiwa Maruga umeletwa wakati unatakikana na ninauliza Bunge hili kwa sababu kwa mfano kama kwangu huko Segera, kutembea pale utashangaa, utacheka, na utakaSirika. Sababu moja, ukienda shule kwa mfano kama eneo linaitwa Suguroi, pahali pengine panaitwa Ereri ambayo ni pahali watoto wamejaa na hakuna shule. Kwa mfano kama juzi, *Director* wa elimu alitembea pale na mimi mpaka nikalia machozi kwa kuona watoto bila darasa kwa hivyo ni kitu cha maana na ni kitu ambacho tunatakikana tuweke maanani zaidi. Kwa hivyo langu ni kuunga na mikono yote mbili, na kuunga mkono na akili yote yangu na macho yangu yote yanaona. Asanteni sana.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion for the following reason. We are all aware that it is the parents who pay the

ECD teachers and we have budgeted 130 million for this docket and we urge the government to speed up the recruitment of ECD teachers so that we remove the burden from the parents. We also know that we have so many drop outs who cannot join a collage or a university in our villages and if we have a polytechnic in every village we can have them join the polytechnic for skills or certain trainings. I also urge the government if possible, we can have a polytechnic in every village, and I know the financial challenge because we have not budgeted for a polytechnic in every ward in this year's budget. But I also urge the government that probably next year, if we could have a polytechnic in every ward so that the drop outs can have a polytechnic to join and gain skills. With those few remarks, I stand to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Hon. Daisy.

**Hon. Daisy**: Mr. Speaker I stand to support this motion, I concur with Hon. Beth as she said that in every ward there should be at least a polytechnic so that if one is unable to continue with secondary education, one can go to a polytechnic and acquire self-reliant skills. On childcare, I support that because if one is leaving a child, he is not able to work properly if the child is not in a conducive environment. So the baby day-cares should be good to enable the child to grow both physically and mentally, I stand to support this motion.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, in very few remarks I wish to support this motion. Sometimes it is ridiculers with the kind of policies that we come up with. Mr. Speaker Sir, I used to find it very worrying that the government was supporting free primary education and free secondary education and left out the pre- primary education. This is because Mr. Speaker Sir, a child goes to primary school and secondary school having gone through the pre-primary school. So many children never access the pre-primary schools so that they get a chance to go for the free primary education Mr. Speaker Sir. It is at this foundation that a child is developed to go to the next level, I really look forward to the County Government owning this function and when that time comes which I suppose should be soon and very soon, I think that is one area that we really need to package very well so that we prepare the children to go to the next level.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy that the process of hiring the pre-primary teachers is either on or at least it will be started soon because it has been previously completely neglected, there has been underpayment of those teachers and understaffing. You would find a school has like two classes or three nursery classes and there's only one teacher paid by the parents who could hardly afford and so we had very many kids not going to school and not even starting out leave alone accessing the so called free primary education. It has been mentioned by my fellow Hon. Members that we have very dilapidated classes. Actually you would actually find a school that is a well-constructed primary school but you find kids who are in a nursery school are schooling under a tree. Nobody takes care of them at all and so Mr. Speaker Sir, when this time comes it is one area that we must really put effort and enough resources to make sure that a child at that level is well taken care of and well prepared to go to the next level.

My heart goes to the kids who come from the pastoralist communities Mr. Speaker Sir. You know we talk of primary and secondary schools and highlight how difficult it is for the pastoralist communities to access education at that level but just try to imagine Mr. Speaker Sir, what happens to the children at age 4, 5 and 6 who cannot even move around. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I support that and even as we think of that area, we may even think of a boarding school for the kids especially from the pastoralist communities. The kids can board so that when it's time for the parents to move around looking for pasture and water, the

kids can remain at a secure place where their education is guaranteed Mr. Speaker Sir. It is our duty as an Assembly and a County Government to seriously think about the welfare of the children. Mr. Speaker Sir, if I may move on to the polytechnics and the home crafts, we have continuously and will continue highlighting the importance of job creation in this County and the country at large. I repeat and I am sure it is well known to each one of us that employment is key to everything that we do; employment and creation of jobs. Mr. Speaker Sir, the Country and everybody has come to realise that white collar jobs are very minimal and are not available to everybody. It is therefore prudent that we think of how else we can create those jobs and for me village polytechnics and home craft centres are big boosters towards that. The commonly known *Jua kali* sector is a major employer in this country and an income generator where millions of people are actually earning a living from. It will be very important that we as a County continue supporting such and it is through the village polytechnics that we get these people trained with manual skills. It is in this sector that creativity and innovation comes hand in hand and young people can really come in and exploit their potential for self-employment and for other income generating activities. The same thing works in home crafts, innovation and creativity is really what will save us when it comes to the issue of employment and income generation. On that note Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to support the motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Wangu.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion in the sense that as I take the issue of the pre-primary education, it is mandatory for every child and it's a constitutional right for every child to get education. To my view, sometime we find we neglect the pre-primary education whereby in some areas you find that some children don't...

***(Off record)***

Thank you Hon. Thank you.

**Speaker**: You may proceed, that's fine.

**Hon. Wangu**: It's kind of disturbing from the Mhsw. but all the same he was helping me to use the microphone I stand to support the motion of pre-primary education whereby it is a constitutional right for every child to get education and in my view, I find that in some areas the pre-primary education is somehow neglected where some of the children do not get access to pre-primary education because the schools they attend are very far and not favourable for small children. It is high time that the County Government ensures that all children are able to access nursery schools which are nearby. There is also this burden of school fees which is paid by the children's parents and most of them cannot afford the school fees so it is high time that the County Government sets aside funds to cater for the teachers and for the facilities that will be needed in the nursery schools so that they can operate well. There is also the issue of the village polytechnics, in fact some time I tend to forget whether there are village polytechnics because the communities of Laikipia don't value these village polytechnic. Why they don't value them is that the government has really neglected the village polytechnics, there are no facilities, no teachers, and some of the people don't know whether they exist. No one is proud to say they attend a village polytechnic somewhere and you find that there's migration of the people from the village where they need to have benefitted from these facilities which are there and you also find that parents are migrating their children maybe to do courses which can be provided at the village polytechnics because there are no facilities, no qualified teachers or lecturers who can take care of these students. So it is high time and I urge the County Government that since we are devolving these functions we should upgrade the existing village polytechnics whereby everybody will feel proud and feel that there are better facilities and

services that are offered there, so I rise to support the motion to the fullest. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, Yes Hon. Wakahiu, then Hon. Kabaci and then we will be getting to close that motion.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support this motion by Hon. Mwangi Maruga. As my colleague the Hon. Member for Mukogodo East has mentioned, the County has budgeted for the financial year 2013/2014 budget estimates for the allowances of ECD teachers. This being part of the pre-primary and child care, it is very crucial Mr. Speaker that we should think about this and start preparing ourselves immediately because as it was the promise of the ECD teachers Mr. Speaker, they are supposed to be receiving their allowances by now, the month of July. As per the budget and as per the free primary education, the national government did not consider the pre-primary and child care which are the foundation of education in this country.

As I support this motion Mr. Speaker, I also suggest and even request the House to come up with a way on how those ECD teachers will be employed. So Mr. Speaker, I believe many are not trained but they have experience, others area trained and they don't have experience but are still in the field. So I would request the House Mr. Speaker as we look at this, we consider those who are currently in schools as long as they have attained a minimum O-level qualification Mr. Speaker, so that we may not end up terminating some people who are working and yet they have the qualification. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I will request and urge this House to come up with legislations that will guide us on how we will start and even how ECD will be catered for in this devolved function of the pre- primary and child care. Mr. Speaker, many are the ECD teachers who are out there and yet they are not yet trained and they have the fear that any time they will lose their jobs yet they are qualified and they are 'O' level certificate holders. So Mr. Speaker, as we go about this I would request our Hon. Members we support this motion and also find out the legislations concerning this issue.

Mr. Speaker, pre -primary is one of the areas where our parents including me because am also a father of a pre- primary child, we are paying fees that are not equivalent to what the other primary pupils are paying because the government has offered free primary education to the upper classes. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe we shall come up with legislations and also employ these ECD teachers and unburden our parents then they will be able to continue paying fees for other pupils.

The other thing Mr. Speaker Sir, we have the village polytechnics. I personally have a village polytechnic in my ward known as Salama Village Polytechnic and to my surprise or the surprise of the community, there are computers but there are no teachers or tutors. The only courses offered there are the computer and hair dressing skills and to make matters worse Mr. Speaker, there are no tutors. When the community asks for tutors, the answer from the government is that they should encourage their sons and daughters to be enrolled in those institutions but the problem Mr. Speaker is that there are no tutors. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I will urge or request this House, that as we support the village polytechnics we are also supposed to come up with a way of how we will employ tutors that will manage those institutions and manage learning to our sons and daughters.

Mr. Speaker, many are the courses that are supposed to be offered and they are market oriented but they are not offered in those institutions. So Mr. Speaker Sir, the concerned department is also supposed to come up with the courses that will be offered in those polytechnics. With those few remarks I beg to support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, I had given Hon. Kabaci and then we conclude.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would also wish to support the motion, and much has been said but I wish to say that the village polytechnics are very crucial institutions which we should all have in our wards Mr. Speaker and they should also be funded well. I would also wish to advise the Budget Chairman, Mr. Speaker come next year we should also think of how to fund those institutions properly. The funds he allocated to those institutions are very minimal Mr. Speaker and I am concerned especially in my ward. The money allocated in my ward pertaining that polytechnic was so minimal. Otherwise he gave me only ksh.200, 000 which is very minimal compared to the number of people or students who are learning in that institution, Mr. Speaker. So I would kindly request him to think of how to fund those institutions come next year and probably fund them properly.

I would also like Mr. Speaker to touch on areas concerning the ECD, in fact I have visited a number of schools in my ward and Mr. Speaker those classrooms meant for ECD are terribly in a pathetic situation. Those classrooms are made of mud or timber and keeping in mind that those children are very young, I would wish the County Government to think of how to construct more schools or more classrooms enough for those children. They should also be modernized now that we are devolving that function and I would kindly request this House and the executive concerned to think of how to construct those classrooms and at least a school should have three classrooms Mr. Speaker, for the ECD. I also happened to visit one school in my area where those kids had been consolidated in one classroom starting from the baby class, the middle and the top. I was surprised Mr. Speaker, to see that the baby class and the middle were at one end and those in the top class at another corner and I wondered how those teachers really teach those children in one classroom so I would wish this government or this County Government to come up with clear measures on how to put up three classrooms in each school for the ECD education to run smoothly. So Mr. Speaker, I support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Okay. Thank you very much. Members I would like to add again for centrality of this matter and based on what the Members have raised, I would like to commit this matter to the Committee on Education and Vocational Training so that they can look into this matter and bring a report on or before 31st October, 2013. Thank you.

**MOTION**

**Hon. Peter Thomi**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

**Noting** that the Transitional Authority appointed as an Interim County Chief Finance Officer – Mr. Richard Kimang'a; noting that this chief officer has been a clear hindrance to financial progression in our County; noting that Town Council of Rumuruti has been riddled with numerous resource (human, land, financial) misappropriation and/or misallocation all under his watch as clerk and some of which are under current investigations by various organs; noting that this chief officer has not proactively and speedily spearheaded County's steps to complying with finance operations and requirements as per the law; underscoring that on various occasions the Assembly operations have had to be suspended owing to unexplained finance shortfall as managed by this officer ; noting that this officer is rarely available to support and guide the County Government on finance matters. This Assembly resolves that:-

1. His Excellency, the Governor together with the Transitional Authority immediately relieves this officer his duties as the Chief Finance Office.

2. His past and current operations – within the County – are immediately investigated by relevant authorities.

3. This Assembly shall not admit any matter from this officer henceforth.

Mr. Speaker, I have this motion because the said Chief Finance Officer is a hindrance and an obstacle to the development of the people we represent. Mr. Speaker, we are in this House with a reason and purpose. Mr. Speaker, there are those who sent us to this House and we have always been on the floor standing Mr. Speaker, deliberating on issues on how we are going to assist our people and how we are going to construct roads for our people and this one person Mr. Speaker Sir, a Chief Finance Officer is not available. He has failed to recognize that this is a devolved government and that we have County executive officers. For example, the finance with whom he is meant to deliberate or talk to but Mr. Speaker I want to tell this House that the Chief Officer is nowhere to be seen neither can he be gotten by Hon. Mr. Speaker we are here as Hon. Members today is not end of the man but the beginning of the man. We know we are here and we move from the areas we come from and there is the transport that we use. Mr. Speaker, there is where we sleep. I cannot cheat if my colleagues are able, I am meant to pay wherever I sleep and the fuel that I consume at the end of the month. Mr. Speaker this has not happened and some of us are going to be kicked out from the Houses we are staying in because there is no money and it is with the Chief Finance Officer. Mr. Speaker, as a result we feel that this is a person who should be investigated and make it clear to this House why he is controlling the finance as if that is his personal docket?

**Employment**

Mr. Speaker, on the same Chief Officer, he has a tendency of employing people in this County without consulting anybody. Mr. Speaker, I would like the Hon. Members to get it clear that we have already over 155 people employed knowing very well there was no employment that was meant to be carried out as from September but we have 150 people who have been employed. Mr. Speaker, none of these employees has an appointment letter with an official logo. Mr. Speaker, through investigations these employees are paid according to his thinking because we have people who been paid a monthly salary of ksh.26, 000 and the following month they are paid Kshs 30,000. Mr. Speaker, we need an investigation into all this because the chief officer is a total let- down not only to the Hon. . Members but to the County of Laikipia knowing very well that we are struggling day and night to ensure that our County will run smoothly.

**Allocation of plots**

Mr. Speakerin Rimuruti Town where the officer is staying, there is illegal allocation of plots and I can prove that. On daily basis somebody gets a plot. Mr. Speaker, I feel that the officer is working as if he has a god father somewhere and I will request the Hon. Members of this House to make sure that the officer has to be pinned down so that he explains to all of us and when he is explaining to all of us, he is explaining to the whole of Laikipia County; the he is working, why there is no development, why we have no salary and why we have no money for transport. He should account for all this.

Mr. Speaker, the people I have said being employed by the said officer, are demanding the County Government of Laikipia over 33million for work Mr. Speaker that these employees have not done simply because the letters of appointment were backdated. Mr. Speaker I do not understand and I cannot tell why such an officer should be in this County working for the people of Laikipia. Mr. Speaker, I will request

that an audit be carried out to come with an answer on how Rimuruti town council and the revenue collected, how it has been deposited and how it has been withdrawn brought to this House and this House gets a clear report on this. Mr. Speaker I also feel that the officer should not continue working if at this entire House is going to run as from now. So Mr. Speaker, I request the Hon. Members to support me on this because failure to that you will only just be here but you will meet people outside demanding money from you. Now that you are here representing the people, I kindly request that Hon. . Dann Ndegwa to second this motion. Thank you.

**Hon. . Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank Hon. Thomi, it is the high time and it long overdue for this motion because we have been anticipating for it and have been complaining about this officer for a long time he has been so mischievous Mr. Speaker and if you want a Model County Mr. Speaker I don't think we require such officers like Mr. Richard Kimanga or Kimang'a or however it is termed. Mr. Speaker, if he is a hindrance to financial progression, I think he must go. Mr. Speaker, noting that when we were in Mombasa for a seminar this same officer came to where we were in Sairock Hotel while drank, talked rubbish and said that we are being paid illegally. Therefore I say he must go. Mr. Speaker, we cannot tolerate misappropriation of funds in this County.

To realize a Model County, Mr. Speaker I think we want people who are having Laikipia County at heart and this man does not have our County at heart and therefore, he should look for another County to work for because I think he is tired of Laikipia County and I therefore, say he must go. Mr. Speaker, it is clear that some operations of the Assembly have been postponed several times because he claims there is no money. Mr. Speaker, we are still collecting taxes, revenue is there yet he dares tell us there is no money when we know that he overspends the County money on matters that do not concern the County Mr. Speaker and therefore I say he must go. Mr. Speaker, before he goes, we must be prepared to save guard important documents. Immediately after this motion, I think some urgent measures should be taken to save guard our important documents that are in Rumuruti as well as Nanyuki offices, Mr. Speaker. He is mischievous and can tamper with the documents and therefore I ask this House to pass that a directive be given to save guard the documents.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Hon. Members to support this motion because we cannot continue working without salaries. Today we are going to sleep on credit Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to eat on credit and I travelled on lift from Olmoran today and I don't think I will work in this manner. Therefore an urgent action should be taken against this Mr. Kimanga. He is going against the constitution Mr. Speaker, by using the County money and not being answerable for it Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question that; **Noting** that the Transitional Authority appointed as an Interim County Chief Finance Officer – Mr. Richard Kimanga; noting that this chief officer has been a clear hindrance to financial progression in our County; noting that Town Council of Rimuruti has been riddled with numerous resource (human, land, financial) misappropriation and/or misallocation all under his watch as Clerk and some of which are under current investigations by various organs; noting that this chief officer has not proactively and speedily spearheaded County's steps to complying with finance operations and requirements as per the law; underscoring that on various occasions the assembly operations have had to be suspended owing to unexplained finance shortfall as managed by this officer ; noting that this officer is rarely available to support and guide the County Government on finance matters. This assembly resolves that:-

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Yes, Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very glad that this motion is being discussed when am here days before I was sworn in into this House I had actually asked Hon. Jacob if a member of public can bring a motion to this House. This is because Mr. Speaker Sir, I was sited in Rumuruti and I had mentioned this earlier, but in a different context and I was wondering whether there exists a government in Laikipia. The gentleman we are talking about is a civil servant who by coincident happens to be in Laikipia County during the time of transition and devolution. Mr. Speaker Sir there is an elected government and one of them being the Governor and his Deputy, and then we have Members of this County assembly who made promises to the people of Laikipia before they were given office.

This gentleman Mr. Speaker I repeat is by mere coincidence that he happens to be in Laikipia during this time of transition. He comes from somewhere in Kisii or Nyamira. Mr. Speaker Sir, this gentleman has no Laikipia at heart. He is comfortably sited in Laikipia and he knows that his County is being well managed and developed. If Laikipia goes down the drain he feels nothing for Laikipia. Mr. Speaker Sir we keep talking that we want Laikipia to be a Model County in this region and I say this again, how genuine are we in what we are saying? This is because my colleagues have mentioned about the money and that the Members of the County assembly are still struggling with finances. I can assure you this House that as long as Mr. Kimanga or Kimang'a or whatever he calls himself that there will be more trouble in future as long as he remains an officer in this County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I can highlight several issues that are going on in Rumuruti Town council under his watch. One of them is what has been mentioned here; illegal employment. Mr. Speaker Sir before the transition and before we went for elections, Mr. Kimanga and I among other people with the transitional authority went for a workshop that lasted for two weeks and we were taken through the rules, laws and regulations that govern the transition. So Mr. Speaker Sir, this gentleman, no he is not a gentleman he is a man is misbehaving deliberately and he is disregarding the law deliberately and he knows what he is doing is wrong.Mr. Speaker Sir, he says it openly and arrogantly and I quote him and I can stand in court of law and say what am saying because I have evidence. Mr. Speaker Sir," Hao macouncillors ambao hawajasoma watanifanya nini?' He says it openly. I remember Hon. Suge, though he is not here, he said I Rumuruti," Huyu councillor ninaweza kuchapa na niue"Mr. Speaker Sir I know that I will continue telling these Members that they will continue being broke as long as Mr. Kimanga is there.Mr. Kimanga is hiring out the equipment that is used to clear up toilets. He is hiring out it to *wananchi* but there is no money is being remitted to the County Government because Mr. Speaker Sir him and his employees. One of them being the town treasurer called Njoki and the other one is the administrator called Muriithi are not issuing receipts to the Members of the public.\

Once the Members of the public access those services, they use the machines and then they pocket the money. I have two, three cases where witnesses can stand in a court of law and give evidence of what I am saying. So Mr. Speaker Sir the man is literally looting County Government of Laikipia and we are sited here and we have a Governor and the whole government is running.

This man is comfortably sited here and he is ready to see Laikipia go down the drain. Mr. Speaker I was in a cyber the other day and this man was making an application to the auditor general requesting for another job. I think he wanted to be the auditor general or whatever he wanted to do in that office. He was making an application to leave Laikipia County to go and look for another job-greener pasture.

Mr. Speaker, this is a mere staff, a mere civil servant who is on transition who can be in Laikipia today he can also be in Isiolo tomorrow and he would want to take as much money as he can from Laikipia and the he can leave our people perishing.Mr. Speaker Sir I request this House and I truly support the motion that with immediate effect this gentleman must stop transacting any business of this County and be investigated. Mr. Speaker Sir I had mentioned about the issue of illegal employment and I have information on the transitional authority. When this was happening because Hon. Thomi has just mentioned that he is issuing letters of appointment and backdating them to September last year because he knows that is what the law dictates that there was no employment that was supposed to take place before the County public service board was put in place.so he knows all that and he is trying all his mischievous ways to make sure that those letters look genuine. There are only seven staff in Rumuruti town council that are genuinely employed. As we speak today people are still being employed in Rumuruti with fake letters. I call them fake because that is illegal employment Mr. Speaker Sir and am telling this House if nobody takes action I am willing to go to court to stop these crazy things happening in the County. We cannot run the County as if it is one person's kiosk. A whole government that is being controlled by one person who is clearly willing to let down the whole government and the people of Kenya. Mr. Speaker Sir, truly this is an issue of devolved corruption. We are talking of devolving many functions but truly we are devolving corruption to its letter. I would request Mr. Speaker Sir that gentleman cease to operate or to transact any business I repeat on behalf of Laikipia County. Mr. Speaker Sir that man has employed three of his sons in that town council and three of their wives from Kisii and there are many young people here who have no jobs. Why can't he take them to Kisii to be employed there if he loves them so much? But Laikipia has become a dumping site for him so he can come and think that we have free jobs to offer.Mr. Speaker I have said it in this House we will create jobs for young people, create employment for young people and we will create jobs for women but it has to be done in the right way and through the right channel. The County service board is just about to be constituted, let them come and do what they are supposed to do. Who gave him powers to employ? Mr. Speaker Sir I had mentioned earlier, I have some information from the transitional authority in the County.

A while ago they were prepared to issue letters of suspension to those employees who were being employed illegally and the Governor says no let us not fire them because we promised jobs. Mr. Speaker I think the issue of Kimanga and his misbehaviour, I request the Governor and his office to come out clearly tell us his position. Mr. Speaker Sir am not convinced that this kind of mischief, misappropriation, misbehaviour and unprofessionalism can continue in this County when his Excellency the Governor is not aware. Him not being aware is even worse because what are really his responsibilities? Mr. Speaker Sir, I repeat that this gentleman must be disciplined and must rise up as a House and put him in his exact position so that he realizes that there is a government in Laikipia and that he is a mere civil servant. Then he can go back to Kisii and mess up his County but not our County. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Yes, let us start from here. Hon. Catherine, Hon. Mukuria then we have Hon. Kinyua. Just to remind Members there is a Committee headed by Hon. Kimondo which is

checking on the staff's irregular employment and I think they will give us a report shortly.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mine would be brief that Mr. Richard Kimanga must go. Why I am saying this is clearly because we are actually a few months old since the count y government was put in place. It is a great embarrassment that any person, civil servant appointed by the transitional authority would become a hindrance to Laikipia County at this stage. That only means we have a long way to go. That only means next time Mr. Speaker Sir you will find this House empty or a third left because all this Hon. . Members will not afford to commute from Olmoran or Rumuruti to this House. That means that these Hon. Members will not get anywhere to lay their heads on. This reason being that there is illegal employment going on in Rumuruti where we have County reps. The relevant authorities that are there sited in the administration office and they are not aware of how people are being hired and fired in Rumuruti. That only means that there is corruption that is going on in Rumuruti, allocation of plots and on the other end we hear people are being employed illegally. There is also mismanagement of finances in the account all under the name of Mr. Richard Kimanga.

We are saying Kimanga must go. As I wind up what am trying to say clearly any person even if it was a court of law will go through the accusations that have been made here by Hon. Thomi and beyond any reasonable doubt we can proof all the things that have been made here. There are five strong points. We cannot afford Mr. Speaker Sir to continue keeping a Mr. Hyena with goats. The reason I am saying a hyena is that there is a famous story in my mother tongue, which is kikuyu. There is a certain lady who helped a hyena after it was being chased by some… *naomba tafadhali niongee Kiswahili kidogo (Laughter)*.. Some hunters, I got the word. Some hunters were chasing a Mr. Hyena somewhere and a certain lady in a farm was met by the hyena and she chose to hide it in her *Hon. do.*

What am trying to say is this, if we continue keeping this Mr. Richard in our County at this early stage and all the messes we have found in Laikipia are his then that is not the way to go. We request that the office of the Governor, like Hon. Maitai has mentioned we need a communication from them and we need to understand who and what support does this Mr. Kimanga has in Laikipia County that makes him feel arrogant because this is arrogance. How can such a guy are called from the office of the Speaker or the County representative and Hon. Member and he cannot answer even to justify his case or to give reasons as to why one, two, three, four, five things are happening.one thing Mr. Speaker Sir is that this is the right time. We crack the whip and where we have people who are hindrances towards the development of Laikipia County, we tell them they must go. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Mukuria and then we shall have Hon. Kinyua and we come to some level of closure.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Asante sana Bwana Spika. Nataka kuunga mkono kwamba Bwana kimanga ameudhi watu wengi hii kaunti. Mimi yangu ninasema ya kwamba ni jambo la kuzikitisha ni kuwa jana tulikuwa Rumuruti tukijadiliana kuhusu shida wale watu waliajiriwa juzi na tukasikizana hao wafanyikazi waliandikwa vipi.nilipokuwa nikichunguza ndio nilikuta ya kwamba kumeandindwa watu zaidi ya mia moja katika kauti.hawa watu wamekuwa wakipata pesa miezi sita ambayo imepita bila kufanya kazi yeyote. Nilipouliza mmoja wao, 'wewe uliandikwa kivipi?'Akasema ya kwamba wao walikuwa wakitoa shillingi elfu hamsini kwa kila mmoja ili aweze kupata hiyo kazi. Hayo ni mambo ambayo nataka nidhimbitishe na nikaona ni mambo yanaudhi kauti yetu vile wafanyakazi wanaandikwa bila kuulizana au kuna ile kamati ya

public service board ambayo inahitajika kufanya hiyo mambo. Na akatumia nafasi hiyo wakati kauti ilikuwa ikijiandaa kujipanga vizuri akatumia nafasi hiyo kuajiri wafanyikazi ambao hawajahitimi.hilo ni jambo anapaswa kujibu na anapaswa kuitwa kwa Bunge ama kamati.pia nikachunguza zaidi katika Katundia kuna wasichana ambao ni wa *bar*, akaingia kwa bar "akawambia kujeni kesho mpate kazi". Na jana niliona hao wasichana katika katundia wakiandikisha kodi.Sisi kama wabunge katika kauti lazima tuchukue majukumu bila uoga.Hilo jukumu amepewa kama CFO anatakiwa aondolewe mara moja.

Nikitaka kusema kuna watu kama vile mheshimiwa Rose Maitai amesema wanashirikiana na kina Njoki. Kama mimi mwenyenye nilikuwa naitisha *grader mimi*, mwenyenye nililipa elfu mia moja ili niweze kuweka ile tinga mafuta. Na nikiuliza pesa ziko wapi naambiwa pigia kimanga. kupigia kimanga hapatikani.kwani huyu kimanga ndiye nani ni Governor ama ni nani?lazima tuwe na mtu ambaye amaehitimu kufanya yaha mambo.na ndio naunga huu mjadala mkono kwa sababu lazima jambo litendeke.tukiendelea hivi najua tutakuwa na shida chungu nzima kwa sababu sisi wenyewe tumesikia manung'uniko miezi sita iliyopita nikadhania ni kuonewa.kwa hivyo ni kuondoa mtu anaitwa CFO kwa sababu anasema yeye ndiye pesa yeye na ndiye kila kitu. Hata gavana akitaka mafuta mpaka apigiwe simu na ni kama anachukulia kauti kama iko kwa mikono yake.haya mambo mpaka yakome na hivyo nikumaanisha mpaka aondoke. Tukifanya haya na si kwa sababu ya kabila mbali ni lazima mtu afanye kazi yake. Asante.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Langu ni kuunga mkono kwa sababu sijui kama kimanga alikuwa shetani.

**Speaker:** Order Hon. Member! You must use parliamentary language. It is important not to use harsh words.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Bwana Spika, unajua mambo mengi yakifanyika upate kama gari limeanguka,watu wanasema ni shetani. Ukikuta mtu ameuwa mwingine utajua hiyo ndio mambo inaenda ulimwenguni. Katika Laikipia tumekuwa na kilio, watu wameajiriwa kwa ile njia ambayo haifai. Na hao watu wanapelekwa kila pahali, wengine Rumuruti na wengine Nyahururu na kuna watu watano walikuwa wameletwa hapa.Ukifuatia hawa watu waliandikwa na nani, utasikia ni Kimanga. Ndio nilikuwa nikitoa mfano nikasema kwani hii roho ni ile inafanya watu ulimwenguni walie.katika Laikipia tumekaa sana tukiuliza kwani huyu Richard kimanga ako na nguvu gani? Tumepewa nguvu na sharia n jambo lolote tukalopitisha litakuwa sheria na linafaa kufuatiliwa. Watu wanafanya kazi na hakuna pesa.Ukiuliza hawa watu watalipwa namna gani unaambiwa upigie Kimanga simu.ukimpigia anawambia yuko Nairobi ama yuko Kisii ama kwa mkutano. Je huyu mtu aliajiriwa Laikipia awe akichukuwa simu anasema yuko Kisii au yuko njiani. Huyu mtu akiwa Nyamira pesa zitapatikana aje? Tukiendelea hivyo huyu mtu atakuja kuangusha Laikipia na baadaye atarudi kwao na ambaki akituchekelea.tunataka mtu ambaye yuko na damu ya Laikipia na roho ya Laikipia kwa sababu atakuwa na uchungu wakati mambo inaharibika ama inaenda Mr.ama.kwa hivyo ningeomba Bwana Spika huyu mtu aashishwe kazi mara moja na pia *ad hoc Committee*. Tunataka kujua ni watu wangapi walioajiriwa na Kimanga. Pili PAC wapatiwe hilo jukumu wachunguze wajue ni pesa ngapi zimetumiwa na ikiwa peas zimetumika vile haifai ningeomba bwana spika huyu mtu achukuliwe hatua hata ikiwa ni kushitakiwa katika koti.Asante sana.

**Speaker:** I know there are more four other Members but allow me to give direction but I know you want really want to discuss this matter. I want to make it clear again that on the issue of irregular or improper employment of staff, the Committee on that matter headed by Hon. Kimondo is working on that hoping that we shall

get the report within the time that has been allocated. That has been a grave matter. I would like also to make it clear on the issue that we are discussing here, that it does not matter where a person comes from so long as it is in Kenya but work has to be done, I think that is the subject of the motion. Thirdly in terms of direction, I would like to say in the rule of justice, it is always important to give whoever is being accused a hearing or give them an opportunity to say their side of the story but not only their side of the story it is important to get more stories and more information about that matter.

Hon. Members this is a serious matter because this assembly has stopped other things to discuss this motion for the last one hour. So I would like to direct that the finance County planning Committee picks up this matter very urgently and deal with this matter tomorrow. They should call Mr. Richard Kimanga and give him a hearing and also other people such as the minister for finance, controller of budget and any other officer that they would like to call. Call them tomorrow because I know there will be a motion on defence on Thursday. I would like to recommend that the House business Committee deals with this matter before we go. I would direct that Hon. Kabaci the chair Committee should pick up the matter tomorrow, call everyone do and a report to be brought on Thursday for the final conclusion so that this House takes apposition on this individual. Thank you Hon. Members I suggest that we consult for a few minutes. The House is adjourned up to tomorrow.

**ADJOURNEMENT**

House Adjourned at 4.45 p.m

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Minority]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> ***THAT****, aware that schedule [4] of the constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National Government to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Acts contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by statutory process;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this function; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for this functions and that there are already on-going discussion between the various Governments Organs and agencies and more specifically the Transitional Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; noting further that Cultural activities, Public entertainment and Public Amenities is one set of function to be devolved and that County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that these set of functions includes betting, Casinos and other set of gabbling, racing, liquor legalising Cinemas, Videos show and hiring, libraries, museums, sports and Cultural facilities , County parks and recreation facilities; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker we normally say that work without play makes a Jack a dull boy and as per our County or the way we work, we actually want to have entertainment at the end of the day. When we look at these functions like Casinos, Libraries they also attract tourist from different destination to our County. As we talk about Kenya, historically, that is where we find the remains of early man and you find that when you come in to our County now we don't have any kind of museum other than the one we have in Mukogondo forest where Hon. Jennifer comes from. We are proud of it because we have people coming from different parts of the word to come and see it.

When it comes to places like Stadium, many Counties don't have like the one we have. If we improve the one we have now, people will come from their places to come and do their functions and that is income generating activity and also increases some of the work we have around here. In this case, if we put this things in our consideration you will find that its one of the thing that will go forward as the County. So I urge the County Government of Laikipia plus the Members of this House to take this seriously and let us all put our efforts in it so that our County will be one of the destination where people will be visiting so in this I support this Motion and I ask Hon. Maruga to second this Motion.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Maruga.

*(Hon. Mwangi stood and bowed)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members I will like to propose the question;

> ***THAT****, aware that schedule [4] of the constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National Government to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Acts contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by statutory process;*
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Yes, Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. John you are the next, Hon. Mukuria is on the floor.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Mr. Speaker Sir, this morning I want to support this motion involving entertainment and cultural activities in this County. I have come to realize that there is a lot of challenges facing us when it becomes to liquor licencing and therefore I ask the Government to prepare to come up with a better ways of licencing those liquors in our areas. I have realized that due to this function done by the previous Government we need to come up with a better way of licencing liquors to our bars. Nowadays they are putting bars even in to our homestead, therefore, to prepare to come up with a

better ways, where to locate this liquor licencing in those areas.

There also those bars where I realized that there are those illegal brews that are being taken there and therefore, this County Government needs to come up with a better way of knowing how to do it. Knowing that, Cultural activities we need also to know is a way of education. In our childhood we used to see cinemas in our home areas as a way of education children back at home. Like maybe we can use this as an entertainment and also create awareness on different things affecting our society like Aids particularly in IDPs areas where we have a lot of problems of health facilities, so we can use this entertainment as a way of creating awareness on the challenges we have in our home areas.

In supporting this Motion I realized our County Government has a lot of work to do in our libraries in fact I have come to realize that we have very few libraries in this County. This Government should come up with a way of ensuring we have libraries particularly in the major towns like Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Rumuruti so that our people from Secondary schools can be able to get information from these libraries.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have come to realize that Sports can be used to bring communities together. In this County we have different communities, cultures we need to come up with a lot of finances to be able to sponsor those sports. Maybe we will be having rallies like now we have good talents in this County and we cannot nurture those talents by making it as a competition in this County. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, public entertainment, there those young people who are coming with taekwondo, indoor games we need to come up with a better ways of making sure that our people in our Counties are able to come and do something in this Cultural entertainment. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, I urge this Government to come up with a better ways of bringing our youths together.

Our National Government is fighting about drugs and alcohol and those youths are staying idle at home after working in their gardens we need to come up with a better way to make sure that young men and women are not idle. As we know the English man said that idle mind is the devils workshop so let us utilize these men who are not taking drugs and instead of taking alcohol, make sure they are utilizing that time with sports activities.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we also need to be aware on the Video shows in this County. I have come to realize that this Video shows are being used in a very bad ways by people. We should come up with a better ways to control our video shows in our Wards and those which are not allowed in this County. We should know what kind of videos shooting that are being shot in those areas. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir I ask this Government to come up with a better ways to make sure that they are able to give these video showing areas. I thank the mover of the Motion because this is a very important area that we can utilize also as source of finances for this County.

We can lease our Cultural centre to make sure that our tourism maybe encouraged in this County by making sure that we have a way of opening doors of our tourism outside this Country or this County by making sure that we are able to advertise all our cultural centres in our County and that can be only be realized by making sure that we are well exposed, all these Cultural activities including the Maasai's, Samburu's, Kikuyu's and their dances that are there so that we can be able to entertain our people for this County. So I support this Motion and the Government has to set out some funds to make sure that this County is well rich with Cultural and public entertainment. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Hon. John you have a chance to speak now.

**Hon. John:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as we understand and we know that the issue of cultural centres has been one of the challenges that has been affecting our people not to have jobs because we usually have foreigners in Laikipia but as these cultural centres have been privatised, to individual people who always get earnings but Laikipia people do not earn anything. It is my wish that this House can deal with issues like this that those people who have privatised this Tourism centres to individual Members to be a benefit for our community but not to individual Members. As I call upon the Government, to allocate funds to have cultural centres which will benefit the community of Laikipia. As I stand to support the agenda, is that this construction as they will be constructed (recreation facilities) it is my wish they will be accessible to everybody in Laikipia including the disabled. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jennifer and then Hon. Maitai. Yes Hon. Maitai, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Maitai:** Yes, Sir, Hon. Wakahiu here has been reading the Newspaper since we came and he is not concentrating in the debate.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu are you saying really that what we are saying here is not important? It is important that we concentrate. You don't need to respond Hon. Wakahiu it is noted. Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the motion and I am just going to speak on one issue because the rest the Hon. Members have already said the importance of cultural events including having the museum so that they can preserve, revive our culture our identity and to know where we came from because if we are moving as we look what is ahead then we must also know where we came from.

My contribution towards this motion is on the issue of racing and sports. We have sub-international taking place in this County; we have the Lewa Down maratHon. that comes in the middle of every year. It is a very big event a lot of people know it, they come from different parts of this world and they participate a lot of money is collected. There was a time I was there and we had a lot of Members from the National parliament and also we also have some other activities like Rhino charge organised locally in this County but also attract people from outside in the country and also outside Africa those who are brought up in Laikipia they know such events.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of Order?

**Hon. Catherine:** Mr. Speaker, Sir is it in order for Hon. Jacob not to bow to the Chair?

**Speaker:** I am not pleased by lack of following very basic rules. Hon. Jacob, please proceed to the door and bow because we must maintain now some basic rules. I am going strict now moving ahead on basic rules so please keep a watch and thank you for those who are noting. Hon. Jennifer please proceed.

**Hon. Jennifer:** my concern here is that I do not know if there is anything that has been done so that this County and this House gets to know how it is done, who benefits from the money collected for all the people who come for race. I am aware that some funds go to the surrounding community but I tend to think on where and the amount is between the ranchers and few people and I think there is a role that this House must play so that those taxing and all the funds that are collected from these activities can benefit the Laikipia County and also promote the cultural, peace and cohesion within communities, I think this is our role. I suggest that the Committee working on that to try and come up with findings of what happens there and formulate a method of taxing and getting involved in that activity and also put our input as a County and support the event and even more. So I support the Motion, Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Mwangi:** thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion and thank the mover of this Motion. When we look at our County it is highly privileged to have tourism attraction sites. As we talk of cultural activities we have very good dance from Maasai and Samburu plus Turkana Community and if we can just build this to become tourist attraction we are going to tap a lot of money and this is a very good opportunity to generate a lot of revenue in our County.

As we sit here, 400 km from here there is somewhere called Ukumbusho. This is where Mau mau soldiers were killed from Mt. Kenya, that's why it is called Ukumbusho but our people does not understand where this name originated or whether it can be preserved to be Tourist attraction, Cultural centre or site that can act as a reminder of any visitor who comes to our County. Ukumbusho swallowed 40 soldiers and two generals and you can bear me witness by asking my friend Major Mwangi.

There is also this Upcoming Maasai cricket team. Everybody in this world is watching that Maasai cricket team that is also a tourist attraction thing. When you also go to casinos, betting and liquor licencing we should come up with another way of taxing these people because we might end up losing a lot of revenue instead of accumulating that revenue to improve our livelihood and promote other areas like education.

In Ol daiga farm after every 6 month there is a Video shooting which is being done there. The only thing we benefit with is little money and being an actor or actress. When the video goes to Britain and it is sold or used by NGOs to raise funds which are never seen here in Laikipia. We need to review our laws and policies to make sure that we benefit from the same as the County and with that I stand to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the Motion, saying that it was very timely saying that it has come at the time we highly need this function be thought of. Mr. Speaker, my concern lies in the side of liquor licencing whereby in our Country Kenya our president has clearly stated that he must fight the drunkards in this Country. The youth have adapted to drinking from the morning to evening Mr. Speaker. I also want this House to urge Laikipia Government also to do the same to think of how they can fight that habit of being drunk from morning to evening Mr. Speaker, and it is the high time that this Government thinks of how to cooperate with the administration and fight the drunkenness in our County otherwise we must put some measures and know whom to licence Mr. Speaker when it comes to licencing.

Mr. Speaker I am concerned because of these small kiosks. In my town, Nyahururu those small Houses of Wines and Spirits are now coming to a point of alarming whereby at your door post you must find one, they are extending to estates Mr. Speaker, otherwise they are very small others are wooden constructed dealing with that wine and Spirits.

It is the high time Mr. Speaker, this House thinks of how who to licence these Wines and Spirits because we cannot fight illegal brew and then we adapt this Wines and Spirits Mr. Speaker. Otherwise am concerned about those who are still heading to a point of dividing that 200 millilitres to various quantities so as to accommodate even those who have Kshs. 20 or Kshs. 30 in their pockets, Mr. Speaker. So it's high time this House urges the County Government to come clearly on who to license those wines and spirits Mr. Speaker.

Am also concerned about the budget allocation when we come the library Mr. Speaker I would urge the Committee chairman and come next year to think of how to allocate more money when it comes to education and that part of the library so that we can be able to have a library in each and every ward so that we can promote that culture of reading.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Wakahiu, is it a point of order, you must have been touched?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Yes it is a point of order Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether the Hon. Member for Igwamiti is in order to tell me to budget for the library next year whereas I am not the person who usually budget but it is the public that gives priorities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Why don't you give him information that looks like information to inform him how the budget process is? Hon. Kabaci, would you like that information? Yes proceed as a point of information rather than a point off order; you are the chair of the budget why don't you do a bit of education there.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Members need an induction workshop so that at least they may know the work of every Committee and every procedure.

**Speaker**: So what is the point of information to Hon. Kabaci on the budget?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Mr. Speaker I will invite him on one of our Committees so that...

***( Laughter)***

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Kabaci you have been invited for education.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker but he has not given me any information.

**Speaker**: I haven't heard any but he has invited you.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think I will try to consult him so that he can give me that information of how to allocate those funds but in my opinion, he must think of how to allocate more money when we come to those libraries Mr. Speaker. Otherwise, my home area has the land for the library but it has never been developed due to the lack of funds. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of that side of the library. I would also like this House to think of how to promote sports when it comes to the youth Mr. Speaker.

It is high time this House urges the County Government to think of how to promote sporting activities Mr. Speaker. It is clear that sport has turned to be a business nowadays where people are earning a lot of money. it is high time this House urges the government of Laikipia think of how to hire the trainers who will be training our youth when it comes to athletics or football so that we can have qualified or professional teams which will be competing with other teams from other counties, so I rise in support of this motion. Thank you, Sir.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I also rise to support the motion that this County should come up with proper procedure to ensure that all the devolved functions in schedule 4 should be fulfilled. My. Concern Mr. Speaker Sir is about the recreational facilities that we have in our County like in my ward of Rumuruti town, we have a place, which was set aside for the recreational facilities, and right now Mr. Speaker Sir I request that we should come up with a procedure of protecting it from being grabbed. Previously Mr. Speaker Sir, Rumuruti stadium had already been demarcated by individuals and had to fight back to see that the former council took over from the grabbers and yet right now the stadium is still temporary Mr. Speaker, so I request that we should come up with a proper procedure to ensure that it is fenced so that it will be secure Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we usually talk of getting employment to our youths and we know that sports nowadays, our youth can invest well in sports and they can earn a better living Mr. Speaker. Recently I had a volunteer who came all the way from Uasin Gishu County and they conducted a maratHon. in my ward Mr. Speaker is. I was surprised to get that

we have a lot of talent that are being wasted in our villages Mr. Speaker Sir. Some of the youth who volunteer to participate in that function really impressed us Mr. Speaker. Therefore, we should come up with proper procedures to ensure that we really support this young youth to get sports equipments like balls and we can even conduct tournaments in our wards.

Last Mr. Speaker Sir is about the tourist attraction centres that we have, we know that we have a challenge in collecting revenues and right now in our budget, we had estimated that we are going to collect more than a billion and we have the facilities that we need to equip as the Nyahururu Thompson falls. We can even start a museum there and they are going to earn a lot of money in this County, so I urge this House to continue looking for the sources that we have. Sources of revenue and we maximise the youth of the natural resources that we have Mr. Speaker Sir and with those few remarks I beg to support the motion. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, yes Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai**: thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion for two or three reasons. Mr. Speaker Sir, liquor licensing is a very important think. This country is in a mess trying to manage the drinking habits of many people and especially young people; we have gone to an extent of losing young people. It happened just a while ago, I think about two years ago somewhere in a slum called Maina village where young people perished for having taken some illicit brew that was poisonous. In many other cases, we have heard cases of blindness, we have heard cases of broken families and many other issues that are associated with let's call it drug abuse In this case illicit brew Mr. Speaker Sir.

I think it is paramount that this County takes a position in managing that area so that we are sure that any person who is selling liquor are doing it within the provided law and are doing it keeping in mind that the lives of our people especially the youth are protected. I think that is one area that the County must look into as we get this function devolved. Mr. Speaker Sir, there are other issues that closely relate to young people, the issue of cinema, video shows and hiring, sports and cultural activities. Mr. Speaker Sir, every time I get a visitor away from Laikipia coming to Rumuruti, I always encourage them to come on Thursdays when we have the market day in Rumuruti. That is the day that you will see the beauty of Laikipia in Rumuruti when the Maasai and Samburu come with their traditional regalia, very beautiful people you know it just goes.

It comes and goes as though it is a usual thing, whereas I think this is a real treasure that we can make use of as a County positively to appreciate our culture, to appreciate our communities that are still holding on to their beautiful traditions. I think we can create and identity as a County from these issues, not only to make money but just to feel as a County we are holding on to what God and nature have given to us. I wouldn't want to go much into sports because we all know what sports means. We have had great sportsmen and women coming from Laikipia and unfortunately, we lost one of our own, the late Samuel Wanjiru but there are many others. You go to Nyahururu, there are many sports men and women who come from Nyahururu, and it's even a training ground. I am told that the office of the Governor is preparing for an avenue maybe in partnership with Laikipia University to look for a place where that can be enhanced.

Somewhere in Sipili, a great girl came from there and got into sports where she blossomed Mr. Speaker Sir. Therefore, I think that is one area that we can really get into, supporting young people to get into talents for their own good so that they exploit their potential fully and they realise their goals to fulfil their life dreams. Museums Mr. Speaker Sir, my colleague here has highlighted a few but I know Laikipia has a lot of rich history that we can actually create a museum of our own history Mr. Speaker Sir ranging from the time of colonialists and before that and am sure we can

afford to sustain the museum and call it Laikipia and portray the image of Laikipia Mr. Speaker Sir. I am not a fan of casinos, betting and gabbling because I would rather have a saved life but then those who are interested in that and they can give us some good money out of it, I would suggest that we go that way. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support the motion.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon. in the House. Is stand to support this motion partly. There are some thing I don't agree with here and I think I should start with the strength of the motion is that it is very...

**Speaker**: Hon. Member you also have an option to amend the motion but you must have given a notice, at least. Anyway, you are at liberty to continue.

**Hon. Catherine**: I am learning, thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, that's fine.

**Hon. Catherine**: So I agree with the fact that Laikipia County is rich and I concur with all the Hon. Members who have suggested we need to come up with a cultural information centre or a museum. That way when we talk of Laikipia, we have a specific place where we can refer our visitors to. I think it would be very wise if any visitor is coming in, let alone foreigners even local tourists, when they are coming to Laikipia they have a key place we can direct them to go. That way they can get information on the many tribes, we have in our County, the diversity, and the beauty of our cultures. We can even come up with recreational facilities that are put into place in that cultural information centre. That way we are in a position to get some revenue and employ some youths. I get to what I think is the weak point of this motion is I don't really agree on gambling and betting. Why I am saying that is that not unless we come up with a clear guideline Mr. Speaker Sir where we are going to really control what really happens inside these places...

**Speaker**: Is it a point of order Hon. Jennifer? Yes please proceed.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it's a point of correction. My. Colleague the Hon...

**Speaker**: It must be a point of information, you want to inform...

**Hon. Jennifer**: Information yes.

**Speaker**: Yes, but she must accept. Do you want that information Hon. Catherine?

**Hon. Catherine**: Yes

**Speaker**: Okay it might help.

**Hon. Jennifer**: I think the issue of gambling is being misunderstood. I just want to give and example, one time I was in New York where we went to a village where the Latin Americans live. They call themselves the indigenous people or the first nation, the US government made a very big casino as a way of getting revenue. Therefore, many very rich and famous people go to that land of the indigenous people and do the gambling. It's a very nice place, it's like heaven if you go there and it's very well furnished with a lot of games and it takes a very big...

**Speaker**: Hon. Maitai, she is giving information so let her proceed and finish giving that information. It may save Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Jennifer**: So that was an actual casino, it's educating the Latin Americans, the Latino children. Its giving a very big revenue and it's done very well and the people I met there are very old people. So there is nothing like what we may fear if we take it form that direction, not the gambling, which we see in the street and people, are cheated and it's very legal, so the information I want is we

understand it in two ways so we go with the one that will earn us revenue. It will also market us because when they go there they see the museum and they have something like entertainment, so it is part of entertainment. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay I am sure Hon. Maitai's point of order has been dispensed to it. We need to know that there is also a law that is existing in Kenya. I think it's called the betting control act that then regulates the issues of gambling and casinos. It's not an illegal business in Kenya but it's a business that is licensed. There is a betting and control board that regulates the whole process, it is more or less of these issues that we see on TV people committing money to win a certain price. It is all put together but there is a law that regulates that. Hon. Catherine, that is enough information, you may proceed now...it is now you to see on behalf of the Speaker, I have seen her wanting to speak...

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you.

**Speaker**: She knows what to do when she wants to speak.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you the Hon. Koinante for the point of information. I think am not yet very much convinced about the issue of gambling and betting, if I put it in connection with cinemas. I am okay with cinemas, videos, and trying to look at the level of maturity of our society. When I look at our youths and I compare them with what the Hon. Koinante is telling us in New York, we are still very far behind. If the Hon. Members in this House feel, it is the right thing for us to allow our youths and our children to get into gambling and betting.

I don't know if we are promoting our youth to work towards the prosperity and the advancement of our lives or we are encouraging them, after all if you don't get a job you don't have to hustle so much, there are other activities that you can get yourself into and get much money. Looking at Kenya as a whole and the way society takes betting and gambling, to my understanding I feel it's a bit misused. If the Hon. Members of this House pass this motion in terms of agreeing that our youth get into betting and gambling, we are trying to tell them that they have all the time to be in these casinos because Mr. Speaker most of the youth are ones sided.

There are some people who don't think in diverse ways, if you are like in an area where you earn your living, maybe you sell miraa God forbid because it's actually classified as a drug nowadays. However, if that's your area of trade you find that most of our youth don't want to think otherwise, other means of livelihood that they can maintain themselves. My worry is one, I have no problem if it's a legal business in Kenya, I have no problem if all the Hon. Members other than Hon. Waruguru have no problem in allowing us to allow gambling and betting in Laikipia but my problem is one. Are our youths mature enough handle this thing in the right way?

**Speaker**: Is it a point of order Majority Leader?

**Hon. Wachira**: Point of information Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Hon. Catherine do you want that point of information?

**Hon. Catherine**: Yes.

**Speaker**: Okay, please proceed.

**Hon. Wachira**: I want to remind the member who is already speaking that casinos and gambling will never be near our children. These belong to people who have a lot of cash to go and gamble my dear Hon. Member.

**Speaker**: Hon. Majority Leader are you presuming our children have no money.

***( Laughter)***

They could have the money but anyway that is good information Hon. Catherine, please proceed.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you leader of majority, I must concur with him that he is one of the richest guys around so he must be like I need some people in my class to be participating in the casinos.

***( Laughter)***

Therefore, I wish to rest my case and say that the motion is good and we must agree that there is a lot that Laikipia can do and now that we are serving the County Government to make sure that, we get more revenue and a centre for information about Laikipia County. I would beseech the Hon. Members to please mind about the level we are in as Laikipia, let us not be too fast. Let us not take our people where they don't belong. I beg to rest my case.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Wangu.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I think most of the motions have been exhausted by our Hon. Member but there is one area I want to talk about, it's about the sports. In fact there's something bothering my head so much when you were discussing about this motion, it was really about sports and our youth. The Hon. Members can bear witness that when we were doing our campaigns, it was sad for us to use our youth just to popularise us by organising matches and after the campaigns were over I don't think there is any Hon. member who has gone to those youth to say thank you or to organise a match to say thank you to popularise them when they were voted in. So it's high time I urge you as I urge the County Government to fund our youth on sport, I also urge our Hon. Members if there is a way they can came with a way to organise matches in their wards and to consolidate them to be big matches for the youth to realise their talents.

It is very sad for our Hon. Members to stay here and say that they are supporting the motion while they are not doing much for the talented youth and are not even giving back or thinking of how they can realise their talent. So it's high time as we urge the government to also think about ourselves and how we as the Hon. Members can support the youth. There was also the issue of the Eldoret people and the famous athletes coming to our area to practice in athletics and in fact most of them come here to practice in our area and I don't think apart from Wanjiru we have never come up with another athlete who has really benefitted by being born here.

We have all it takes, the climate is good, we have never had a single athlete, and I stand to be corrected if there is. So it is high time as we urge the County Government to support our youth and our sport. we also need to embrace that and take it into practice by maybe encouraging our youth coming up with organized matches in our respective wards and maybe even organising big matches that we can help these youth so is stand to support the motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, I think we can call the mover to reply, where is Hon... He took the liberty to be away. I don't think we will wait and because I am not putting the question, I think Hon. Members you have seen the heated debate that this matter has raised. I these two issues that are affecting our people, I don't want to put the question on this motion but I want to direct the concerned Committee picks up this matter and does the study and considers what has been raised by the Hon. Members and takes the liberty to meet different people and do different things so that we can see how we can progress as a County on this matter. This is because this function is one of that that is said to be devolved as per the law. So I will direct the Committee to pick up the matter and bring a report on or before the 31st of October this year. Thank you. Minority leader, you were left by the bus when you went out, you were meant to reply, Hon. Kinyua because he was stuck somewhere, you need an extra push.... there is no member who has

the ability to lie, Members don't lie, they only speak the truth but that is noted. Next order.

**Clerk**: Mr. Speaker Sir, no other order.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, we adjourn and meet at exactly 2.30 this afternoon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 9.57 a.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Suge]**

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Joseph Suge. Hon. Suge is absent. Didn't he know that…?

**Hon. Maitai:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Mr. Suge is sitting in another Committee that is ongoing but he had delegated that Hon. Wakahiu would move the motion for him.

**Speaker:** Okay. I suppose he must have done that in writing.

**Hon. Maitai:** Yes.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker Sir I beg to move the following motion:

> ***THAT,*** *aware that Schedule Four (4) of the constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National Government to the County Governments, noting that the transition to devolved Government Act contemplates transferring these functions from the National Government to County Governments and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process* ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer;*
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> *Noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions, and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the constitution that is CIC, among others on the process of transferring these functions, noting that implementation of specific national government policies or natural resources and environmental conservation is one of the functions to be devolved;*
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> *Noting further that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year ending 2013/2014. Noting that this function includes soil and water conservation and forests, noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and take all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker Sir, environment and natural resources being one of the functions that will be devolved to the County Government as I have read the motion, I urge Hon. Members to support this motion so that as we know that natural resources, soil and water conservation are one of the critical areas that the County Government is supposed to look upon since

these are some of the aspects that guide and even make our economy to grow. I request Hon. Members that as the County Government prepares itself to receive and execute the functions that we support this motion and come up with measures that will really help our County to grow economically as well as the livelihoods of our people. Mr. Speaker Sir, I request Hon. Member Maitai to second the motion.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I first wish to congratulate the Member who brought in this motion because I want to second it. Mr. Speaker Sir, every human being is very short-lived unlike the days of Noah and Abraham and King David when people used to live for 200 years or 300 years. In today's life most of us hardly go for over 100 years. When you hear of a case of someone who has lived for over 100 years, those are very exceptional cases Mr. Speaker Sir but when we talk of the natural environment it really outlives most of us and for that reason Mr. Speaker Sir, most of us find it difficult to predict and to think of the many years to come that the natural environment and resources and the impact that they have in the years that we will not get a chance to see.

It is for that reason Mr. Speaker Sir, that most of us sometimes knowingly and sometimes unknowingly end up destroying our natural resources, our environment and many other things that God gave to us because he wanted us to take care of them Mr. Speaker Sir. It is as a result of these things that right now the whole world is lamenting with issues to do with climate change, the destruction of ozone layer and many other things that are naturally destroying human beings because many years ago, we human beings were not able to take care of the environment and our natural resources. Mr. Speaker Si, the whole world …

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Wakahiu, are you on a point of order?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Yes, it is a point of order. Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't know whether the Hon. Member for Olmoran ***( Laughter)*** is in order to enter the House without a tie.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member I cannot see. Are you not in a tie?

***( Laughter)***

Hon. Member, I will request that you leave and come in a tie. I can tell what you are doing. Please leave. Don't dress it up here, you are excused until you have a tie. I think he must have forgotten but Hon. Maitai please proceed.

**Hon. Maitai:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I was just highlighting just some of the grossest impacts of destruction of Natural resources and environment. I was just mentioning that the whole World is trying to come up with measures to try and bring back on track the damage and destruction that has been done by we human beings over the years which in itself it's proving difficult and it will take many years for us to bring our environment back on track so that we can co-exist as God has planned it Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is in this spirit that I think we the County Government need to start playing our part and taking the issue seriously; of Natural and environmental conservation and management so that we as a County can contribute to the global welfare for the sustainability of this world.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe if you want to bring change and make things better at any level and you must start with yourself, you must start in your House before you even go to the other person Mr. Speaker, Sir. For this reason even as we take environmental issues at a personal level and see how each and everyone of us can play around with it, Mr. Speaker I think the County Government of Laikipia need to take a very strategic position, need to give environmental issues the weight they deserve so that Mr. Speaker Sir we can bring back

the glory which the environment brings to the lives of human beings.

Other than natural, co-existence and sustainability that God intended Mr. Speaker Sir, natural resources and management of environmental issues are key to development of this country both economically, socially and in any other aspect Mr. Speaker Sir. Natural resources are gold. When we talk of soil we have functions like Agriculture and livestock. All these depend on management of soil and other natural resources. We have the issue of wildlife that can really earn a lot of money for this County and trees that can be used in other ways of generating income. With those many remarks, I wish to support this motion as I request other Members to really support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu, just to make it in record, we need to see the letter that Hon. Suge gave you for you to move this motion after the session. We want a copy for the Clerk for record because as the Standing Order No. 47 (2) *Safe for a special motion, a Member who has a motion standing in his or her name may authorise in writing another Member to move that motion for the Member instead.*

So it's okay for you to move that motion on behalf of Hon. Suge. Hon. Members I need to propose the question:

> ***THAT****, aware that schedule [4] of the constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National Government to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by statutory process;* ***Appreciating*** *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this function;*
>
> *noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already on-going discussion between the various Governments Organs and agencies and more specifically the Transitional Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; noting that implementation of specific National Government policies on Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation is one of the functions to be devolved; noting further that County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*
>
> *noting that this function includes soil and water conservation and forestry; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

**Hon. Jennifer:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion in regard of environmental conservation and how it is important for the devolution of this department within the Ministry of maybe Natural Resources or Forestry. I just want to give some information on the issue related to Environmental Conservation and more so on climate change, the phenomenon that everybody is talking about in the whole world. If you look at what is happening in this month (August) it is a

phenomenon that is not normal or not usual. It's a cold August just like the beginning of July. So there is indication completely showing that the issue of climate change is real. This issue is a very a big topic in the world that everybody is talking about and I think it is going to get good roots when it is devolved because we in the County are the people we get closer to the environment, so I support this motion because we will be able to tackle it there at the grassroots level. When it used to be under National Parliament some of the things went missing and then the whole issue of environmental and climate change were also at the National level. We have a lot of frameworks especially held by the United Nations held through conferences throughout different countries and they called it United Nations for Climate Change Conference.

Then there is another one we call 'CoP' (Conference of Parties). We started with CoP 1 and I think we are now around CoP 18 this year. Those state Members are Members of the UN. They have that big conference where all set parties make a meeting and discuss the issues of climate change and some of us who came from that background know about that, we might have participated in the Climate Change Meeting and at one time we had one in Nairobi, Kenya which is under Conventional Diversity (CBD). So there are a lot of things which the team which will be in charge in this House will work on. It is a big task.

There is a lot of funding coming from parts of the world, big companies that cause emission. Somebody talked about the Ozone layer destruction, off course it is within Geography and Science that it has been polluted and that's the real cause of climate change. The companies that promote the pollution like Oil companies, World Trade Businesses have been identified and accepted to give a lot of money to clean the world, so they came up with strategic planning for various countries. It is headed by somebody called Ngichu who is the head of forestry department. So I think we should have the same thing in the County reflecting what is happening at the National level.

As a County and as a sovereign organ we need to think on how to bring all these things to County level. There are a lot of things like REDD (Reduce, Emission, Degradation, and Desertification) and then there is Carbon Emission. If we have for instance, Mt. Kenya there is a lot of money coming to Kenya through Mt. Kenya, and so this is trading. Am sorry if anyone knows this, those are things which we need to start working on.

What portion for carbon trade has been paid to Kenya out of Mt. Kenya and the forests we have in Laikipia? So it's the high time that we covered all the crop coverage in our County so that we can present and make the team like the one in Nairobi. So I support this motion and I recommend that a team to work on all these things to be established to be able to embrace and make all the data that is existing at the National level to this County level. I support the motion, thank you.

**Speaker:** Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Speaker, I stand here to support this motion because when our own environment is degraded, we have no future for our own future generation and when we are here as Laikipia Government we are here to make future generation enjoy future fruits because they have been laid down in proper way. I say this because if you look at where we have come from, all our forest cover has been destroyed. When this is not protected, in future we shall have no rain, we shall have no wealth and when we want to create wealth for our own County, these natural habitats must be protected and more planted. There was one time when we had this lady called Wangari Maathai. The forest then was so much degraded and destroyed and this lady once said there was no Shamba system anymore. That was Shamba system because it was not there. People used to plant trees and the

people who were given that land to cultivate there uprooted trees.

Few years later there were no trees in those areas and then everybody was evacuated from that forest. Nowadays there is a lot of rainfall in those areas, that is, Aberdare and Nyandarua because more trees were planted. When we come to our own forest here, Mt. Kenya, although it was destroyed, we have good climatic conditions and that's why we have tourists coming to this area just to visit the highest peak in our own country. If the tourists come and find this Mountain bare, I think they will not come here again and that's why we need to protect this area because our own natural resources is our own heritage. This heritage must be passed on to the next generation. If we have a country where no flora and fauna was protected, we would just say that our own parents were not good on environmental matters.

The other thing is soil degradation. When we have our own soil bare, there is no future in our own County. Soil is the basic of everything where we have built our own Houses like here, planting our own food and when it is not protected and goes away with soil erosion, in the future we shall not have a good County. Let us make by-laws that will protect our own environment and protect our own natural resources which attract the future and tourism in this County. I stand here top support this motion.

**Speaker:** Yes Mr. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi:** I stand to support the motion but before I give my contribution I would like to make some correction from the motion for the purposes of record and between 'Schedule and of' I think we should insert [4].

**Speaker:** Order, Member, take us slowly.

**Hon. Mwangi:** On the first line of the Motion, 'THAT, aware that Schedule [4] of...

**Speaker:** Are you making some amendment or what?

**Hon. Mwangi:** I was just making some correction for the purposes of record. The motion doesn't have anything to be amended, it's just the correction.

**Speaker:** Let us hear from the temporary mover.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. When I was moving the motion I made a correction by inserting the word [4] although it is not written.

**Speaker:** You shouldn't, why did you? It's okay you actually concurred with Hon. Mwangi for noting that so that at least it is in record. That is not actually an amendment it's a correction, it's an omission of the word that is not actually substantive. Hon. Mwangi, thank you for that.

**Hon. Mwangi:** I must also admit that am glad to hear that Majority Leader knows Flora and Fauna. Thank Hon. Majority.

***( Laughter)***

The serious matter is that nature is very unforgiving and we must conserve it whether we like or not because if we don't preserve it, eventually it will discipline us and if not us our generation. Back in 1990s the vegetation that used to cover our land was very clean everywhere but currently after Elnino I don't know what happened. I thought it was supposed to trigger the growth of vegetation but due to destruction of our environment everything was swept away. It might be due to fire or any other thing but currently in Mt. Kenya we do not have the canopy that used to be there and if this canopy cannot be put in place by afforestation then I do not know, I seek a correction from the Leader of Majority I know he understands these things; afforestation.

We need to afforest the areas around us especially the water catchment areas so that we preserve the

green pastures and by creating that canopy we can pull it downwards and spread it everywhere but we cannot start with the desert areas to water catchment areas, we must start somewhere. I will urge the House and the County Government come up with a proper programme to plant trees in the County and we start with Mt. Kenya and the river banks. Thank you Mr. Speaker I support the motion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion. After seeing the word forestry, this means planting trees. When we come up with a motion we normally come up with a problem and a solution. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, as we said on the Governor's Speech we talked about tree planting and when the budget was being passed, we also allocated money for tree planting. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, as I support this motion I would ask the Committee and the Minister concerned to come up with meetings because in our Wards we have already arranged projects with our youths because we need to empower them and they don't know what type of trees they should plant. Therefore, it's good to educate them on the type of trees they should plant, the ones favourable to the climate we have In Laikipia County. Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Jane.

**Hon. Jane:** Bw. Spika naunga huu mjadala mkono kulingana na mazingira kama ulivyoletwa na Hon. Suge. Mimi vile naona eneo nililotoka limeharibika mpaka unakosa namna ya vile utafanya. Mchanga imechimbwa mpaka tunakosa mahali pa kuchimbia maji na ni kwa sababu ya kuchimba ule mchanga unaozuia maji. Kwa upande wa miti imekatwa mpaka unaona huruma. Naunga mkono na kusema kama kuna vile tunaweza kufanya tuzuie ili tuwe na msitu na ardhi ambayo inatufaa kwa sababu kulingana na vile tunakaa huko kwetu tunaona hakuna mvua kwa sababu tumekata hiyo miti na ndio inaleta mvua. Kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono mjadala huu na kusema unastahili.

**Speaker:** It seems that from the chemistry of the House that Hon. Wakahiu you have an opportunity to reply.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my Hon. Colleagues who have contributed to this motion. This is the high time that we as the County Government we are supposed to come up with measures or registration on how we would protect our environment and protect our resources that we have been given by God. I want to congratulate every one of you as we join hands to conserve our water, rainy water, we conserve the water catchment areas and for the issues of forestry we come up with measures, we will afforest and discourage tree cutting in areas where charcoal is being burned.

I want to congratulate the Member who has spoken about global warming and the ozone layer. If we destroy our own environment we are destroying our lives and somebody quoted Wangari Maathai that nature is very unforgiving and if we destroy we have no room to live in. Otherwise, I thank Hon. Members for supporting this motion.

**Speaker:** Thank you Members, I will again not put a question on this motion but I would like specifically because of the issues that have been raised by the Members on the areas of Natural Resource Management as well as forestry to specifically direct that this matter goes to the Committee that is dealing with Natural Resources and Forestry, look at what the Members have raised at length and then bring a report for consideration in this House on or before 31st of October this year. Hon. Members we have discussed several motions on different matters. We have discussed on the region of ten different motions in the last one month or so and we have given those motions to Committees. I would encourage the Committees to

start working if they haven't started on specific issues and considering what the Members have said on the issues of that motion.

That should be taken seriously. The Hon. Members if you have forgotten what Members said you can get a copy of the Hansard so that as you go out there and as you call different people, different stakeholders as you do different visits, as you seek other Committees to engage and discuss on those matters you bring a comprehensive report so that we can get policy directions from the deliberations of those Committee. So I would encourage Committees to take that matter seriously and pick up from the deadline. I think the office of the Clerk is making a communication to all those Chairs of those Committees formally, to remind you the assignments and bring up the reports to be deliberated by the House. Thank you. I would like to adjourn the House until 2.30 p.m. tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 3. 02 p.m.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### PRAYERS

**Speaker**: Hon. Members, I think it is important to register the point that the Assembly this afternoon started slightly late. You all know this is not our tradition, we have been known to keep time but I think one of the Committees sought indulgence for them to complete a task that is part of the business this afternoon. So your indulgence is sought and it's a tradition we want to keep, that is, time keeping.

### PAPERS

**[Leader of Majority]**

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to lay on the table the following report:

> ***THAT**, this House approves the report on the reworked Sectoral and Select Committees of the Assembly tabled in the House on 8th August, 2013.*

**Speaker**: Okay, so you want to lay that report?

**Hon. Wachira**: Yes.

**Speaker**: Please do.

***(Paper laid)***

Okay, is there any other paper to be laid? Yes, Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would also wish to table the report of Finance and County Planning Committee on the conduct of Interim Principal Finance Officer tabled in the House on the 8th August, 2013. Thank you.

***(Paper laid)***

### NOTICES OF MOTIONS

**[Leader of Majority]**

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion...

**Speaker**: It's a notice...

**Hon. Wachira:** It's a notice of motion:

> ***THAT,** this House approves the report on the reworked Sectoral and Select Committees of the Assembly tabled in the House on the 8th August, 2013.*

**Speaker**: Okay, yes Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: I would also like to give a notice of motion:

**THAT,** this House approves the report of Finance and County Planning Committee on the conduct of the Interim Principal Finance Officer tabled in the House on 8th August, 2013. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, Majority Leader you must have another notice on the recess.

**Hon. Wachira**: There is another notice Hon. Speaker Sir:

> ***THAT:*** *pursuant of Standing Order No.24 (3) this House approves the recommendation of the House Business Committee for the Assembly to proceed on a recess from 12th August to 2nd September, 2013.*

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you very much.

**MOTION [1]**

**Clerk:** We have a motion by the Chairman of the Finance and County Planning Committee.

**Speaker**: I suggest that motion comes last because we are still making copies of that. So let us start with the second.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committees had approved the report I have already laid on the table and we approved names to various Committees and on this we appointed the nominated Members who came recently to various Committees. As the report has been laid on the table, I want the Deputy Speaker to second this motion.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion. Members you all know that the nominated Members came in last week and because of the gender balance, we actually sat and agreed with the Select Committee and what is laid in the table is what we actually agreed. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you. Hon. Members, I would like to propose the question that:

**THAT,** this House approves the report on the reworked Sectoral and Select Committees of the Assembly tabled in the House on 8th August, 2013. It looks like... yes, Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to support the motion by the... this being that when they are trying to fill these Committees they were following the gender rule which is more than 30% and I agree with every Sectoral and Select Committee. Therefore, I support the motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Asante Bw. Spika, yangu ni kuomba waheshimiwa waunge mkono huu mjadala kwa ajili ni kazi ambayo mlikiwa mmepatia ile kamati ambayo ilikuwa imefanya ile kazi kwa hivyo nawaomba tuunge huu mjadala mkono. Asante.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Kimondo you are the one who normally reads the chemistry of the House very perfectly. Does the chemistry tell that the Members are happy?

***(Off record)***

**Speaker**: Okay, leader for majority, you have an opportunity to reply.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Members, I know when you are keeping quiet you are satisfied with the nomination. The Sectoral and Business Committee cannot just go on with the other Members just getting absorbed to it. You know we were waiting for these nominated Members of the County Assembly to arrive and the positions we had left behind were for them to join us so that we may carry the business of the day, enjoy our debates and work for the Laikipia people. Please I

hope you will support the motion. Thank you very much.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Jennifer.

***(Off record)***

**Speaker**: Yes, is it a point of order.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Is the Member in order after the mover of the motion has replied to continue contributing?

**Speaker**: I was wondering why the Members who have been here long enough are not noting that. Hon. Jennifer, that is also a point to learn and I think when I had opened up after the question had been proposed the procedure ordinarily is that, the mover moves the motion and then someone else seconds and after that the Speaker or the Chair proposes the question and then we open it up to the Members and then they discuss. After that, the mover is asked to reply and that closes the discussion and the next step is to put the question. So now you know, thank you very much. I think it is important for us even before we put the question to emphasize the importance of Committees in this Assembly. The business of this Assembly runs through these Committees and I would encourage those who have been...Hon. Kabaci you have been exiled, you may sit.

Okay so it's just to re-emphasize, if you look at our Standing Orders part eleven, it's all about Committees and I would like to encourage Committees to continue engaging because this business is going to be run through Committees and because those Hon. Members who joined us recently are now into Committees, please get into business and continue doing and executing your mandate accordingly and we wish you all the best. Members, I would like to put the question that:

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report on the reworked Sectoral and Select Committees of the Assembly tabled in the House on 8th August, 2013.*

**(Motion agreed)**

**MOTION [2]**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, although this motion would have come last, I don't know if Members would wake up and go. Please wait, you are not going. Yes, procedurally...

**( *Laughter)***

**Speaker**: Procedurally... Order Member, order! There's a report on the first motion, Majority Leader you can't plead with the House to sit or to hang on. So, is the report ready so that we can then deal with the first motion on the Finance and County Planning Committee, Clerk?

***(Off record*)**

**Speaker**: Hon. Kabaci, you seem like you want to say something.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Yes Sir, thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to say that we had been waiting for more copies to come for the Hon. Members to see as we move the motion.

**Speaker**: Okay, that's fine. So I want to rule that we can continue with the leader of majority. In any event, you are asking us to go on recess from 12th of August. Today is not 12th, we will remain here but after 12th of August we will not come if we approve.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I knew if I moved this motion everybody would have woken up and moved.

**Speaker**: Not at all.

**Hon. Wachira**: This motion reads:

> ***THAT,*** *pursuant of Standing Order No.24 (3) this House approves the recommendation of the House Business Committee for the Assembly to proceed on a recess from 12th August to 2nd September, 2013.*

Members, this will be our first recess since we came into this House and this recess does not mean we cease to operate. We only cease to operate at the Assembly but we shall go to our Committees and work there and bring the reports here when the recess is over. Take time to visit your wards, work with them and other people. Work with your own Sectoral Committees and Business Committees so that when we shall be back, you come with so many ideas. Thank you Members, I hope you will contribute and I ask the Hon. Deputy Speaker to support the motion.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you Members, I would like to propose the question:

> ***THAT,*** *pursuant of Standing Order No.24 (3) this House approves the recommendation of the House Business Committee for the Assembly to proceed on a recess from 12th August to 2nd September, 2013.*

Yes, Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion. Hon. Members, you actually know that we have been here long enough and we haven't gone to visit our various wards. I am asking every Member to go and consult. You know our mandate according to the constitution is that whatever we pass here we must go and tell our people. We have been here long enough, we have not been to our people and I ask you now Members so that we can fulfil the mandate we have been given by the constitution we go home and tell our people this is what we have done. What we are going to do is that the Committees will be meeting but let's go and tell our people what we have done for the last four months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Jacob and then Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bw. Spika, ya kwanza ni kuunga huu mswada. Bwana Spika, ni vizuri sana kwa sababu tunataka kwenda kuona wananchi huko mashinani. Hii ni kwa sababu mnajua wananchi wamezoea 'County Rep' wanakaa na wao huko. Lakini saa hii wanapiga kelele na zile simu tunapata ni nyingi sana "mmepotelea Nanyuki, kwani tuliwaajiri muende Nanyuki". Kwa hivyo ninaunga huu mswada ndio hata wao wajue wako na viongozi na wanafanya kazi gani hapa. Kwa hivyo mimi ninaunga huu mswada, asante.

**Speaker**: Asante, Mhsw. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker, I stand here not to support the motion that we proceed on recess unless Mr. Speaker, it is made clear to us Hon. Members or to me personally whether we have anything in our accounts. Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't see how we will proceed on recess without pay. Mr. Speaker these people we are going to see in the areas we represent are people we share with whatever we get here. So if I happen to be there for three weeks without salary, Mr. Speaker we better remain in Nanyuki until we get money. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, let's start from that end with Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Asante sana bwana Spika, langu hata mimi ni kukataa huu mjadala kwa sababu tukiambiwa twende nyumbani tukapumzike na ni muda Mr.efu hatujatembelea watu wetu na uhakika hatuna kitu kwa mfuko. Hata wengine wamejaza madeni, tunakunyua mafuta ya magari kwa madeni na tunaambiwa twende tupumzike, tutakuwa na shida nyingi sana. Wakati wananchi watasikia niko nyumbani napumzika, wakati mwingine unasikia

mwingine anasema anataka chai, wakati mwingine wanapata nafasi ya kuleta kadi za harambee, wakati mwingine unaenda kuwatembelea na kusema kweli huwezi kutembelea mtu mkono mtupu. Kwa hivyo mimi ningeomba ya kwamba kwanza tuhakikishiwe ya kwamba akaunti zetu ama 'wallet' zetu zitaingia 'kakitu'. Asante.

**Speaker**: Yes, let's have Hon. Wakahiu and then Hon. Paul, Majority Leader you can hear there are issues to respond to so you better have answers.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to oppose the adjournment of this House. The reason being that when we were elected, we were promised offices and I personally have an office. I believe that when I go out to meet my people, most of the time I will be in the office. I only have a stool and a table as furniture; I cannot even share my secretary's seat with her. If we are to go for this recess, I request Mr. Speaker that we be assured that our offices are furnished and they have everything that we need so that we can serve our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Majority Leader, just listen first before we come to you. It is good to hear what the Hon. Members have to say. Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Asante sana Bw. Spika, mimi ninasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu kwa sababu kama vile tunapojua, tumekuwa hapa kwa muda Mr.efu na ukweli kabisa bado tuko na kazi nyingi ya kufanyia wananchi. Hata yale tunakuja kujadili hapa, tunafaa tuwe tumeangalia kwa kijiji na tujue zinakaa namna gani lakini tutakaa hapa kwa muda Mr.efu na dakika ya mwisho itakuwa hata yale tunajadili sio yale yanayofanyika pale mashinani. Vile vile kuna wengine wamechaguliwa na labda tangu wachaguliwe hawajarudi hata kusema asante kwa wananchi. Kwa hivyo ni muhimu sana tukirudi kwa wananchi na vile vile tuwaelezee ni nini tumekuwa tukifanya. Kwa huo muda wote kwa sababu tukikaa hapa hata saa hii hawajui tunapitisha nini hapa na tusiporudi pale kuwaambia tumepitisha bajeti, hawataelewa na wakituchukua vibaya haitakuwa vizuri kwa hivyo mimi nina amka nikiunga mkono lakini ningependa 'Majority Leader' awaelezee waheshimiwa wanachouliza. Hii ni kwa sababu ni muhimu kwa sababu kurudi bila kitu cha kugawa na hawa wananchi itakuwa ni shida, lakini ninaunga mkono mswada huu kwa sababu ni muhimu tupumzike na tuwasalimie. Hata wengine karibu waache kina mama nyumbani, hata siku hizi watoto hawatambui wengine tukikaa hapa, ni muhimu turudi hata watoto watujue na wasitusahau.

**Speaker**: Okay, yes Majority Leader, just take notes but let's hear Member for Olmoran, Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as much as I would like to support the motion Mr. Speaker, I fear because for the last four to five months I have worked along the corridors of the shops in Olmoran Ward. Mr. Speaker, I don't think it would be very wise if I continue working along the corridors of Olmoran Ward especially Sipili Town for twenty days. Mr. Speaker, if I had an office, I would be happy to work in that office for these twenty days. I therefore see no urgent necessity to go on recess Mr. Speaker while we do not have offices. Mr. Speaker. I think I oppose this motion. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Majority Leader you have been asked to give an undertaking. Please.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, mine is to assure Members that as far as the County is concerned, you know what the County is going through. It not only this County but all counties, money has been released from Nairobi but it has not reached this stage and when we are asking for our recess, we are asking for it so that we may go and familiarize ourselves with our own County. I don't know where Hon. Shuel comes from, I want to visit that ward, I don't know where Hon. Kabaci comes from and I would like to visit that ward. Let us use this time to visit each

and every ward when we are in a group so that when we are speaking about Laikipia here, you will know what we are talking about. By so doing, Members agree to go on recess.

On this subject of remuneration, I hope everybody has got his own pay slip in his pocket, if you have not visited your banks you have to go right away but because we are here I know that money is in your bank. You don't have to have a payslip which has nothing; it means you have money in your bank. Before you get your payslip, the money should have been there.

The other thing Mr. Speaker, when we got to our wards as one Member has said here and especially myself, I get very little time to be in my own ward because of the volume of work that we are having here. Members, we have a lot of work to do here and three weeks is not a very long time to be with your own Members, just meet them and do whatever you can do with them. Hon. Maruga, please give me time...

**Speaker**: Yes...order, order Member! Are you on a point of order?

**Hon. Maruga**: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, order Majority Leader.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is the Hon. Leader for majority in order to mislead the House by bringing stories here? You have been asked through the Speaker to clear the air whether the Members will have whatever they want or they will not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. The allowances that Members get here after plenaries will be given after this plenary sitting plus other previous sittings, so Hon. Maruga don't worry.

**Speaker**: It is not Hon. Maruga, it is this House.

**Hon.Wachira**: The other thing Hon. Speaker is that one Member is asking about this money to renovate our own offices in the wards. Hon. Speaker, I would say that when this House goes on recess and money comes, let the money follow these Members in their own wards so that when they come back they will have settled in their own offices and leave everything in order. We employed the ward secretaries, personal assistants, and watchmen; I don't know whether you have put their salaries in their own accounts because you brought these names? I don't know why Members are getting worried if they went there and employed people; they are going to get frustrated. Members, the Clerk will take care of that and he is here to hear that. When we are there we don't want these complaints, so Members accept to go on recess.

**( *Laughter)***

**Speaker**: The floor is still open. Hon. Mwangi, had you spoken earlier on this motion?

**Hon. Mwangi**: No.

**Speaker**: Okay because you can't speak twice.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as much as we would like to go even without that money, remember from July we hired offices, we employed some secretaries and Personal Assistants. We on our side might be able to wait, what about those people? Is the House Business Committee doing its work properly, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

**Speaker**: I don't want to put the question if anyone wants to speak. Hon. Mukuria, it's like you want to say something.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It was my concern as the Majority Leader was saying, we would like to go for recess but make sure that we

are facilitated as we go on this recess because we need to go to our wards. I support this motion but make sure as we have been promised by this House, we are going to be facilitated after this session. Make sure that we also get our salaries by the end of next week, before we go Mr. Speaker. The Leader of Majority assures the House that we are facilitated so that we are able to visit our wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay Members, I would like to ask and would probably not presume that what the Leader of Majority said was a reply. Maybe for the benefit of doubt, let me give you a chance to reply.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Although some other people have spoken of the contrary, they are not refusing to go on recess and everything has been put in order for them. For those who have contributed constructively and positively, thank you very much and for those who are opposing, please join us to go home.

**Speaker**: Okay Hon. Members, I would like to put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *pursuant of Standing Order No.24 (3) this House approves the recommendation of the House Business Committee for the Assembly to proceed on a recess from 12th August to 2nd September, 2013.*

**(Motion agreed)**

**Speaker**: Hon. Members, I think it is important for the Majority Leader even when that question was put, to take seriously what the Members have said and the office of the Clerk too. If there is need for consultations before they go on recess today, it is important for you to facilitate some consultation so that the Hon. Members are not on recess but are on stress. The first motion, I think we can go back to that.

**MOTION [3]**

**[Hon. Kabaci]**

**[Chairman of Finance and Planning Committee]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would wish to move the following motion:

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report of Finance and County Planning Committee on the conduct of the Interim Principal Finance Officer tabled in the House on 8th August, 2013.*

Mr. Speaker, I am glad this afternoon to bring this report of the Finance and Planning Committee as they had been mandated by this House to go and investigate the said officer who is the Chief Finance Officer in our County. Mr. Speaker, after the County went almost to a standstill, the Hon. Members inquired to know what was happening and that is the reason why they thought of bringing the motion in the House then Mr. Speaker, we were given that task as the Finance and Planning Committee. We have done our best to investigate the officer, we went ahead to summon him. He came before our Committee and we questioned him and other staffs from the County Treasury like the Finance and Planning Executive Officer.

We also went ahead and summoned the Controller of Budget in our County, that is, Mr. Njihia, and we have a report which we have made. In our investigations Mr. Speaker, we realised that the man, Kimanga, failed to report to his working place severally Mr. Speaker and that was a convention from the Controller of Budget who has visited his offices various times and he failed to meet him. We also learnt that he doesn't have a good relationship with his seniors who are the Secretary to the County, the Governor and also the Finance Executive Officer.

After interrogating those other officers Mr. Speaker, we came to realise that he was called even through the pHon.e and failed to respond putting in mind that he was supposed to notify his seniors that he could be outside. Mr. Speaker, we also have noted that when he is in his working place, he regularly visits Rumuruti and there are some shoddy jobs done by him and other officers who are in Rumuruti which was his former working place. We called Njoki who is the Assistant Revenue Collector in Rumuruti and we realised that there are very many people employed there without the knowledge of the County putting in mind that we are still waiting for the Public Service Board to be constituted to continue with that activity Mr. Speaker. So as a Committee we came to realise that he should not be in that office for this County to move forward. Mr. Speaker, the whole report is here and the Members have and I beg not to read all of it but to read the resolution with your permission Mr. Speaker:

1. The Committee resolved that his past and current operation within the County be immediately investigated by a relevant authority.

2. The public accounts and any other relevant organs to take up the matter for further investigations.

3. He was involved in the irregular employment of workers in Rumuruti Township.

4. He was also involved in irregular allocation of public land in Rumuruti Township.

5. The Public Accounts Committee also resolves that this officer be immediately relieved his duties as the Principal Finance Officer.

6. This Assembly shall not admit any matter from this officer henceforth.

7. It was resolved that his Excellency the Governor makes sure that the officer hands over all the assets and liabilities to the finance docket

8. It was also resolved that Mr. Kimanga be deployed to the devolved ministry through the Transitional Authority.

9. It was also resolved that Josephine Njoki be deployed to another station within the County and she should be served with a warning letter of gross misconduct.

10. That Mr. Mureithi the sub-County administrator of Rumuruti be transferred to another station within the County.

11. The Committee was also informed that there was a secret account operated by the Chief Finance Officer of the Assembly which needs to investigate.

12. The Committee would like to meet the County Secretary so as to align the County system as there seems to be communication breakdown and lack of coordination in the County system.

13. That the Committee recommended that capacity building needs to be done on all the staff within the finance docket and an audit process be done to check if they are understaffed.

14. The Committee needs to check the agreement between the former council and auctioneer agencies which collects revenue on behalf of the council.

Mr. Speaker, those are the resolutions and I would like to tell the Members as they deliberate this motion that the person named has also failed to submit very important documents which led to delay of the salaries in our County Mr. Speaker. We got the report from the auditor general,

controller of budget, Mr. Speaker that there were some requirements which were expected by him to release the salaries of this County Mr. Speaker like the expenditure returns, monthly revenue returns, bank statements of monthly business among others Mr. Speaker and so I kindly request the Hon. Members as they debate the motion I would like them to Hon.our the resolution of this Committee as they contribute. I suggest Mr. Suge who is the Hon. Member for Rumuruti to second the motion Mr. Speaker. Thank you Sir.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge**: Asante sana Bw. Spika, ninasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imepeanwa katika bunge hili kupitia mwenyekiti anaye ongoza kamati inayohusika na fedha. Hapo jana Bw. Spika tuliweza kukutana kulingana na maagizo ya bunge hili kwamba kamati inayohusika na fedha iweze kumchunguza huyu afisa ambaye anasimamia idara ya pesa katika kaunti hili. Kwa ukweli kabisa tuliweza kufanya mkutano ambao ulifaulu na tuliweza kumchunguza yeye kwa undani zaidi na ripoti ambayo tuliweza kupata imeweza kufikia bunge hili siku ya leo.

Hata leo vile vile asubuhi tuliweza kufuatia kwa kikamilifu kwa sababu tuliweza kumwita ofisa mwingine ambaye anaangalia matumizi ya pesa katika kaunti ya Laikipia na vile vile aliweza kutupa ripoti ya kamili. Kulingana na ripoti ile bwana Spika ni kwamba afisa huyu Kimanga amekuwa nje mara nyingi ndiposa tumekuwa na shida nyingi, kwa ajili ya kutojali. Nilipata habari ya kwamba kumekuwa na mikutano ambayo ingefanywa na wale wanahusika na matumizi ya pesa lakini hiyo mikutano haikuweza kukamilika na haikuweza kufanyika kwa sababu ya huyu afisa ambaye anaitwa Bw. Kimanga.

Vile vile Bw. Spika ni kwamba tulipomhoji jana kulingana na habari yake ambaye alitupatia ni kwamba kuna zile pesa ambazo alipewa lakini asubuhi ya leo tulipoziitisha zile stakabadhi ambazo zilipigwa sahihi kule Nairobi, tuliona ya kwamba hiyo ripoti ilikuwa tofauti. Bw. Spika tuliona kuwa huyu afisa haielewi kazi yake ambayo anafaa kufanya katika idara ya pesa.

Jambo lingine Bw. Spika ni kwamba kuna mambo mengi ambayo yamekuwa yakifanyika na inaonekana ya kwamba huyu afisa amekosa heshima hata katika ofisi ya Gavana wetu wa Laikipia kaunti. Ndiposa kumekuwa na shida nyingi. Kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono ya kwamba kama yeye amechoka na kufanya kazi katika kaunti ya Laikipia aweze kutumwa katika wizara ya ugatuzi na aweze kupewa kazi mahali pengine ambamo atafanya na ataweza kufurahia. Kwa sababu kila wakati tumesikia mambo mengi yamefanyika pia hapa katika 'County Headquarters' hata kule mashinani. Kuna mambo mengi ambayo huyu afisa amekuwa akifanya na sio mambo ambayo yanafurahisha, ni mambo ambayo imerudisha sifa ya kaunti yetu nyuma na imedunisha heshima ya kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Kwa hivyo mimi ninaunga mkono aweze kutumwa nje ya Laikipia aweze kufanya kazi kwingine.

Na kulingana na maoni ya kamati, imeona ya kwamba kwa sasa ile nafasi amekuwa akishughulikia iweze kupewa mtu mwingine kabla hatua nyingine iweze kuchukuliwa. Kwa hivyo Bw. Spika ninaunga mkono ripoti kutoka kwa mwenyekiti. Asante sana.

**Speaker**: Okay, Members, I would like to put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report of Finance and County Planning Committee on the conduct of the Interim Principal Finance Officer tabled in the House on 8th August, 2013.*

Yes Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to contribute in support of this motion concerning Kimanga. I happened to be in that Committee and through our investigation, we found that Mr.

Kimanga was not relating well with the finance docket. It seems there is communication breakdown between Mr. Kimanga, the Minister, the Governor and the whole treasury. Therefore due to that problem, we realise that our County of Laikipia can be sabotaged or can have a big finance problem. Due to that challenge therefore Mr. Speaker, I urge the Members to understand that this CFO member needs to be somebody who is very much committed because he signs almost very document but if this member is not available in his office, then the whole County of Laikipia will be held hostage.

Therefore, Mr. Kimanga should be released off his duties due to that problem of not having a good relationship with that docket. We also realised that most of the time he is out of office without authority form the Governor, the Minister or the County Secretary. We also realised that in his docket, he was daring to do things without consultation. Therefore Mr. Speaker, through this docket we need a lot of consultation from other Members of the treasury. So we realised Mr. Speaker that we need someone who is very committed to consult with each member from this County. That's why we are asking Hon. Members to support this motion because we have a problem.

Mr. Speaker we also realised that he also lied to the Committee and this docket being a docket that needs transparency and accountability. He lied to us yesterday that he was having a cheque of Kshs. 105 Million but this morning we realised from the County Budget Officer, Mr. Njihia, that the only money approved for this County was Kshs. 83 million. We realised he is not someone we can rely on to give correct information. Mr. Speaker, we need someone who is very serious in this County, we also realised from the Controller of Budget that he is somebody who does not pick his pHon.e and that there is communication breakdown between the Minister, Controller of budget, the Governor and the rest of the people from treasury.

We also realized he does not know what he is supposed to do. He also knows how much money is in the account and therefore he produced a document of Kshs 85million whereas he knew that he cannot withdraw all that money from the account and therefore that made the delay of the salary. Mr. Speaker, we need somebody serious in this docket. I rise to support this motion knowing that we need a person who will be available in this County. We also realized that we had some challenges with his ways of communication to other Members. He is arrogant in the way of answering questions to his seniors and his juniors. Mr. Speaker, we need to discipline this person in this docket because if we do not do so we are going to have a lot of problems in future because we will not have salaries in this County due to incompetence.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, for the last one month we have not received the salaries because the Controller of Budget did not receive the required document at the required time. Again Mr. Speaker, we also need take consideration that he lied to his ministry concerning availability. He said that he had Members in his office and through investigation no member was there, that is last week on Monday. Mr. Speaker we need to take people who are serious in their jobs to make sure that this is also a warning to other Members who work in this County to take their work seriously. Therefore Mr. Speaker we need people who know what they are required to do at the required time and in the required place. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I support this motion knowing very sure that I have done this according to our docket. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like a bit of clarification on the side of resolutions. Resolution No. 5: that the Public Accounts Committee also resolves that this officer be immediately relieved his duties as Principal Finance Officer. Is it the Public Accounts Committee which was doing it or which

Committee was doing it? Also No. 8, it was resolved that, Mr. Kimanga be deployed to the devolved minority through the transitional Authority. It is not clear.

**Speaker:** Yes, the chair.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is just a typing error, it should be the Finance Committee which has resolved that and also No.9, it is also a typing error it should be the devolved ministry. Thank you.

**Speaker:** That then means it should be effected. It is not a substantive amendment but it is a technical error that needs to be effected.

Am deliberately leaving it open for anyone who want to contribute before I put the question. Yes, Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to abstain from voting and request the chair to direct for more investigation. Kimanga should step aside and pave way for more investigations because as we understand that if we go to resolution no.3, he was involved in irregular employment of workers in Rumuruti. I can remember Mr. Speaker; you told the House that there is a Committee dealing with that. So the Committee went on taking the duties of another Committee and again the Committee concentrated on Kimanga but as we understand we may not punish Kimanga by saying that he leaves the County. This is just Kimanga, but who else is working in that docket? It needs thorough investigation and I will request the chair that more investigations may be done not only to Kimanga but the whole department. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, just a matter of direction before we get to the Member for Olmoran, it is not for me to direct, I think you need to look at the resolutions and see whether there are some parts of the report that need amendments and propose to accommodate what you are saying and I will subject that amendment to the discussion of the House. So just take some few minutes to see what in specific terms you would like to be amended to accommodate what you are saying. Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this motion because the motion only requested us to discuss about only one person and that is the person who has been discussed in this motion and we all agreed Mr. Speaker that Mr. Kimanga had become a liability in Laikipia County due to his negligence, malice and mischief. I think it is the high time Mr. Speaker, I urge the Hon. Members to support this motion because if at all irregular employment of workers in Rumuruti Township is clear, they were posted in our Wards, in fact we complained in this House, I rose on a statement and we resolved that we chase those newly employed workers from our wards to go back to Rumuruti. We did state Mr. Speaker, in Rumuruti there is irregular allocation of public land and numerous cases Mr. Speaker and he is not alone. They worked in a cohort Mr. Speaker and because the motion requested us to discuss only one person, Mr. Kimanga, I think that we deal with him today and not tomorrow because today is tomorrow of yesterday and it is yesterday that we said of tomorrow, we shall deal with this motion.

In this report, I can read that it is clear that he has a secret account being operated by Chief Finance Officer of the Assembly which need to be investigated Mr. Speaker. This is serious, if he has a secret account Mr. Speaker, it means misappropriation and pocketing money belonging to the County, Mr. Speaker, and therefore I ask Hon. Members to have no mercy to any person who is being an obstacle to Laikipians. I think we were elected to remain with truth and truth shall remain truth and Mr. Speaker I think we have a lot of work to do in this House not only discussing one person Mr. Speaker and I beg that we do not waste another day discussing this Mr. Richard Kimanga. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Kimondo:** Point of clarification. Through the chair, the Hon. Member for Olmoran said that this particular officer is operating a separate account and the resolution does not say that. So you got to be clear what terms you are using. This is a serious matter, a critical discussion on what we saying.

**Speaker:** Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just have some questions to ask the chair of the Committee. I know Mr. Kimanga must be having somebody who is reporting to him and since three months ago, nobody has complained about Kimanga and according to me it is not now that Kimanga is doing so many things and we did not receive any complain just because of the salary and other things. Who will assure this House that whenever we give another person that chance, that person will not again mess the way Kimanga has done. So I want to know, who did Kimanga report to and what is the role of that person and what is he / she doing when Kimanga is not in the office? When he is doing other things, why didn't that person report? Did you ask that person about the weakness he is doing? Again, is there a sub-County administrator? In your report you said that that person must be transferred to another area, why? Will that person fit in that area you want him to be transferred to? If he is doing unnecessary things there, why should we transfer him to another area? Is it on discipline?

**Speaker:** There is a point of order.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I said that in the motion we had only one person to discuss. Is it in order for the Member to request that we discuss more people than the motion had intended and more over the motion indicated very well that Mr. Kimanga was unreachable? How therefore Mr. Speaker, through the Chair do they expect that Kimanga be reachable yet he is unreachable? Thank you.

**Speaker:** I think the Member is asking for clarification on an issue that is on the paper.

**Hon. Leshuel:** Mr. Speaker, if you read the findings on the resolutions No. 10, Mr. Mureithi the sub-County administrator to be transferred to another station within the County.

**Speaker:** Order Member! I think it is clear that you were just seeking a clarification and you will get it. Hon. Mukuria, are you responding to the same the Chair wants to respond to. Yes, Hon. Kimondo, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Kimondo:** It is a point of clarification. Point No. 10, that Mr. Mureithi, a sub-County administrator. We do not have a sub-County in Rumuruti; we only have three sub-counties in the Laikipia County. We have sub- County administrator in Laikipia East, Laikipia West and Laikipia North. I need a bit of clarification.

**Speaker:** Just respond and then give it to the chair to substantively respond to the issues. After the chair has responded, the Committee Members of the Committee have liberty to add to what the chair says.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to clarify what the Hon. Members are seeking to know, they wanted to know about the employment of workers in Rumuruti. Mr. Speaker, it was said that we interfered with the work which was assigned to an Ad hoc Committee but there came some issues where we noted misappropriation of funds whereby the money was withdrawn from the account of our County and given to the people of Rumuruti who had been employed irregularly as they were deployed in various stations Mr. Speaker. So it is not that we interfered with the work of that Committee.

I would also like to clarify that it is not Rumuruti sub-County administrator, he was a former administrator of Rumuruti Township and now he is on leave, we never reached him. Otherwise we

wanted to know more about Rumuruti but we failed to meet him. From that very source we came to realize that he is very corrupt; paying those officers in Rumuruti together with Madam Njoki who is working as an Assistant Revenue Collector Mr. Speaker. I would also like to respond to No.18, he said that he had not received a certificate of voucher of the County as required by the law.

Mr. Speaker, we came to realize that there were requirements which were supposed to be submitted to the Controller of Budget and this being one of the requirements; he failed to submit it to the relevant person. All the accounts of the local authority after June, that is, the end of the year which ended, 2012/2013, were supposed to be closed and the certificate of that closure submitted to the Controller of Budget which to date in August the Chief Finance Officer has not yet submitted. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to say that we interrogated these people and we hope that you will go through the report and see it.

**Speaker:** The Members are free to say or add something.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to tell this House that we realized Mr. Kimanga was a regular visitor of Rimuruti that is why we need to remove him. We did not lock him because we found mistakes we thought that maybe he might have interfered with people's minds in Rumuruti. I remember asking Madam Njoki a question yesterday if she was aware of Kshs. 10,000 paid by each member. She said she was not aware; she was just delegated from the CFO's docket. Then I asked Mr. Kimanga why he paid some people from this sub- account. He said he paid Kshs. 700, 000 without proper investigations. Can you imagine Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members and the Chair, somebody just paying Kshs.700, 000 without knowing who is being paid? It means that we have been losing money from our accounts without proper clarification.

Therefore, Members we have done this in a transparency and Hon.est manner knowing that some of these Members we have mentioned in our resolution, we found out that if we leave these people in that docket, when Ad hoc Committee goes there, there might be some alterations done. That's why we said they needed to be deployed there so that they do not interfere with the statements or records of Rumuruti. We are not deploying these people because they have mistakes but there is that fear to this investigation because they might interfere with those statements and records of Rumuruti.

When it comes to the record of land, he also confessed they have shares, that is, four people per share. Therefore this is an urgent matter, it is not something to joke around with but can interfere with this County and records can be sabotaged. When somebody is being investigated and you let that person continue in that docket, before the Ad hoc Committee goes there many things will have changed or altered. Therefore Hon. Members, take this thing very serious knowing that we are doing this for the sake of this County and without proper coordination from the County Secretary… that's why we are saying we need a report from the Chief Finance Officer. We are calling him so that he can put up things in record so that there is a lot of conviction on who is supposed to do what and at what time. Therefore, Hon. Members, the Chair, we need to understand that these are resolutions to help us and we do not want to go to the problem that we had. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is to support this motion and as I do this, I say that we should have one collective voice. When this House speaks, it is the Laikipia people who have spoken. When the motion was introduced here last night we were speaking in one voice, let us not have diverting views. This House is the Great House of Laikipia. When somebody has diminished this House…

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order Hon. Wakahiu? Order Majority Leader!

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Is Hon. Majority Leader in order to tell us that we should speak in one voice when we are discussing such a serious issue?

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, Majority Leader is right to persuade his Hon. Members, he is persuading not forcing.

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Speaker has just said what I was saying, but Members as I am calling this House great, it is you people who are great. We do not need to have two Governors in this County. We know we only have one Governor and a Deputy Governor and these are representatives of this County. When we have only one fellow diminishing us; calling us names, poor councillors not even Hon. Members, I want to finish these Councillors with one blow, and you know what this one blow means, and here you say we protect one member who is making you to stay without earning your salaries. You have been complaining here one minute before that you have been going home without your salaries; do you think it is Hon. Majority who is refusing with your own money? It is that one Hon. Member who is the Chief Finance Officer, and if he has been doing his work properly everyone else is now complaining here and now you are shielding mistakes…

**Speaker:** Order! Order Majority Leader, there is somebody on the floor on a point of order. Hon. Maitai is it a point of order?

**Hon. Maitai:** Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a point of order. The Leader of Minority and I fear the people might be referring to that person as Hon. Member, I would really wish to know if he has acquired that title.

**Speaker:** Majority Leader, I think you are being reminded that no one is Honourable except the Members here.

**Hon. Wachira**: Hon. Speaker I cannot call…

**Speaker:** Hon. Beth, is it a point of order? Order Majority Leader!

**Hon. Beth:** Point of procedure; is it in order for Hon. Maitai to call Hon. Ephraim Wachira, Leader of Minority?

**Speaker:** He is definitely not Leader of Minority but Majority.

**Hon. Wachira:** It is very sad Hon. Speaker and thank you very much Hon. Beth.

***( Laughter)***

Am not persuading you to do whatever you want to do but take a precaution, here we are dealing with a situation that we want to wipe. We are not dealing with a situation that we are sympathetic. If you are sympathetic with a situation that will kill you in the future, why don't you finish it here? If you are sympathetic you will still be having that problem tomorrow, we are raring a disease that will never end. If that fellow has a mistake and he has been doing so severally, we want to teach everyone in our system that the broom is coming. The broom is here; you cannot stay here and watch this County getting diffused to ashes just because you are taking sides. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** We will be getting to the closure of this debate shortly. Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon. Ladies and Hon. Gentlemen in the House. I wish to stand and support this motion.

- First, I want to bring to our attention that Mr. Kimanga served in Rumuruti Town as

the former clerk and being a clerk means that he was a very powerful person in eras that have already gone. This guy was in charge of the money that was being collected in Rumuruti.

- He is very aware of all the land and the plots that were being sold in Rumuruti. He was aware of those people who were employed in Rumuruti and those people who were hired and fired.

- This gentleman is aware of all the connections he had with the councillors he had in Rumuruti Town. He knows all the accounts that are running in Rumuruti Town and I want to bring to our attention that Mr. Kimanga is full of himself because he was a clerk who was promoted to be a Chief Finance Officer and among the people who are reporting today, are people who are new in his offices and he feels he was there during the former regime and was absorbed and given a very senior post.

- I want to bring to the attention of this House that the reason why I went to listen to this person when he was being grilled, and I personally asked him why he could not appear in Sportsman's Arms Hotel when he was summoned by his bosses, that is the Governor and the Minister of Finance. He said that he was not given a notice and I brought to his attention that when your boss calls upon you, whether you have been served with a notice, an Email, or called by pHon.e you appear. This person cannot submit to any authority as far as Laikipia County is concerned.

- I also wish to bring to our attention that when he was promoted to be Chief Finance Officer, he was supposed to work with us at the County Headquarters. What is this that Mr. Kimanga is hiding in Rumuruti Town? Why is he not joining us here? Why is it so difficult for him to leave Rumuruti? What is this that he is eating in Rumuruti that he cannot afford to leave it there?

- I also want to bring to our attention that this guy is not a HR in Rumuruti. He has a good team that he is working together with. Njoki is the acting treasurer and noting that this guy is a former clerk of Rumuruti. Njoki is only 6 months old in her office. There are some people who had been employed before Njoki and others after and their salaries were backdated. My question here is one, Mr. Kimanga is here, and together with him there are others he has been working together with. If we are not careful we are going to have one giant who is corrupt in Laikipia County and we preserve other people who still have problems. Why I am saying that, is because there is nothing less than total corruption and a good example is what has been happening in the former regimes in our council.

- What is eating up Mr. Kimanga, is that he cannot agree that we went digital. He cannot accept that the country called Kenya, is digital.

  You know Mr. Speaker, I want to inform you that these people who have been employed in Nyahururu town are not in the payroll, they are just paid in the analogue way and that is why they can hardly advertise jobs in Rumuruti.

- I concur with Mr. Kimanga who said, 'If you meet someone who is eating a cow and you are given a chance to eat the tail, will you not eat?' The reason why I am saying this is because this guy has employed several people from Kisii land and for your information even Njoki has employed a relative from Rumuruti.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon. Members who are sited in this House, we want to be put in the record that starting with this day, by the time we are done with this motion, that it will not be mentioned again because we are no longer in councils. It will not be mention again in Nanyuki, in Nyahururu, Kinamba or Rumuruti or wherever ward that we have people who are new in their offices and yet they cannot submit themselves to the authority. That is why even up to this minute Mr. Speaker Sir, all these people have not been paid and that is the reason that they did not want to go for recess.

Mr. Kimanga said that were it not that Committee that had kept him there, we could have received our salaries by the end of the day and I wonder how many people who are here will object that in their bank accounts that they have money because there are some fishy things which are still going this way and that way. I want to wish these Hon. Members of this House to make sure that a public servant employed in the office and is corrupt, whether it is from the previous regime or those people who have been hired recently…; we are not going to tolerate any corruption. If people are going to be employed let jobs be advertised because Mr. Speaker, this gentleman together with the team that is working in Rumuruti employed more labourers and they could not sustain these people in this small town of Rumuruti. That is why they were deployed in other wards. For instance, if I refer to Hon. Member for Nanyuki, Mr. Kimondo, if people have been pulled from Kisii Land or from Rumuruti town and they have come to be employed in Likii to do some cleaning there, whereas you have so many people who live in Likii who want to be employed, and they cannot be given a chance to be employed because a certain person is sited in a certain office and he feels he is not answerable to any person or feels he is untouchable, then we are losing track and we are not a Model County at all.

Finally as I sit, Laikipia County is a County on its own, we have the Executive and now we are here as a County Assembly. It has taken the intervention of the County Assembly for us to come and take the one and only Mr. Kimanga. That is why I said last time he must go. This means, this is a problem the Executive could not hold out there and that is why this guy has been brought here so that we can work on him. This means H. E the Governor together with the Minister of Finance could not put this guy in his proper line so that he can work together with the rest of us to bring this County to achieve the goal that we have set.

I wish to appeal with the Hon. Members, before we get to the second thought of giving this guy a second chance, you need to realize that this guy had been given a second chance by the Executive before this guy was brought to the floor of the House and he could not change. It is only yesterday and let me bring it to the attention of those Members who were not there, he agreed he is going to avail himself in the office and he agreed that he is going to work with his juniors and the seniors who are working in the County and that he will be picking up the pHon.e calls. That only means that this is a guy who knew exactly what he was doing and did it with a motive. I wish to rest my case.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, earlier long I said I will abstain and given that this is a very serious matter I would like to stand with the Standing Orders No. 49 on amendments. Now that we are about to adopt this report, if we go to No. 8, of the resolution, it was also resolved that Mr. Kimanga be deployed to the devolved ministry through the Transitional Authority.

According to acts of Kimanga, it clearly shows that he is not fit to hold any office and by adopting this report it will mean that we give him a chance somewhere else. So I would like to move an amendment and seek your indulgence Mr. Speaker, whether it is right to move an amendment on that phrase as follows;

- **Mr. Kimanga be forced to step aside to pave way for investigation.**

**Speaker:** Hon. Dann let Hon. Mwangi move his motion. Just take us slowly. What are you saying Hon. Mwangi?

**Hon. Mwangi:** What am proposing is that resolutions No. 8, states that;

**It was also resolved that Mr. Kimanga be deployed to the devolved ministry through the Transitional Authority.**

It is clear that Kimanga has conducted a sabotage which is unforgivable in this Country. So if we adopt this report we will be giving him to serve some other place whereby we are not sure whether he is going to commit the same crime. So I wish to move the amendments, we delete completely clause No.8 and insert, **Mr. Kimanga be forced to step aside to pave way for investigation** and by this amendment, I think we will have reliable information from some other people who may not speak knowing that Kimanga is there or took another position somewhere else. Given that there is also other matters touching him in Ad Hoc Committee we need information concerning him and again there was an Audit report that was brought here on the table, still there was another mischief that he did and by giving him a chance somewhere else, he may not even respond to some of the questions that we might be asking in those Committees. I remember one of the former presidents said, 'Ukitaka kuuwa nyoka unauwa pamoja na mayai yake' so if we…

**Speaker:** Point of Order?

**Hon. Kabaci:** Point of clarification, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Let him just finish, am sure he is concluding because he is moving a motion.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as much as we would like to sack Kimanga, there will be some elements there which will remain and we may not clear our system very well without this information. For the purposes of investigation let him be given a compulsory leave to allow investigation and I wish to allow Hon. Michael to second the Motion.

***(Hon. Dann stood in his place)***

**Speaker:** Let's hear before the seconding, Hon. Dann, is it a different matter?

**Hon. Dann:** I was on a point of order because I thought Hon. Mwangi decided not to be part of this motion Mr. Speaker. When you say you will not vote you will not do it, I think you should let those who are opposing or supporting the motion deal with this Motion perpendicularly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I see the shooting out. I think Hon. Mwangi has the right to because we have not yet voted. It is a good practice to take a position but Hon. Mwangi it is possible he heard something and decided to change his position. Hon. Mwangi you do not need to respond because we do not want an exchange. Hon. Suge and then Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir; mine was just a point of Order. Is it in order for Hon. Mwangi to say that the Committee has recommended that the CFO, Mr. Kimanga be sacked? I think that Hon. Mwangi is misleading the House because the only recommendation as per the report of the Committee is that the officer should be redeployed through the T.A (Transitional Authority) to the Ministry and then be taken somewhere else Mr. Speaker, Sir. So there is nowhere we have recommended that Mr. Kimanga should be sacked. We are not the sacking authority Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria, must I allow you really because I feel we are getting to the substance of the motion of the amendment.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Mr. Speaker is it in order to amend this motion before …*(off record)* has taken place?

**Speaker:** He is in order, he has quoted a very silent section Standing Order No. 49 (a), noting that the report just came when were already in session and even if you go to Standing Order No. 52 (2) he is totally in order. But Hon. Mukuria and Members have a right to respond to that amendment and I will certainly give you a right to respond to the substance of that amendment. Allow me Hon. Members and I hope this will be quick to give the seconder. I will subject that to the motion and then we will vote and then go to the Mother Motion. Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante sana Bwana Spika, langu ni kuunga mkono huu mjadala ya kwamba Kimanga apewe ruhusa ya lazima ili aweze kupumzika ili utafiti uendelee vizuri. Kwa sababu akiwa kazini ama akiwa na ruhusa kuna wengine ambao wataogopa kusema yote ambayo yalifanyika hapo mbeleni kupitia kwake. Lakini akiachichwa kazi kwa muda na wawe mbali wote ambao wataitwa na wenye walifanya kazi na wao, walioajiriwa wakiitwa watasema mambo yote ya ukweli. Kwa sababu nakumbuka ya kwamba wakati Kamati ya Ad Hoc ilikuwa ikiwahoji wale waliokuwa wameajiriwa na bwana Kimanga, wengi ilionekana ya kwamba wamefunzwa waseme ya kwamba wengine waliajiriwa miaka miwili ama miezi sita iliopita ili ionekane sio yeye aliwaajiri.

Kwa hivyo mimi ningeonelea ya kwamba aweze kupewa ruhusa ya lazima. Akienda nyumbani ile mambo mengine ambayo haijachunguzwa kwa sababu ni mambo mengi ambayo haijachunguzwa, Kamati ya Ad hoc iko ikichunguza hayo mambo ya uandikanaji. Kuna PAC nayo inatakiwa ichunguze vile pesa zimepotea na kama kuna pesa zimepotea na kama kuna pesa zimetumiwa vibaya. Ninaona kama kuna wakati mwaka uliopita ripoti inasema ya kwamba kuna pesa za LATF zilikuja na hizo pesa sikumbuki zilikuja milioni kumi na ngapi. Lakini zile pesa zilitumika ni milioni tu tano peke yake. Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri akipewa ruhusa ya lazima ili akihitajika na kamati yoyote, anaweza kuitwa na kujibu maswali ambayo atakayoulizwa ili tuweze kujua ukweli mahali ulipo kwa sababu hii ni mambo ya ufisadi na ya kuharibu na kutumia pesa za uma vile ambavyo haifai.

Na hii mambo inafaa ichunguzwe vizuri na kwa makini sana na pia wale wote walikuwa kwa hiyo laini kwa sababu Kimanga hakuwa akifanya kazi peke yake. Kimanga anafanya kazi hapa Nanyuki, ako Nairobi na ako Rumuruti. Huko Rumuruti inaoneka ako na timu yake ambayo inamfanyia kazi. Leo tu asubuhi kwa ile kamati ambayo ilikuwa ikimhoji alisema ya kwamba ako na siri ingine ambayo amepata kujua ati kuna 'account' ambayo haijafungwa katika Rumuruti ambayo pesa za Rumuruti zikiokotwa zinapata kuwekwa. Na yeye hajapata kujua hicho kitu, wala kushauriwa ama kuambiwa. Alikuja kujua hicho kitu wakati pesa zingine zilipotolewa zikawekwa kwa Central Bank na wakati huo ndio alikuja kuuliza na akaambiwa kuna 'account' iko lakini haijui. Hiyo mambo Bwana Spika inafaa ichunguzwe vizuri na kwa sababu ni mambo mengi muhimu na itaokoa Kauti yetu tena mambo ya ufisadi na upoteaji wa pesa. Mkiangalia katika bajeti yetu tuko na upungufu (deficit) na hatujui vile tutaifanya na pesa zikiendelea kupotea kusema ukweli, hatutafikia ile mafikira yetu ambayo tulikuwa tukiwaza kwa ile bajeti yetu. Kwa hivyo ningeomba…

**Speaker:** Yes, Point of order, Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Point of information.

**Speaker:** Yes, information.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Yes.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kinyua, do you want that information from Hon. Mukuria? It may help you.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Not now.

**Speaker:** You may continue. It is good to get information but it is ok.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante sana. Kwa hivyo ningeomba na nikiunga huu mjadala mkono ya kwamba Bwana Kimanga aweze kupewa likizo ya lazima ili mambo yote iweze kuchunguzwa na tupate kujua vizuri yale mambo iliokuwa ikiendelea hapo mbeleni. Asante Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** Ok. Hon. Members I would like to propose the question:

> ***THAT,*** *resolution No. 8 of this report of the Finance and County Planning Committee of the conduct of Interim Principal Finance Officer be deleted and the following clause to be inserted; that Mr. Richard Kimanga be forced to step aside to pave way for investigation.*

I will give a few Hon. Members so that I put the question and then we go to the substantive business. Yes, Hon. Thomi has not spoken. Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I do not support the amendment of this motion. Mr. Speaker, I will request the Hon. Members to support the motion the way it was read to us. Mr. Speaker, if the motion goes through, Mr. Kimanga will go back to the Transitional Authority. That means that he will not be in Rumuruti or Laikipia County hence there will be no hindrance to any investigation. Mr. Speaker, I would request the Hon. Members to act on this motion so that we prove to the people we represent that we are monitoring what is happening in this County. Mr. Speaker, it would be very sad for these Hon. Members if we come into this House with information that is clear in our minds that the Assembly and the County almost came to a standstill because there was no money. Today Mr. Speaker, after we raised this motion then we got information that there is money. Mr. Speaker, let the Members know that there is somebody playing around with us. This motion should not be amended but we should deliberate on it and pass it as it was. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Ok. Hon. Dann, then Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to oppose those amendments and bring attention to this House that by amending this motion we shall let the cat loose. Mr. Speaker this motion will give Mr. Kimanga….

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order, Hon. Majority Leader?

**Majority Leader:** Yes, I want the Member to clarify who cat is.

**Speaker:** Who is the cat here?

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker, it is the queen's language and it goes like that. By amending this motion we shall let the cat loose Mr. Speaker. We shall give Richard Kimanga a playing ground Mr. Speaker, and this is sabotage. Somebody is trying to create a wider playing field for Mr. Kimanga. Mr. Speaker, we shall not allow. The mover of this motion and his seconder did lobby from that corner to this one for the amendments and I would like when he stands up to tell us what interest does he have in this motion Mr. Speaker because..

**Speaker:** Yes, point of order Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is on a point of order. Is it in order for the Member for Ol Moran to imply that I have some interest when the report itself declares that there is interest? You do not want this guy to lose the job. You are deploying him somewhere else. So you just want him to go. Mr. Speaker, the Committee did not have the mandate to deploy Mr. Kimanga somewhere else.

**Speaker:** Hon. Dann, Hon. Mwangi as a Hon. Member has the right to propose an amendment

and that is why we are discussing it. It is also within the right of a Member to lobby and persuade but not to force. So Hon. Dann just proceed.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker, therefore I call Hon. Members to think deeply while discussing this motion. By amending this motion Mr. Speaker, it concerns our lives, money, children and it will guard us for five years. I call the Members to oppose the amendment, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to make the House aware who a financial officer is because may be they do not understand the situation. When he is on leave he also goes on leave with the signature. Hon. Members, therefore you should know that unless he is relieved his duties, as a County we are going to be on the ground because if the Chief Finance Officer does not sign any document there will be no money that will be released in this County. That is why we were saying that he should be relieved all his duties. As per point number one, we are doing our investigations *(Resolution No. 1).* If you look at what you are saying, the Public Account and any other relevant organs to take up the matter for further investigation *(Resolution No. 2).* We shall be doing investigations while he will be away and he can be called. He can be in a court of law if he has done mistakes. Therefore, I want to make the Members aware that being a Financial Officer is a very serious docket and when you say that he goes on leave and then be investigated, I want to make these Members aware that until the issue is over, that is when the County will proceed.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, let us not amend but delink all his duties then he can be recalled later. He will wait for a report either to be recalled but not to hold the County hostage because of his signatory. There are two signatories for that account, one for the treasurer and the other one for the CFO (Chief Finance Officer). Therefore Hon. Members be serious, be focused and ensure that we are not sabotaged because of one signatory. There are problems because he is here, he is in Nairobi and nobody is there to sign. That is why I was saying, this delaying of cheques and when he does not sign he holds the County hostage, the finance docket and everything else in this County. If somebody is committed he has this County at heart and we need to take this thing seriously and have no mercy because this is a docket that needs also to give warrant to the previous regime and we are in the new regime they are not used to be called by the discipline Committees. They should know that they have to be responsible for any work done in this County.

When he was being employed he said he is somebody who has a high foresight for this Country. Look at this matter he did not have a foresight, that one day this County will not have money. He should have submitted the document early. It seems that during his vetting, he was not well investigated and he does not take his work seriously. He takes people for granted. Therefore, that is why I am saying Members, let us focus and release him of his duties then the investigations will go on. If we need to call him, he is there in this Country and he will not run away. Let us not fear that he is going and leave another stone unturned. We are making sure that after this, we are going to call all the offices concerned to shed more light but be aware of where he will be deployed.

Therefore Hon. Members, I rise to oppose this motion because I have seen what Members expect but he did not understand the seriousness of the matter; the signatory of this Mr. Kimanga. Hon. Members, please I beg you to oppose this motion or the amendment because you see how serious the matter is. It seems that when he goes out; a hindrance of not signing this document means that Hon. Members will not receive salaries and Hon. Members will not proceed to the next section because of his signatory. Therefore, Hon. Members

I beg that you help us pass this motion the way it is and that would be better for this County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I will only allow Hon. Paul and then I will put the question on amendment so that we proceed on this matter.

**Hon. Leshuel:** Asanti sana Spika,mimi nasimama kutounga mkono hio 'amendment' na kwa sababu ya vitu kadhaa. Kwanza ukweli kabisa hatuwezi kukaa hapa na tukubali mtu mmoja aweze kuajiri watu mia moja na ilhali wale watu sisi tunawakilisha wanangoja sisi tuwapatie kazi. Huyu mtu ndiye anafaa kuwa anapatia Kauti mzima mawaidha kwa mambo ya pesa na kama yeye atakuwa mmoja wakupatia Kauti mawaidha ya kwenda chini na hatuwezi tukakubaliana. Sasa mimi nasema hivi, wengine hapa sana sana wale waliokuwa wanafanya kazi kwa 'Municipal na County Council' wamekuwa na hio tabia ya kwamba yeye ndiye kila kitu na tunataka kuonyesha leo hii ya kwanba hii nyumba ama hii Bunge iko na nguvu sio kama zile 'councils' za zamani ambazo tunapitisha kitu mtu anabeba hivi. Kama hatutafanya hivyo hawa watu watakalia sisi. Hapa hakuna kazi tutafanya na hatuwezi kukubaliana namna hio. Sasa mimi nakubali hivi, huyu mtu arudi mahali ametoka ile 'godfather' alikuwa naye arudi ampatie kazi mahali pengine na tumalize hio hadithi ili tuweze kuingia mambo mengine kuliko tushinde hapa. Naunga mkono.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi, just reply very briefly then I put the question.

**Hon. Mwangi:** I think I will reply by quoting my friend, Hon. Major General Ali who said one day "Jamii inayowaficha wahalifu, itahatarishwa na hao wahalifu mnaowaficha." By hiding Mr. Kimanga to the devolved ministry you are causing a hazard to the lives of Kenyans somewhere else.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order Hon. Dann? Yes, let it better be a point of order.

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker is it in order for Hon. Mwangi to tell us we are hiding that person yet he is an employee of the Transition Authority. Hon. Mr. Kimanga is not an employee of Laikipia County but he is an employee of the Transition Authority. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi is now advised. Please proceed.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you for your advice, my brother. When we talk about sabotage, which is a capital offence. That man belongs to jail and that is why we are moving this amendment. He does not fit even in that devolved ministry if he cannot fit in Laikipia County where else you do want him to work? That man has done wrong and I am not denying that fact but there is one thing, if you hide him there, will you be able to question him or will you be able to arrest him when the time comes? Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Hon. Members for contributing to my motion.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members, I will like to put the question:-

> ***THAT,*** *this report be amended by deleting resolution number 8 and in its place substituting with, that Mr. Kimanga be forced to step aside to pave way for investigation.*

*(Motion negatived)*

I think I will give at most two or maybe one or two Members to contribute.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion. Mr. Speaker the Bible says money is the mother and the father of all evils. Mr. Speaker Sir, I concur with Hon. Mukuria and other Members of this House who have tried to emphasise the significance of the matter that we are dealing with Mr. Speaker Sir. I like going to primary schools when the children are closing school because it is at that point especially in

public schools I have seen most schools have the tendency, they have a field or under a tree or in a certain room or class where they gather to close school. Mr. Speaker Sir, why I like going to closing days of primary schools is because to me that is the point at which you meet with real Kenyans. That is the point you meet who we really talk about when we say and claim that are we are leaders of this nation. Mr. Speaker Sir, when you meet the children at nursery school, in class 1, 2 and 3 all the way to class 8, you identify with the issues they go through. You hear parents talking about their children and teachers talk about the challenges they go through as they try to make the lives of our children better. That is the point at which you truly identify with real Kenyans that we claim and really do represent in this House and many other people represent them in other Houses.

I am citing this Mr. Speaker because it is necessary as leaders and more precisely the County Assembly of Laikipia to realize that our interest is to serve that very vulnerable 'mwananchi' who has nobody to protect him or her, Mr. Speaker Sir, and not an individual who is so learned and even when it comes to a Committee he can almost justify all his actions because he is a smart man. He is learned, he has papers, he knows the law, understands rules and even what he does. Whatever he does wrongly he does it so strategically and in such a planned manner that when he explains things to you, you may think he is an angel to a point Mr. Speaker Sir, I got amazed. When the Committee sat down and some of us visited the Committee , some Members of this House were swayed away by his sweet talking and his art of convincing unless you really understand and remained focused on what you are up to, you can be easily be swayed away from the real focus.

Mr. Speaker Sir, because I think as a House and the Leader of Majority has tried to emphasis this we must remain very strong if we are truly to represent the people of this Country and of this County and do it right Mr. Speaker Sir. It is good that it is known to us and it should be known that it is not everyone that means good to this County and the rest of the Kenyans. Mr. Speaker Sir, I agree with Hon. Waruguru, some people have not admitted yet that we are no longer living in the Kanu era. Mr. Speaker Sir, we have many people in the government who think that when you are given a position it is time to enrich yourself and I think Mr. Speaker Sir, we need to declare and let our position be known both to ourselves and to the people of the County what we truly stand for.

The principles that guide this Country and as entrenched in our constitution Mr. Speaker Sir, are necessary as we make tough decisions. I remember Hon. Mukuria challenging us and challenging me at some point as we talked. That to make and to take some of these decisions; there are broad decisions, there are painful decisions that will affect individuals and their career might be affected but at the end of the day, Mr. Speaker Sir, we must think of that child so vulnerable whose money is being misused and they will not access education. Mr. Speaker Sir, or that mother who may fail to access the health facilities as required and as they are entitled to simply because somebody somewhere feels nothing for them and they feel they can do whatever they want with the money that they have been entrusted to.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to challenge this House to rise up to the occasion to decide who they really want to represent in this County and truly support this motion. I believe Mr. Kimanga even if he is to lose his job he can do some other jobs like business and farming unlike most of us. The kids out there who if they drop out of school because money has been misappropriated they have no other chance in this world. A mother out there or a man out there, who will lose a job, will have no other opportunity but their lives will come to a standstill. Mr. Speaker, I repeat it is important we have the broad picture of Laikipia and not an individual who is a strategist and a planner because they have been empowered by the very same system that they are trying to bring down.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I conclude, it is commonly said that two wrongs do not make a right. I agree, I truly agree and as mentioned earlier that money is the mother and father of all evil I am convinced and it has come up from other Hon. Members. Mr. Kimanga is not the only culprit or person who is misbehaving with money and it came out clearly. For example, a few Members have highlighted that we are talking of illegal employment. He is not the employer or the human resource manager neither in Rumuruti Town Council nor in the County.

For sure Mr. Speaker Sir, we know for sure there are other people who are equally misbehaving in different departments and collaborating with him to enrich themselves and to serve their own interests, Mr. Speaker Sir but again two wrongs do not make a right. It is a fact there are other people who are on the wrong does not mean that we should be soft or handle Mr. Kimanga with caution but I feel we should first fulfil our duty; do what is right with Mr. Kimanga and am sure there are Committees in this House. We have the Finance Committee, Public Accounts Committee and the Investment Committee that will for sure look into those other issues that are on-going. It became clear yesterday when the Committee was sitting down that there are many other individuals in other departments that are not doing their things right at the moment. Mr. Speaker, I support the motion as we look into this matter and see that everybody does everything right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Okay Jennifer, I am going to give you a chance? I am sure you will be extremely brief on this matter and you will be the last one.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Hon. Speaker. As you have told me I would be very fast. We have heard from yesterday about Mr. Kimanga, I think we have agreed that he should go and looking at number 11 there is a serious urgency that the Committee on Finance should ensure that Richard moves away and some people to operate the account because there is this part number 11 that says there was a secret account being operated by the Chief Accounts Officer of the Assembly which needs to be investigated. If there is a secret account then there is some danger somewhere. We must be very fast. We have talked. We have understood and Members of this House have expressed their dissatisfaction on this officer so I think we must move fast. I support the motion. Let us work and be fast. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Okay, I would like to call upon the mover to reply.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I must start by saying am much grateful to Hon. Members for supporting the motion and debating well on the same motion. I am also happy that Hon. Members have realized that Mr. Kimanga wanted to sabotage this County. Mr. Speaker, it also important that this House has noted that it is important to relieve this officer all his duties in Laikipia County. Mr. Speaker it is also our wish that we will have somebody in that docket who will hold on, who will in fact have Laikipia County at heart hoping he will serve this County well. Mr. Speaker, it is painful that some families are sleeping without food and I am clear on that putting in mind that it is the eighth day of the month and the salary is not yet given to the servants or the staff. I am sure some of them have been threatened by the landlords due to delay of payment of rent.

It is clear as we heard from the Controller of Budget, the person who is now Mr. Kimanga since he failed to submit the Requisition Form A, B and C in time and in fact submitted those forms on Tuesday at 10.00 am. That is from the words of the Controller of Budget and he still failed to submit one statement which was submitted to the Controller of Budget by 3.00 p.m that is on Tuesday. The Controller of Budget confessed that when they reached him within 2 hours he had done away with them. It is clear that it was Mr. Kimanga who had held this County hostage, Mr. Speaker. He is the person who has delayed those salaries to date Mr. Speaker and for that for the

business of this County to run smoothly Kimanga must go. It is also clear Mr. Speaker, for the salaries and wages of this County not be delayed any longer Kimanga must go and for the House staffs not to be locked out by their landlords also Mr. Speaker due to delay of payment of House rents, Kimanga must go. Mr. Speaker, it also clear that for this Assembly's business to continue running smoothly, Kimanga must go. Thank you Hon. Members and I thank you all who have contributed. May God bless you. Thank you Sir.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much Hon. Members. I would like to put the question,

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report of Finance and County Planning Committee on conduct of Interim Principal Finance Officer tabled in the House on 8th August, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

I would like in light of that, to direct that because the resolutions of this House must be taken very seriously as one of the Hon. Members said this is the House representative of the people. I would like to direct that the Finance Committee picks up the resolutions of this House as well as of the Public Accounts and Investment Committee but the office of the Clerk will communicate the resolutions of this House to the office of his Excellency the Governor, Transitional Authority and the relevant organs. If it is a criminal investigation the department of the anti-corruption, the Auditor General that the Public Accounts and Investment Committee can pick up as well as we await the report of the Committee of this House on the irregular staff employment.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

Hon. Members because we are the people's representatives, I wish to make the following communications: I would like to remind this House that in line with the constitution, the Public Finance Management Act as well as the Standing Orders, the Assembly has an oversight role over the executive on all matters -financial. This role which the Assembly has been given by the people of Laikipia should be played out robustly and diligently.

Secondly, I would like to point out that the budget as well as the Appropriation Act passed by this Assembly a while back provides for both the Executive and as well as Assembly Budget lines. This distinction must remain in terms of financial autonomy and separation. The Assembly should never suffer prejudice on its financial resources and allocation. This matter hinges the independence of the Assembly. When the financial independence of the Assembly is not guaranteed, the oversight role of the Assembly automatically gets comprised.

Hon. Members in light of this, I would to give the following direction:

> 1. That all measures be taken to ensure that the financial independence of the Assembly is always secure.
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> 2. It is the role of Finance and Planning Committee and by extension this Assembly to proactively engage with the Executive on the fiscal fidelity as well as prudent application of finances in our County.
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> 3. On the immediate term, the Finance and Planning Committees should sermon the Executive Committee Member in charge of finance and in deed the County Treasury to ensure that the July allocation from all monies approved by the Controller of Budget to the Assembly is adequate and within the law. Hopefully this step will set a good tradition of proper allocation and application of all monies received by the County moving forward.

4. The Executive Treasury and the Assembly Treasury should work together to ensure that no administrative hitches hamper the operations of the Assembly in any way.

5. The Finance and Planning Committee and indeed any Member of this Assembly is at liberty at any time to invite this House to make any interventions as may be necessary as part of its oversight role. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** Okay Hon. Members, I will remind you that earlier you did approve a recess we meet on the 3rd of September, 2013 which is on a Tuesday at 2.30pm. I guess if there are any administrative issues they can be discussed now after this session. The House is adjourned.

The House rose at 5.15 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**1. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**[Message from the Governor]**

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, I have several communications to make but quick ones;

The first one is the message from the Governor. Hon. Members Standing Orders No. 39(1) relating to messages from the Governor provides that the Speaker shall read to the House any message from the Governor delivered to the Speaker for communication to the County Assembly.

In this regard Hon. Members, I wish to convey the message from his Excellency the Governor nominating a secretary to the County Public Service. The message was submitted by a letter dated 3rd September addressed to my office for submission for the County Assembly.

Hon. Members, section 58 of the County Government Act, 2013 provides that the Governor shall appoint with the approval of the County Assembly Members of the County Public Service Board. Section 3 of the public appointments Parliamentary Approval Act No. 33 of 2011 provides for the exercise of the powers of appointment under the constitution. Under the said law and specifically part 11 of our Standing Orders, the County Assembly is required to conclude the process of approval or rejection of the nominees within 14 days of the date of notification.

It is important to know the current nomination of the secretary is in pursuant to section 7(10) of the Public Appointments Parliamentary Approval Act 2011, which provides that where the nomination of a candidate is rejected by parliament, the appointing authority may submit to the relevant House the name of another candidate and the procedure of approval specified in this Act shall apply accordingly.

Hon. Members, section 14 (3) of the County Government Act, 2012 provides that in considering any appointment for which the approval of the County Assembly is required under the constitution of an act of parliament or County registration, the approval shall be considered passed by a Committee of the County Assembly. The Committee's recommendation shall be tabled before the County Assembly for approval and the proceedings of the Committee and the County Assembly shall be open to the public.

Hon. Members, you will remember that the Committee on Appointments considered the first batch of the County Public Service Board Members. I therefore direct that the Committee on Appointments shall consider this approval by the House. In this regard, I wish to guide the Committee and this Assembly as follows:

1. The Committee on Appointment shall notify the nominee and the general public on the time and place for holding the approval hearing at

least seven days prior to the hearing. This notification shall be done immediately.

2. The Committee may therefore commence the approval hearing on the 11th of September 2013. The hearing shall be open to the public unless the Committee decides to hold any part of the proceedings on camera.

3. Thereafter, the Committeeshall table its report on or before 17th September 2013 for consideration. Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Standing Orders no. 39 messages from the Governor, which reads that;

***When the message of from the Governor is read, the message shall be deemed to have been laid before the County Assembly and the Speaker may refer the message to the relevant Committee of the County Assembly for consideration***.

I hereby refer the message from his Excellency the Governor containing the names of the nominee together with the support document to the Committee on appointment to undertake the necessary hearings, thank you. The name of the secretary is Geoffrey Maina Mwangi, so the Committee on Appointment is properly guided.

**2. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**[Message from the Governor]**

Hon. Members, I would like to give a second communication from the Governor. Hon. Members, Standing Orders No. 39 (1) relating to messages from the Governor provides that the Speaker shall read to the House any message from the Governor delivered to the Speaker for communication to the County Assembly.

In this regard Hon. Members, I wish to convey the message from the Executive forwarding the proposed County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). The message was submitted by a way of a letter dated 30th August 2013 addressed to my office for submission to the County Assembly.

Hon. Members, the County Government Act as well as the Public Finance Management Act provides that on County Planning generally and specifically on the CIDP, the Assembly is required to approve the development plan. The law envisions and requires that all the County budgeting be based on approved County plans. This being an extremely important process for this County, I would like to prevail to all Members to take a keen interest on this plan. The Members are requested to interrogate and engage the plan.

Hon. Members, in this regard therefore, I wish to convey the said plan to the Committee on Finance and Planning and I am sure the vice chair of this Committee of Finance and Planning will be tabling this report formally. It is expected that the Committee will spearhead the process of having Members and other stakeholders to engage and further enrich the plan before it is finally brought back for consideration by this Assembly, thank you. Hon. Members, I think I will give the third communication in the course of this sitting.

**PAPERS LAID**

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to table the report on the first CIDP for this financial year 2013 to 2017 and before that Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to convey the apologies from my chairman the Hon. Kabaci who is out attending a burial in Nyahururu. So on his behalf, I beg to table before the House the first CIDP 2013-2017. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

*(Paper laid)*

**Speaker**: I think that is now squarely tabled and as per my earlier communication, that CIDP is

considered automatically to have been tabled and committed to Committee on Finance and Planning and the Clerk's office will be taking it up in terms of supporting the Members to engage on that plan and it will be eventually brought here for consideration.

Hon. Members, in line with my earlier communication I would like to encourage all Members to take a keen interest in that communication because it becomes a blue print for the County when we have approved it for the next 5 years. I would really like to encourage Members to take a keen interest on that process and we should be able to support that process accordingly, thank you.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**[Minority leader -Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

> ***Noting*** *that Laikipia County is prone to various disasters including flooding and drought; recognizing that the Public Finance Management Act provides for establishment and management of Emergency Fund;* ***Appreciating*** *the need to have a clear framework on emergency matters; This Assembly urges the County Government to speedily formulate a policy and a bill on emergency fund for Assembly's consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.*

**[Hon. Jennifer Koinante**]

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

> ***Noting*** *that the County Government Act (section 48) provides that service delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages;* ***Appreciating*** *that this Act provides that the number of village units shall be determined by the County Assembly; recognizing the need to have these village units defined early enough in order to ensure service delivery to the people is not hampered; This Assembly urges that the County Government to speedily bring forth a policy and a bill on this matter for this Assembly's consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.*

**[Hon. Peter Thomi**]

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion on urban areas:-

> ***Noting*** *that the County Government Act (section 48) provides that service delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages;* ***Appreciating*** *that the engines of growth for any County are its urban areas; recognizing the place or urban areas in direct and indirect employment and wealth creation; This Assembly urges the County Government to speedily formulate a clear strategy and framework on how urban areas in the County will be classified and developed. Thank you.*

**[Leader of Majority -Hon. Wachira]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion about County symbols:-

***Noting*** *that the County Government Act provides that the Executive shall develop- through a consultative process; County symbols including County flag, County coat of arms and County public seal and even the County Anthem because we shall amend that motion in the future;* ***Appreciating that*** *these symbols embody the people of the County and noting that these symbols are needed immediately as they symbolize and signify County authority. This Assembly urges the County Executive to quickly develop these symbols for Assembly's consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**[Governor's Speech]**

**Speaker**: Thank you. I think before I get to the motions, I would like to give the third communication from the chair. Hon. Members, our Standing Order provides that the Governor may formally address the County Assembly at any time. Specifically the Standing Order provides as follows:-

1. The Governor shall address a special sitting of the County Assembly once every year and may address the County Assembly at any other time.

2. When delivering an address to the County Assembly, the Governor shall be heard in silence and the address shall not be followed by any comment or question.

3. Whenever the Governor delivers an address, a member can as soon as practicable thereafter lay the address on the table of the County Assembly following the reading of such address.

4. A member may give notice of a motion that the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor but debate of that Motion shall not exceed four sitting days.

I think Hon. Members if you note what the Standing Orders envisions. It envisions that his Excellency the Governor should have the liberty and is obligated to address this Assembly once a year and that is what the Standing Orders call a **special sitting** where it is called specifically to listen to his Excellency the Governor. But the Governor is at liberty to even address the Assembly in many other times as he may please and when he is addressing, he is heard in silence and thereafter his address is put on the table which means the Members can engage on that address and give comments which should be forwarded to him through the Hansard.

Hon. Members, the Governor is present today and has formally requested for a space to address this Assembly. Moving forward, we would like to encourage his Excellency the Governor to find time even more regularly to address this House on pertinent issues of the County as well as the Country.

This is a tradition that we would like to encourage, in fact, his Excellency the Governor could use this opportunity to bring the Assembly up to speed on his developmental agenda and progress. It will also give Members an opportunity to engage on his agenda, make interventions, and input as well. Your Excellency, with that said we would like to request that you consider it wise to make it a tradition to address this Assembly regularly maybe once every three months on various matters of the Country and the County.

It must be noted that there are already set out times when the Governor is obligated by law to address the Assembly. The Standing Orders provides for at least one sitting every year. We

also appreciate that you have made it a tradition to have 'Kamukunjis' regularly with the Members. These 'Kamukunji's' serve as a group and an opportunities to deal with matters that would otherwise cause unnecessary conflict. We would like to encourage your Excellency to make these Kamukunji's more regular and consistent. Therefore Hon. Members, it is an opportunity we have to hear from his Excellency the Governor and it is now my pleasure and duty to invite his Excellency the Governor to address the Assembly, Your Excellency.

**Governor's Speech**

**H. E Governor, Joshua Irungu**

The Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members of the County Assembly, I am absolutely delighted to be here this day to share with my fellow colleagues and County folks on the progress we have made so far since the inception of the new County Government. I am glad to see a generation of leaders on whose faces determination to have a Model County is clearly manifested.

I want to thank you Mr. Speaker for your wise leadership that you have always offered to this arm of the County Government.

Your wise counsel and direction has ensured that as a County we overcome some glaring challenges that would have painted us as a County without the unity of purpose.

I had intended to give this address a month ago, but I thought it wise to wait until we have a draft in place for the County Integrated Development Plan. And now, I am so pleased that the day has come.

I want to start with a brief highlight of our achievements five months into devolution. Despite various shortcomings from all sides, I am proud of the steps we have made this far.

I have seen the passion and commitment of our people who are devoted to walk with us in this difficult but consecrated undertaking to unlock the potential of our County.

In the month of April, we advertised for the eight seats of the Members of the County Executive as provided for by the constitution. I did this in full understanding that it is the same constitution that has given the Governor Powers to nominate the Executive without undergoing this process.

However, my resolve was to get the best placed individuals to complement my resolve to developing Laikipia rather than rewarding loyalty and compromising efficiency. I had to give the spirit of professionalism a chance to thrive in our County.

By the end of the exercise, which was marred by some few but inevitable challenges, the County Executive Committee was put in place after the approval of this Honourable House. The eight Members have taken up their responsibilities geared towards making real our pre-election promises.

Mr. Speaker, I am also happy to report to you that the County Public Service Board is now operational. This is a board of competent professionals drawn from all walks of life, who are bestowed with the obligation of ensuring that the County meets all its demands in terms of human resource.

It is worth noting that the defunct local authority was characterized by irregular job allocations, something that the board is working on as one of its maiden assignments.

We hope that it will execute its mandate while observing high degree of professionalism, accountability and equity for the betterment of our future.

Over the past few weeks, Members of the County Executives and those of the County Assembly have combed all parts of the County soliciting people's view that has culminated to the drawing up the County Integrated Development Plan.

This is a clear roadmap of County development in the next half decade and which we must all devote our efforts towards its realization.

By so doing, setting a firm foundation for development and a benchmark on which future leaders will base their standard.

Therefore, I would urge all the Honourable Members to critically and objectively scrutinize the document once tabled in this House for in it is the future of this County. I call for sober discussion which will bring forth a tool that will clearly spell where we are headed to.

I salute the Budget Committee for their effort in ensuring that the County came up with a budget estimates as stipulated in the constitution.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that even though our initial budget was classified as among those that had a huge budget deficit, I am glad that it was a true reflection of our needs as a County.

It is sad noting that we had no other option but to succumb to the arm twisting by the big brother and ended up reducing our estimates to a huge scale.

However, I want to inform this House that we had put in place the necessary measures aimed at bridging the budget deficit. And despite the induced reduction, let it be clear to all that we won't relent in the quest for better life for our people.

Allow me at this point to express sincere feelings of gratitude to various institutions who have accepted to walk with us into realizing our dreams. The ACT, through CETRAD has financed us to the tune of Kshs.7 million towards the drafting of several bills.

We have also received enormous support from the Institute of Economic affairs, SNV Netherlands and the Kenya Transitional Initiative all of whom played a major role in financing the CIDP.

Let me inform this House that we have so far hosted a number of high powered delegations from various diplomatic missions who have expressed their intention to partner with us in various development projects across the County.

In the month of April, a delegation from the People's Republic of China, who are willing to invest heavily in renewable energy sector, opened the doors to such bilateral relations.

The American Ambassador followed suit in the month of May and in June came the British High Commissioner. It is through that visit of the US Ambassador that tomorrow I will be having a dinner with him in Nairobi at his residence and try to discuss and network with other donors who are willing to come and support the County.

We have already started reaping the fruits of the co-operation after the British Army Training in Kenya (BATUK) came in support towards the construction of 22 Bodaboda sheds in Nanyuki Town, an activity I will be commissioning next Tuesday all the way from Makutano and we will replicate the rest of the sheds within the town.

We are also grateful that they supported in the improvement of the Maasai Cricket Warriors playground at Il-Polei.

They are more so willing to support in other development projects such as construction of roads and bridges.

And for your information, the Maasai Cricket Warriors are in the United Kingdom where they

have staged a thrilling performance enabling them to reach the quarter final of the amateur cricket tournament.

In the month of October, we are expecting to receive the Israeli Ambassador and a delegation of Israeli investors who will be coming to explore the immense investment opportunities in our County.

In the same month, I will be on a fully sponsored trip together with a delegation from Laikipia County from both the executive and the County Assembly to Italy to meet some prospective investors.

Mr. Speaker Sir, over the last five months of my administration, I have traversed our County, and I have been in settings of all kinds.

I have interacted with farmers and pastoralists, teachers, nurses and students, hardworking mothers and fathers who are wondering when their government will make their lives free of so much hardship and unmet needs right at their doorsteps.

Their suffering is a burden that I have placed squarely on my shoulders and I am eager to have it offloaded as a matter of urgency.

I am convinced that our people are entitled to a life of dignity, a life that they will always yearn to live yet another day.

Laikipians are seeking a safer, more prosperous and a County where every bit of energy and expertise matters. For sure, we cannot reach that goal when a huge chunk of our County has over the years been largely derived of vital necessities.

We cannot develop when hundreds of our young people see a future with no jobs, no hope, and no way even to earn a decent living.

We cannot build a stable County when a good portion of the population remains cut off from markets for their produce due to poor infrastructures and rampant insecurity.

We cannot wholly rely on the national government to play the role of developing our land. We cannot wait until when we receive the County allocation to start fighting hunger and poverty that threaten to cripple our consecrated efforts to make Laikipia a Model County. Time is now when we start the journey towards where we as Laikipians intend to be.

Because development is not optional in our County, we need to resolve on a new approach suited for the times in which we are living in. Quite often than not, we have directed our energy to misunderstanding and unnecessary politics. Differences of opinions has given way to bickering and precious time that would have been used to strategize the way forward for our County wasted on rhetoric.

As much as I respect the democratic right for each and all, this will always hold us back if we are not ready to embrace the virtues that made our electorates give us the mandate to serve them.

So it is time for a new mindset for our County. It is time to turn a new leaf and replace any retrogressive attitudes with clear reasoning and common sense. The challenges we are facing are numerous and we have to tackle them with sobriety of the highest order.

We are committed to ensuring that Laikipia is an informed society. For this reason, I would like to reiterate what has now become my maxim that in Laikipia, education is mandatory and not optional. I strongly feel that those who go contrary to this belong elsewhere but not Laikipia.

The fight against the illicit brew in the County continues and is gaining momentum by the day. However, we have some bottlenecks in this fight

most of which are as a result of the unwillingness of the local administrators to eradicate the vice.

But I have a strong and stern message for those who think that this should not end; your days are numbered. You may run but you cannot hide away from the hand of law. You cannot continue enriching yourselves by poisoning our young men, women, and think that you will get away.

The issue of the human wildlife conflict has for many years been a thorn in the fresh of our development. Election after election, it has been used as an appropriate campaign instrument in the prone areas.

I want to assure this House that never again will this happen. We are working hand in hand with various wildlife stakeholders to ensure that this menace comes to a dead end. We have put aside a substantial amount of money towards erecting wildlife fences along the affected areas.

We are also contemplating engaging the KWS and other wildlife forums to explore the possibility of relocating the growing herd of marauding jumbos in the South Marmanet forest that has over the years experienced serious encroachment by human settlement.

This might be the only remedy instead of confining the beasts in a shrinking habitat.

Mr. Speaker, we have earmarked five economic axis in our County on which our economy will revolve. This is based on the recorded information that we are all aware of that our County has been rated number five as one of the counties with the potential to sustain itself among the many and we can only unlock that potential through the five economic pillars.

These are dairy production, wareHouse receipting for our immense cereal harvest, beef processing, horticulture and tourism. The five are important and I want to mention at this juncture that the five are very critical for Laikipia County. We know the other various economies where they have grown their counties. It is through some of these pillars and therefore it is high time in this leadership that we need to bring a different perspective on how we look into development.

This is where we would want to set our priorities right by investing heavily in the various economic pillars so that we can be able to unlock the potential towards setting a Model County, a self-reliant County. Therefore when it comes to the Budgeting Committee, it is important that you support the executive in allocating substantial budgets in supporting or unlocking the potential through the five economic pillars.

Already the executive has taken lead in establishing a number of taskforces and among them is the dairy and cereal task forces which are already in place and have set out on a fact finding mission aimed towards coming up with a roadmap towards achieving these goals.

I sincerely thank the Family Bank, which has expressed strong willingness to support the wareHouse receipting initiative almost to a tune of 2.5 billion. That is what we are working around to set up this programme going forth. We are calling upon other partners to join hands as well in realizing the success of this undertaking.

We have also embarked on a vigorous campaign to brand Laikipia as a favourite tourist destination in the country. As a County, we are bestowed with rich heritage in terms of wildlife and scenic landscape that are ideal for tourist activities. To begin with, we intend to come up with appropriate measures to promote local tourism.

Mr. Speaker, I take this chance to sincerely thank all the Honourable Members of the County Assembly for setting the pace for good governance in the County and in the neighbourhood.

I appreciate the good gesture of holding a joint sitting with the Nyeri County Assembly to discuss pertinent issues affecting our communities. I urge you Mr. Speaker to have more of such forums with other neighbours for by so doing; we will have harmonious coexistence with those living around us. It is at this juncture Mr. Speaker Sir that I would like to inform you that last week we had both Aberdare and Mt. Kenya leader's consultative forum discussing about the natural resources mainly talking about wildlife, water and forest. We do appreciate as Laikipians that Narok is rated number 1. The reason is because of the revenue that they generate from the wildlife. As Laikipia within the Mt. Kenya region we do not benefit and the reason is because Narok and other areas have game reserves but to us as Laikipia and the surrounding areas, we do have the national park but don't benefit from it.

It is at this juncture that I urge the Members of the County Assembly to accept the forum that is coming where I was elected. I ask the Members of the County Assembly to support us since I have been given the responsibility to chair the Governors' forum. Around Mt. Kenya region, we have 8 Governors who will spearhead the agenda of benefit sharing from the various natural resources, that is, water and forest.

I have been able to tour several wards in our County and plan to do so to all of our fifteen County Wards before the end of the year. I will ensure that you will be given prior information of my intended visit to your respective areas.

Several bills will be tabled in this House and when that time comes, I would urge you to discuss them in clear conscience in full understanding that they are aimed at developing our County.

To start with, there will be the County Development Authority Bill, The Internship Bill, the Tourist Development Authority Bill, the Ward Development Fund Bill among others that will be tabled in this House in the next two weeks.

Lastly, the County Public Service Board has come up with the structure of the new government and will be advertising various vacancies in the next few days. For your information, you are aware we have the 8 portfolios and out of that the County Public Service Board and the Executive have come up with twelve seats for the County Chief Officer. You are aware that some of the portfolios like the office of the Governor is a huge portfolio that cannot be managed by one County Chief Officer, therefore we will have two County Chief Officers in that docket. The ministry of agriculture, livestock, fisheries and natural resources is also huge and besides that it is one of the portfolios that we do anchor three of our economic pillars and therefore we were proposing to have two County Chief Officers to help us unlock the potentials that are within that docket.

We will have three posts for the sub- County administrators, fifteen seats for the ward administrators among others. These seats are going to be advertised, I am sure there are some rumours that the ward administrators have been appointed. I want this House to know that with all the respect and the powers of the constitution, Governor cannot be able to do that. It has to be competitive and I kindly urge those who qualify for the various posts to apply lest they will miss the opportunity and it is high time that we as the Members of the Assembly let our people know since some may not be able to access the various means we use to advertise the positions. We have mainly been using the two daily papers, the Standard and the Daily Nation and for some of us who do the appointments, we realize that many of the areas do not get the information. Therefore, it is our responsibility to let our people know of the positions and particularly when we are talking of the ward administrators because we will want to get the right team.

There will be twelve seats for the County Chief Officers, Three posts for the Sub-County Administrators, fifteen seats for the ward administrators among others.

I call upon all the leaders to join hands in various development activities across the County, as this will ensure that we realize the dream of a Model County. You get it in our vision that we want to have a harmonious and prosperous Model County that our people are able to sustain themselves and have a sustainable livelihood.

As I finish, there are two other national issues that I will want to put before this House and one is about the referendum. Members of the County Assembly, you are aware of the national politics that is going on and it is important at this juncture to allay some of the fears of our citizens. We were elected and trusted by these people, they came out on the fourth of March with a lot of hope that they have elected Joshua. Me and you, we are the Joshua's of this County to take our people to the Promised Land. It is the duty of Nyeri, Pokot, Turkana, Samburu, Narok, Kwale, Kilifi and Mombasa. It is our duty as a country to take our people to the Promised Land and it is high time we get serious.

The referendum is here with us and it is just five months that we have come from vigorous campaigns. Engaging our people in campaigns and stopping almost all the development, it would be sad to take our people back again to the campaign mood. Let it be known in the papers, in the media it has been noted that the referendum was spearheaded by Governors, which is true. I want to let this House know as much as we have a reason to call for the referendum, the referendum that is geared to give our senate powers to safeguard the interest of our counties, a referendum that will push and give space for the counties to have more money or more funds, to spearhead the development within the County as well as the referendum that will give more powers to the infrastructure for the primary and secondary schools.

All those are good intended purposes but this is not the right time for those. Therefore, I want to urge this House to leave it, let us not take our people to the campaign mood. This is the time we need to first serve our people and when that time comes and we realize we cannot go anywhere or we are unable to deliver the services we are called to do because of the inadequate powers of the Senate, the inadequate funds that are not coming from the national government or because of those limitations because of the infrastructure of the primary and secondary schools. That time will come and we will call for the referendum but for now I urge everyone that let us first concentrate on development, let's concentrate and put our efforts and our time in delivering the services but not in the referendum.

Therefore, our stand as the Executive from Laikipia and personally myself I am out there to serve my people first and have all my energy, time, effort in working and serving my people but not in the referendum. It will probably come in five years or when need arises but not for now but that does not mean we do not want more money but we know we can be able to get more money and more power to the senate through dialogue and not only through the referendum.

The last one on the same is the politics going round about Nyahururu town. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to just let this House know that Nyahururu town is in Laikipia and it is important for the rest of the County and the country to know this. That we are not ready at any moment to have any sitting to negotiate and discuss where Nyahururu is. It is in books, it is in records and we are not going to waste our time to negotiate with anybody where Nyahururu is. We know the reason why Nyandarua want Nyahururu to be on their side. The only discussion that I will entertain as the Governor of Laikipia is discussing on how as good neighbours we can help Nyandarua put up County headquarters but not how we are going to share anything from Nyahururu. We are good neighbours but it should be well documented and known very clearly that Nyahururu town is in Laikipia.

Thank you and God bless you all. Asante.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much your Excellency, as we said earlier the address of his Excellency the Governor is heard in silence and there's no question put otherwise but I would request the office of the clerk to make copies of the speech of his Excellency the Governor and every Member gets a copy but also as per the House Business Committee may decide, his address is subjected as a motion to this Assembly so that the Members have the opportunity to respond, give input and engage.

I will propose it to be next week, the House Business Committee will approve so that the Members have an opportunity to respond to what his Excellency the Governor has said and then the Governor will get the response through the hansard system. Thank you your Excellency for your time and the space and the opportunity to come and address this Assembly. As we said, we would like this to be a tradition more often despite the statutory one session but many more sessions.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of majority]**

**{Hon. Wachira}**

Hon. Speaker, I want to move a Motion:-

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of application of Standing Order No. 27 (1) to allow the House to adjourn from 3rd September to 10th September, 2013 and this is to allow the Members to go for an educational tour outside this County.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, where is the tour to?

**Hon. Wachira**: It is not a tour Hon. Speaker; it is an educational training in Nakuru.

(*Laughter)*

**Speaker**: In Nakuru, okay. It can also be an educational tour Majority Leader, it is okay. Who is seconding your motion?

**Hon. Wachira**: I beg Hon. Deputy Speaker to second the Motion.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to second the Motion. As you are all aware we are all learning and it is high time when we get an opportunity or a donor who is willing to sponsor us to go and utilize that opportunity. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to second that Motion. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you very much. I would like to propose the question and open it up to only one person. I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of application of Standing Order no. 27 (1) to allow the House to adjourn from 3rd September to 10th September 2013.*

Okay, I would presume that the Members in their kind way want me to put the question.

I would like to put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of application of Standing Order no. 27 (1) to allow the House to adjourn from 3rd September to 10th September, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker**: Thank you very much Members, I think if we can take just one minute because the rains have come now and we need to be travelling. If we can take the shortest time to be here so that we can be on our way, I would propose we consult for only one minute. Not one minute really but at least five minutes and then we proceed. I will be back, thank you. The House is adjourned.

The House rose at 3.34 P.M.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Lebeneiyo]**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:-

> ***THAT,*** *the thanks of County Assembly be recorded the exposition of Public Policy contained in the address of the Governor.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**{Hon. Wachira}**

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:-

> ***THAT,*** *this House debates Public Policy Speech contained in the address of the Governor delivered on 3rd September, 2013 (1st day).*

Members, as you know the Governor last week came to our Assembly and delivered a very good speech underlining 5 year programme of what his Government is intending to do to our own people. The speech he gave here is an exemplary good speech. If it is what he is going to do and implement on the ground and if we support him, am sure we shall deliver to our own people.

The other thing I am going to ask our own Governor and bear with me, is that although his speech is very good I want to advice our Governor to set his own ministries free and their own budget be set free as the Kibaki Government did when he was the president of Kenya. He set his ministries free so that they could work for 'wananchi'. Now that the Governor gave his speech, we could also want to urge him to set his ministry free so that he may not congest finance and everything into one docket. Let him devolve his own ministries as the National Government has done. Let Hon. Kabaci second.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Motion that has been read by Majority Leader. It is clear that the speech which was read by H. E. the Governor was very encouraging.

In terms of roads Mr. Speaker, H. E. emphasized that he is committed to make those roads passable and the farmers will access the market properly which was a hindrance to our economy. I also want to support Majority Leader that the Governor should let the ministers to be free as they execute their mandates. Am concerned, like the Minister for Roads should be let free so that she can draw a chart whereby we can have a programme whereby the machines we have in our County can be utilized by each Ward. It does not sound well that some people are going direct to the Governor to

seek for those machines whereas we have the minister in charge and a working officer.

I was in those offices yesterday and they are also feeling that they are tired and when you reach to the Governor you are given the leeway to take those machines if at all they have been in a certain Ward. Mr. Speaker, it is to our concern that those ministers be let free to have a programme of how we can benefit from those machines. It is also clear that those machines have been in some wards for more than two or three months while we are still waiting for them in our wards to do something. I will urge through this House that the Governor should let those Ministers free.

On the issues of allocation, the Governor stated very well that we should not wait for the County to keep on- going… Mr. Speaker I want to urge the Hon. Members to join hands with the Finance Minister and the Finance Committee in urging their constituencies of their wards to feel free when paying revenue which has gone down. It is true that we have deficit which was in our budget. It is clear that the Budget Committee had done a lot to draw that budget but it does not mean that they did not do what is necessary. It is clear that those are the needs that we have in our County. I urge the Hon. Members to think of how and urge their wards to have that passion of paying the revenue to fight the deficit.

I am also delighted that the Governor also noted that the illicit brew is still hindering our County Mr. Speaker whereby the Administration Unit is not doing well on that. I also kindly request that the Administration Chiefs fight the vice, they should think of how to transfer the policemen whereby like in my ward, they have turned to be a hindrance in that exercise. When the chief intends to go and invade a certain village to arrest those who are behind that activity, the Administration police make a point of calling those people. Otherwise, from a very reliable source they are being paid something and that's the reason why they disclose Mr. Speaker, and as the chief arrives there he finds nothing as evidence. I ask this House Mr. Speaker to think of how the administration can deal with the police who can be ordered to finish those activities.

I also want to touch on what the Governor called the Human-Wildlife conflict Mr. Speaker whereby it is a challenge in our respective County. In my Ward, that thing has turned to be the order of the day. It is the high time we are expecting to have yielding period and it is very astonishing and I don't know where I will get money Mr. Speaker. In their 'shambas' the giants have invaded in various places in my Ward. I would kindly request Mr. Speaker that the docket concerned to issue money now that we have been allocated funds in our County- Kshs. 200,000,000 and think of how to disperse that money so that we can buy those fences and prevent those giants from invading those shambas in our constituency. I second the Motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members, I want now to propose the question:-

> ***THAT,*** *this House debates Public Policy Speech contained in the address of the Governor delivered on 3rd September, 2013 (1st day).*

Members, you are free to deliberate the Motion, the House Business Committee has allocated 4 sittings for that deliberation. You may continue.

**Hon. John:** Bw. Spika nasimama kuunga mkono mjadala huu. Kuna mahali niliangalia na nikaona kweli kuna mahali hotuba hii inaangalia maslahi ya Wanalaikipia wote igharipo kwamba kuna mahali amesema masomo ni ya lazima kwa wote Wanalaikipia na wewe kama mwalimu ama mzazi na hutekelezi wajibu wako hauna mahali hapa Laikipia.

Ninaangalia nafasi ya watoto ambao wako na ulemavu hapa Laikipia. Nikichangia niseme ya kwamba ni karibu mwezi mzima ambapo nimekuwa nikiongea kuhusu masomo ya watoto walemavu katika shule moja ambayo iko sehemu ya Lamulia ambayo ni Tharua. Hiyo shule ni ya watoto ambao hawasikii na hawaongei na ambapo mpaka wasasa haijafunguliwa. Ningetaka kujulisha Bunge hili ya kwamba tunapochangia tuhakikishe ya kwamba haki kwa wote imetekelezwa kwa sababu mimi naona watoto walemavu hawasomi nikama wanatengwa. Ningelitaka Bunge hili kuhakikisha ya kwamba watoto wote walio na ulemavu wamepewa haki yao ya kimasomo ili watekeleze wajibu wao ya kuinua Laikipia na Kenya kwa jumla.

Pili ni kwamba, tungetaka kujua mahali ambayo Serikali ya Kaunti ingehitaji kupitia ili kusaidia zile shule. Asante sana.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to contribute to the discussion on the speech of the Governor. If education is for all then we must do something and I would like to point out that the Early Childhood Education is under our jurisdiction. It is our role to ask the Governor to authorise the Executive Member in charge of Education to prepare the implementation of ECD which is entirely under the County.

As the Committee of Education we are ready and want to meet stakeholders so that we can start the preparation because it's a big task to come up with a syllabus, rules, curriculum and role of every person in ECD. So it's a lot of work and we need to start undertaking that process of ensuring that the programme is well organised and the teachers are trained and paid, the ECDs and the centres are well documented. So there is a lot of work ahead of us and I urge that as the Governor said that everybody must get education, we must take some steps towards that goal which he mentioned. I support. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion as moved by the Majority Leader on the speech of the Governor. First of all, I want even to thank H. E the Governor for having touched the speech in which I believe it will be fulfilled. I also salute and applaud the place where he said that he is proud of the work done by the Budget Committee.

Sincerely speaking the Budget Committee has done a lot of work. It has been a busy docket and at the same time, it is with a lot of opposition but we have managed and I thank the Executive for applauding the work we have done.

The other thing is the issue of job allocation as it was done. I think Mr. Speaker, it is this House that raised the alarm of ghost workers and those allocations and I don't know the mechanism that the County Public Service Board is going to come up with but I request this House that as the County Public Service Board does its work, we too the elected and even the County Assembly should be involved in this work because when it comes to illegal employment, it's us the Members who will suffer. I believe this is not only an issue of Laikipians but also for other people who have come to the County for employment. So I want to request or urge this House and us too as the Members to be involved in this exercise.

The other thing in his speech, H. E the Governor, quoted about illicit brew and I believe two or three months has elapsed and this thing of illicit brew was discussed and the Governor ordered this issue to be addressed immediately.

Giving an example of where I come from, I have video tapes whereby I have captured people drinking; women and children taking this illicit

beer. I would request this to be our issue, we join hands with the Executive concerned and the other Members and even the administrators on the ground so that the issue of illicit brew can be discussed. It is our work Mr. Speaker and one of the devolved functions that we are supposed to give out the liquor licences and some of these brews are not in the Liquors Act. So as we support this motion we need to address the issue of these brews.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of human-wildlife conflict; I have seen in the speech capturing Marmanet Forest and I want to give this House an attention that elephants are not only in Marmanet but everywhere. Right now as we are speaking in Salama Ward they are just moving in the 'shambas' of people even in daylight.

Mr. Speaker, I border some ranches here in Laikipia East and Laikipia North whereby the land or the farms have been turned into Wildlife Parks. The area is not fenced and currently we are expecting the harvest in the month of November. Our maize is ready and elephants are moving around the whole of my ward- Salama Ward. As the Governor said that this would not be a campaigning tool, I want to request the Executive Member concerned that this should be addressed immediately and if possible this month (September). As the Chairman of Finance Committee has said the County had been allocated more than 200 million. Since the fencing of the wildlife is budgeted, I want to request that it should be addressed immediately and if this will not happen, our people, that is, Salama Ward where I represent come the month of November, everybody will be depending on relief food which is given by our Country.

So Mr. Speaker, I support the motion and I hope that what has been mentioned here will be done immediately. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Karuri.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the speech of Hon. Governor but I would like to give some advice in one area that should be tackled with immediate effect.

In his speech, he talked about a safe County where everybody feels that he/she is safe for development and he or she can own property. There is the issue of Marmanet Ward. Of late, we have been hearing through media that there has been a lot of killings for the last two weeks; they have lost more than 3 people. There is a lot of insecurity in that area and I think it is not only in Marmanet but also in the whole County. There has been loss of lives for no reason. So I want to give some advice to the Governor and his Deputy especially in the docket of security. For all those officers who have been employed in those areas, some of them have really stayed for a long time and they have involved themselves in those illegal things and therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, I would give advice that those officers on the ground if it is possible need to be transferred to other areas and then bring other officers because the insecurity is thriving and people are being murdered for nothing.

There is also the issue of illicit brew in our wards. It is seriously at an alarming rate. People are taking this brew as if they are being licenced and doing trade. So as far as the Governor is talking about development in our County, I don't see any development that can come with all those kind of things: insecurity, illicit brews which is being sold to our men, women, children and everybody. I support the motion. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Thomi.

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also stand in support of this Motion on the Governor's Speech. Mr. Speaker, I feel that we have to be serious whenever we are deliberating on this because I tend to believe some time we talk and talk just for the day to come to an end. This is

good from the Governor but I hope that there will come a time when what he said will be done.

Mr. Speaker, there is the issue of education, that, it must be mandatory to the people of Laikipia. But Mr. Speaker from the area that I come from, the area that I represent, schools opened like a week ago but Mr. Speaker people are not going to school simply because they are depending on bursary, on money that they believe will come from the County Education Fund. That money is not there. Nobody on the ground is telling the parents that this money will come, they are just coming to us as representatives," Can you sign this form then am assured of getting bursary".

Yesterday, I had over 30 people talking about bursaries. Mr. Speaker, I want the Governor himself and the area Member of Parliament from Laikipia West and other constituencies to come into the open and assure school heads and principals where is this amount of money. Must we wait for the parents to keep on bringing forms for us to sign knowing very well that this is just for formality?

Mr. Speaker we want it to be made very clear, if at all there is money for those who are not able to pay school fees, can the Education Officer get a list from various schools assuring the students and the parents that this amount of money will be available to be paid in school because am feeling that sometimes we are just saying things here and when we go back there we tell people a different story. When will it be done?

Personally, I want the E.O. (Education Officer) to collect names from various schools and assure the principals there will be money for bursary, from CDF kitty and the County Education Fund which will be sent to schools rather than parents calling each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, there is this issue of roads. We want our people to be informed clearly that after the rains, the roads will start being repaired because the rains have been very heavy and the roads are very bad. Personally I have no word for my people because I have been there all the time telling them they will construct the roads, so Mr. Speaker with this I feel we need to tell these people the truth.

Mr. Speaker, I support the Governor's Speech concerning our people but we want an assurance to some of these things. When we talk of illicit brews and the Governor clearly knows that this has been a fight but some administrators are the ones colluding with those making the brew. Mr. Speaker, if this is well known I don't think this should be a headache, why should we discuss that if at all we have come to realize that there are people when we are fighting this war, people who are running away from paying taxes are the ones who are benefiting. Mr. Speaker, something should be done to ensure that we do not have this kind of statements as Hon. Members because these are some of the cases that can be dealt with now and for all.

I support this message from the Governor but urge Hon. Members to take it seriously and ensure that we are not going to repeat what we said last month. We want something to be done for our people. Mr. Speaker, I support this motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Mhsw. Charumbo.

**Hon. Kaparo:** Asante sana Bw. Spika. Naunga mkono yale Gavana alisema hapa. Shida ambazo zinakambili sehemu ambayo mimi ninawakilisha, ya kwanza ni shule ya msingi ya Oretet nimesema mara kwa mara kwa sababu ile mvua ilikunja na upepo iling'oa Choo. Pili, sehemu ya Muterethia kisima ambacho wananchi wanategemea kimeharibika na hakuna shughuli yeyote inaendelea huko ili kuokoa maisha ya wananchi.

Tatu, barabara ya Segera na nimesema mara kwa mara, hakuna gari hata moja inaweza kupita

katika hiyo barabara. Mwenye alipewa kadarasi ya kutengeneza ameweka mawe na hakuna gari hata moja inaweza kupita kwenda huko na inabidi watumie njia ndefu ili kuingia sehemu hiyo. Kwa hivyo Bunge hii lazima ielezwe shida kama hizo za Segera na naunga mkono kikamilifu hotuba ya Gavana.

Ya mwisho, kama vile mwenzangu amesema kwangu ni karibu watoto hamsini wamekuja leo asubuhi kuitisha 'bursary' na hakuna hata moja nimeona. Hiyo lazima niseme kwa sababu ni shida nyeti zaidi na waakilishi wao.

Ya nne, ndovu upande wa Endana na Muterethia na Marmati imekuwa kama boma zao ziko huko. Chakula wananchi wana jaribu kufanya juu chini ndovu wanalala huko na hakuna hatua yeyote imechukuliwa. Kwa hivyo serikali ijue shida kama hiyo kwa sababu wananchi wanaumia.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the speech of H.E the Governor. As I can see from the speech of the Governor am really impressed, the speech if wonderful and touches almost 90% of the needs of Laikipians.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I do request the House that we should come up with a policy of implementing whatever has been said by the Governor because putting everything in writing is very different from implementation and we can be talking of the needs of the people but without implementation we shall never achieve.

Mr. Speaker, we are aware of the challenges facing our County:-

- One being insecurity and accessibility. Most of our roads are impassable like in my Ward -Rumuruti; people cannot access the market Mr. Speaker. I do request the government to speed up the process of repairing these roads. We also know that during the rainy season Mr. Speaker, most of the roads were swept away and we request that since we have the allocation of emergency funds Mr. Speaker, we should speed up the construction of the bridges which were swept away.

- Another thing is the issue of Education. Most of the time we are getting from H. E. the Governor saying that Laikipia should be a Model County and an Educated County. Some of the Hon. Members have raised their concern on the needy students. I also support that we should speed up on the process of allocating bursaries to needy students.

  In our budget we considered the employment of ECD teachers. Right now if you go to the ground, there are some people portraying to be recruiting officers and they are doing the exercise with a lot of biasness but my stand is that those teachers who have been teaching in the nursery schools should be given the first priority. Like yesterday, I got the report that somebody has gone along enrolling teachers from the private schools.

- Lastly, the issue of insecurity. In Rumuruti Town we are facing a lot of challenges because street lights in Rumuruti Town are not working. I beg the Government of this County to speed up the rehabilitation of those lights. With those few remarks I do wish to support the motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** I stand to support the Motion. Mr. Speaker, much has been said especially security which is now alarming in those areas of Marmanet and Igwamiti as well. The killings have turned to be the order of the day and I will like to urge this House to think and press the Executive to think of how we can be provided with sniffer dogs whereby we can be tracing those killers.

I can remember it is only three weeks after we buried a woman who was killed by the thugs in the night and it was not that late. Last week on Saturday another gentleman was killed in Oljabet Town.

As the area representative we are now worried and we would like the County Government to think of how the security can be restored. If it means to provide us with a vehicle in each ward, it should be done and as well as being provided with the sniffer dogs whereby we can be tracing those killers after committing the sin to face the law.

I also want to touch something concerning the collaboration of the British Army which the Governor touched. It is good that they have now entered into partnership and they are giving us the support of constructing 'bodaboda' shades which is a good activity being provided to our people and I would request if they could also spread the services to various wards. Otherwise, I can remember in my Ward, that is, Igwamiti that I also have those cases of 'bodaboda' operators. They refused to pay the revenues because they claim there are no services that we are providing to them. So it's high time that we engage or urge the British Army to distribute their services to various wards. There is that money for shades and I can propose Mr. Speaker that they be given that money to build those shades. They can sit down with the relevant ministry and think of how to allocate that money to them so that they can think of how to spread those shades in our various towns and in turn those people can accept to pay the revenue which they have refused to pay for the last one or so years.

**Deputy Speaker:** Are you on appoint of order Hon. Wakahiu?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Point of information.

**Deputy Speaker:** Do you need the information Hon. Kabaci?

**Hon. Kabaci:** Yes.

**Deputy Speaker:** Continue Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to guide Hon. for Igwamiti, that according to the budget every ward has been allocated money for shades and I don't know if he is in order to say it should be spread only in Nanyuki, Rumuruti and Nyahururu.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Chairman for Finance for the information but I have mentioned just a few, I cannot stand here Mr. Chairman and address the few.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci, address the Chair.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Am sorry Mr. Speaker but also I want Mr. Chairman to know that I cannot be able to mention every town in this County just to please him Mr. Speaker. So I had just mentioned a few and so if it is possible, let those services be spread even to Mr. Wakahiu's Ward Mr. Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

I also would wish the docket concerned to engage the defence forces that we have in this County, to think of how we can utilize the machines that they have otherwise I would like to see how we could benefit with those machines or those defence forces that are in our County. It would be my wish if they can be engaged to be helping us with those

machines to build the bridges and roads and so forth Mr. Speaker for our County to keep on growing. I support the Motion. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Mhsw. Elizabeth.

**Hon. Elizabeth:** Yangu ni kuunga mkono huu mjadala wa Gavana. Ya kwanza, ukiangalia upande wa vijana wetu wengi hawana kazi na ukiangalia zile kazi ziliwekwa kwa magazeti wengi hawana yale masomo ya juu ambayo yanazingatiwa na kwa hivyo wengi hawangetuma maombi yao kwa hivyo langu naomba kwamba vijana waangaliwe kulingana na masomo yao. Asante.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members for the good deliberation. I can read the mood of the House; I now declare the House be adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 3.15

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**POINT OF ORDER**

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir and the Hon. Members present. As I can see Mr. Speaker, we can't proceed with the morning session because we do not have a quorum. So I am proposing that we adjourn the morning session and then we proceed in the afternoon. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir and I beg Hon. Wakahiu to second. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Wakahiu, do we have a quorum?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, for sure the House is almost empty and I second the motion that we adjourn.

**Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members. Let us adjourn the morning session until in the afternoon at 2.30 pm, exactly 2.30. The House is adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 9.11 a. m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**{Hon. Wachira}**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, this motion reads as yesterdays:

> ***THAT,*** *this House debates Public Policy Speech contained in the address of the Governor delivered on 3rd September, 2013 (2nd day).*

This is the continuation of the Governor's Speech and so Members you are free to contribute so that we can wind up this motion today. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** Standing Order No. 24 gives direction to this Parliament to debate the speech of the Governor as laid down by the Leader of Majority on the 9th September. So we shall continue deliberating on this speech of H. E. the Governor. The floor is open.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I rise to continue supporting this motion concerning the Governor's Speech which he made in this Assembly. He recognized our own oneness, that is, the Assembly which is working together and its deliberation is quite in order. He recognized the leadership of our Speaker which is in order; he said that this is our own County Integrated Plan. We should ask the Governor that when this implementation is done which should be done very quickly then we deliberate on the same and Members of this County Assembly will be trained as well as the staff. I urge the implementers of this County Integrated Development Plan and the Governor himself…, as I said yesterday his ministries are not working as per the schedule.

In fact, if we may go back from when these Ministers were put in office they have done nothing, this is why I said yesterday that the Ministers want to be recognized that they are in office legally and working for the people.

I said this because I have gone to every ministry; that is Roads, Health, Public Works and other departments of our own County and none of the dockets is functioning well because we don't have money. The little money available is stuck in one Ministry which is controlling all the other Ministries. If someone wants to go to the field, to our people, he has to bow to some Ministers or one Minister. This is why I said yesterday that money must be devolved from this central area to where our ministries are and this is why we were devolved from our own Central Government up there to our own County Governments. Hence, the County Government must also devolve itself from the central area to its own ministry so that our people may get services.

I am saying this because when we were with the Governor in our own area and most of our County Reps were there, he promised that by September or October some classes would have been rehabilitated, nothing has been done right now. If money was there and I think it is there, it is only that there is no follow up to these areas, I think the minister concerned does not have funds if he had, something could have been done right now. Because of these shortcomings here and there this

is why we are saying that money must be devolved in these Ministries so that when we go to a certain minister we will be able to ask why this or that is not happening and by so doing the services will be very close to our own electorate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** Thank you Majority Leader. I think it is important when you come to the end you either confirm if you support the Motion. Have you supported the Motion?

**Hon. Wachira:** As a mover of the Motion I cannot oppose the Motion I am contributing and supporting it. I cannot go against my own Motion. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** That is in order because there might be a stranger in the House who would like to know whether you support the motion. Thank you Leader of Majority. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to support this motion for the good speech of H. E the Governor, more so the speech is very good and I tend to think that even the actions will be as good as the speech because there is no way we will be talking and giving speeches which we don't Hon.our.

As a Hon. Members and H. E the Governor, we are servant leaders and being that is to show with actions or performance. Actually for the last 4 months on the side of roads we can only score a D + or D plain because the roads are pathetic and we are actually saying that we are giving services to our people and so that is an area that should be considered most.

As we know that now the Government has started releasing money we would like the money to be channelled to the relevant ministries so that they can start buying machines. For instance, Nanyuki is the face of the County but if you go round the town, the roads are pathetic and we don't know what to tell the people and us say we are servant leaders and we are not giving services. I hope now that we have money the Minister in charge of roads will take charge.

Mr. Speaker as I support the speech of the Governor, I think he said that he is going to visit all the wards and I think we support that. Let him visit the wards so that he can have a clear picture of what we are deliberating on when we say that some areas like Mukogodo East and North…, when we talk of Education, let him visit and see the conditions whenever we are deliberating so that he can understand what we are talking about.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge the Hon. Members when H. E the Governor will be going through the Wards, every Member or actually all Members should accompany him so that even we can familiarize with what is on the ground in every ward. With those few remarks I stand to support the Motion.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. In my contribution I would like to support what H. E the Governor has said that he is interested in making Laikipia a Model County and by so doing I would wish all of us to support him to do so. I would also wish the Governor to think of how to brand the County of Laikipia as we have heard other Counties doing it Mr. Speaker.

The Committee of Finance and Planning plus the Committee of Tourism visited Machakos last week to do research on how they are running their County. It came clearer that they have opened an internet whereby they are branding their County Worldwide as well as encouraging investors to come and providing them with free land, to come and put their factories in their County.

I would encourage H. E. the Governor to do the same in Laikipia County. We have plenty of land in Laikipia otherwise I think we are third in terms of

ranches in the whole nation. I would wish H. E the Governor would open an internet and in so doing he will lure the investors to come feeling that there is free land to build their industries and I would request the docket concerned and the minister concerned to think of how to open an internet and kindly request those investors to send their proposals and send them through the internet so that we can know who are willing to come and invest in our County.

I have seen in the Governor's Speech that he is intending to visit Italy. I would request him to go and be vibrant there and make sure when coming back he will attract a number of investors from Italy to come and invest here. Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to support the motion.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand in support of the Speech of the Governor. The Governor in his speech elaborated very well his will and wish is to make sure Laikipia County is a role model where good education, good roads, welfare for all youths, women and a secure County will be realized.

Mr. Speaker, during our visit to Machakos we learnt some unique things that we need to bring in so that the dream of the Governor and all of us is realized. If you look at the roads and electricity like between Nanyuki Town and Thingithu there is an area called Kilimo or Ruai. For about 4 years I have been a resident in that area but there is no electricity at all, no roads leading to that place, water is in a small area, so we need to think about such areas so that everybody enjoys life. So if we cannot have electricity for three years and we are always at the power office, I would request this Assembly to find out what is so difficult in providing electricity and it is just next to us. The roads are impassable and other places in the County. If you go to Doldol Trading Centre it is difficult to go from one street to another and I remember in Naibor there is something like that.

If you look at Education which is our docket; polytechnics, ECDs and the issue of bursaries is also not done despite our wish and we will make sure that everybody gets education but no steps are being taken.

The issue of security; in Laikipia urban or the rural centers there is a lot of insecurity. Those who were in Machakos you can remember very well even up to 11.00 p.m. at night the shops were still open and the people seemed to be very reluctant and nobody feared of any attack, so Mr. Speaker Sir I think there is a lot we need to do and I think it's good to do rather than saying all the time.

We were challenged by the Members of that Machakos County because there are a lot of things that we have not decided and it's as if we are waiting for some people to come from somewhere and make decisions for us. I think Mr. Speaker it is the high time that we must make decision and act rather than speaking.

An urgent forum to be organized between the Assembly and the Executive so that we can set the benchmark on where to start immediately and I think there is also need for the relevant Committees in charge of finance to take action and release the funds to the people who are supposed to implement projects so that we don't just speak for a whole year and nothing has been done to the community. The year is almost ending and so we need to start doing something and then I also recommend after the meeting of the Executive and the Assembly to see how they should link.

It is good to see if it is worthy for stakeholders and various Committees and Members of this Assembly…, my point is that we have a meeting with relevant stakeholders. If it is a Committee in education, try to find out who are these other people who matter in that line so that you start

taking steps in implementing activities for the citizens of this County.

There is also the need of consulting experts to conduct survey and enable the Assembly and other leaders to make viable decisions. This is also an initiative, we have experts with the ministries and it is high time that we engage them to take some data and collect the information in issues related to all the activities including; the taxing and how we can make everybody comfortable, those taxed, County Government and the beneficiaries.

My recommendation is that we support the Governor's Speech because that is also our wish by taking action and by making decisions. Let us not wait for anybody to come and make decisions it is us and it is high time we start acting not speaking. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** Yes, Hon. Member.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the speech of H. E the Governor, as everything has been said by my colleagues but there was this issue of insecurity and I feel it is like a vacuum left in our County.

There is the issue of street children who loiter around the town during the night. I know most of the Members can bear me witness that there are a lot of street children loitering and when the Governor said that education is mandatory for every child, I feel like there is a section of children who were left out, who don't belong to Laikipia but to another world. I will urge the Governor, his Executive and the docket concerned to think about those children because it is like as far as we stay here and we say that we are working for Laikipians, our small children have nowhere to call home, and no education that we always talk about and they are just left helpless in the street. I am so touched and so I feel the County Government, the Governor and the relevant people who are in charge of those areas should do something because it is like we will have a County with a lot of homeless and helpless children with nowhere to go. So it's the high time that the Governor and Executive think of how they can take those children maybe to a rehabilitation Centre, the way if you can remember Karisa Maitha did long time ago and I know many of you can remember. You will even find out that the investors will fear to come to this County to invest because if they come and there is no security I don't think that we will achieve that Model County.

Again Mr. Speaker I say it's high time that we stop talking because as we all know actions speak louder than words and am looking forward when the Speaker will come here and start saying that at least we have done this, we have achieved this and not that and this is what am intending to do but not just singing a lullaby which is taking us nowhere. This is high time that we started working.

There is also the issue of young and aged, you just find out that it's like a forgotten lot. Nobody thinks about the old and the young and as you all know as you go around there you find women and they start asking you who will be catering for their needs as they grow old, there is this fund for the old and we don't get it. So it is high time we think about the old population where we are heading to and with that I stand to support the motion as I look forward for the time it will be implemented.

**Hon. John:** Asante Bw. Spika nasimama kuunga mkono matamshi ya Bw. Gavana aliyoyatoa katika Bunge hili. Lakini katika maneno aliyosema kunalo jambo linanishangaza ambalo mpaka serikali kuu sijui imetia mkazo mpaka wapi kwa sababu katika CDF hakuna pesa zozote zimetengwa kusaidia walemavu. Ninaposema nasema na uhakika kwa sababu tuliuliza Mheshimiwa wa Laikipia East kuhakikisha watu wetu ambao wako na ulemavu wamepewa pesa za kuweza kusoma. Lakini kwa njia zozote ambazo tumejaribu hakuna yeyote ambaye amesaidiwa na zile 'bursary.'

Ni kweli ya kwamba watoto ambao wako na ulemavu hata kama wako shule za msingi

wanalipiwa pesa, ni kweli hata ikiwa tunasema masomo ni bure ya walemavu sio bure. Sijui ni masomo gani wanasema ni bure kwa sababu siku ya leo ukiwa na mtoto mlemavu hutaweza kumsomesha kwa sababu ya zile pesa na mahitaji aliyonayo. Ni ombi ambalo ningelitaka kuomba kwa Kaunti yetu tuhakikishe ya kwamba ndugu zetu ambao wako na ulemavu na watoto yatima hapa Laikipia, kuwa na mtoto mlemavu sio kutaka kwa mtu yeyote ama kwako. Ni jambo ambalo ningeliomba serikali ya Kaunti kuhakikisha imetenga pesa kiasi ya kuhakikisha hao watoto wamepata haki yao ya kimasomo ili waweze kusoma.

Ukiangalia hapa mtaani walemavu wameongezeka wakiomba, wenye mko na macho mnaona. Mtu ambaye hana elimu lazima atokee kwa sababu hana jambo la kusema kama hana elimu na ninasema hivyo nikijua kuwa kama sio elimu hata hii Bunge hatungekuwa. Ni ombi langu tuhakikishe hao watu wamepata haki yao ya kimasomo na kama sio hapa watapewa haki, basi wapewe mahali pengine ambapo watapewa haki. Mpaka mimi nashangaa wakati mimi naja kwa Bunge kila siku napigiwa simu ati hawa watu hawakupewa 'bursary', wako manyumbani mpaka nashangaa nilikuja hapa kufanya nini na ndiposa nasema kama tunasema masomo ni kwa wote Laikipia, tuhakikishe watu wote wamepata haki yao ya kimasomo. Asante sana Bw. Spika.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** Asante Mhsw. John. Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the Governor's Speech. As I can see in one of the paragraphs H. E. the Governor has touched on the problems concerning the human-wildlife conflict and as you know Sir, Laikipia County is blessed with several kinds of wildlife and in Laikipia West we have a lot of Jumbos especially in the Marmanet Forest.

According to the Governor's Speech, it is very impressing that he has approached several wildlife forums like KWS to seek for the relocation of these Jumbos from the most affected areas but Mr. Speaker these animals usually move from one area to another especially during the rainy season. I tend to agree that we should come up with a concrete solution in solving the problem. In our budget we had allocated about 80 million to support the wildlife fence. In some areas Mr. Speaker, some communities have grouped themselves and they have contributed money to put up the wildlife fence but there are some few challenges because of maintenance.

I am requesting the Government to allocate some more funds for the maintenance of this fence because we have elephants in the neighbouring Counties. We can be preparing to relocate elephants in Laikipia County but after relocation they can't be invaded from our neighbouring Baringo County. So, my opinion is that we allocate the funds for maintenance and we put some more fences along the most affected areas like Rumuruti, Marmanet and Segera Wards.

Secondly, our H. E the Governor also mentioned that Laikipia County especially Nanyuki is a tourist destination route but to my surprise we have private investors who are benefiting from the sites and the wildlife that we have in our County but we as the County Government we are getting nothing.

Mr. Speaker, as we visited Machakos County and Narok County we found that almost 75% of the County revenue they are getting from the tourists. So I am urging the Government to speed up the implementation of the bills and the drafting of these bills to allow the County Government to be charging something little from these private investors to keep our County moving.

In our County we had a lot of deficit that we had to pull up our socks to ensure that we collect more revenue from our local sources Mr. Speaker. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I also want the Government to speed up the drafting of the Ward Authority Bill and Ward Development Bill to allow

the usage of the Ward Fund to solve the few problems that we have in the wards. I do support the motion. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Thomi):** Hon. Members, you seem exhausted and I think we have no other duty but Hon. Members thank you for that debate, you have shown a lot of concern and a lot of seriousness. Let us ensure that our County will shine and continue looking good to our people so Hon. Members that will bring us to the end of this debate but before we call it a day we shall be left for some minutes so that we agree with Hon. Lebeneiyo, he has somewhere that he feels you should travel tomorrow but also remember tomorrow we have a session in the afternoon. The House remains adjourned till tomorrow afternoon. Thank you Hon. Members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 3.10 p.m.

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| SITTING NO 31 | Thursday, 12th September, 2013 | 2.30 p.m. |

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**POINT OF ORDER**

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that since there's no quorum, we adjourn this sitting and as I support my motion, it is very shameful to this House that when debating one motion for four consecutive times and in two consecutive sittings, there is no quorum. I fail to understand Mr. Speaker what the problem is with the motion since I don't know why Hon. Members have been out of this House, not attending sittings in which we are deliberating a very good issue that touches on the lives of our people in Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker Sir, since there's no quorum and we are one sixth of the whole House, I beg that we adjourn the sitting until the time that we will see or maybe the House will have a quorum. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I request Hon. Kabaci to second the motion.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of the motion that this House adjourns since there is no quorum. Mr. Speaker, as my colleague has said, it is embarrassing that this House does not have a quorum for the second time. Mr. Speaker, when we are revisiting the speech of his Excellency the Governor, there was a schedule from the Committee of the Whole House that this speech be deliberated by the Hon. Members.

Now that they have not yet arrived and we don't have a quorum, it is shameful to this House Mr. Speaker and I kindly request the Hon. Members that when they come back they should keep time and be committed to the hours of this House. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I stand to support this motion.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Members, I will ask the Serjeant-At-Arms to ring the bell so that we see if they have come in.

*(Silence)*

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Members, Standing Orders no. 32 paragraph 2 gives the Speaker the authority whenever there is no quorum to adjourn the sitting until the next sitting and the next sitting will be on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. And now the House stands adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 2.35 p.m.

| SITTING NO 32 | Tuesday, 17th September, 2013 | 2.30 p.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Speaker**: Thank you very much Hon. Members, I have two things:

- One is to welcome back the Hon. Members who visited the Northern Cape Province legislature in Northern Cape Province in the Republic of South Africa. I am sure the Hon. Members learnt, appreciated, and took the opportunity to basically engage with that legislature. I am aware that there will be a formal report being tabled here on Thursday so that basically this Assembly can benefit from the lessons that were learnt in South Africa and for the Members who did not go can get a glimpse of what those who went learnt.

- The second one is on the Members of the County Assembly meeting in Nairobi. I am sure the Deputy Speaker who was leading the delegation in an informal session after this formal session will be bringing us up to speed on the deliberations of that meeting. Thank you.

**PAPERS**

**Hon. Wachira**: Hon. Speaker Sir, I want to give notice of the following motion.

**Speaker**: Order Member! We are still under papers. I guess what you want is to table the report first and then you can give notice in the next order.

**Hon. Wachira**: Oh yes, I want to lay the two reports of the Committee on Appointments which reads;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the appointment of Geoffrey Mwangi as the County Secretary to the County Assembly Service Board and the other one reads...*

**Speaker**: You can table that Hon. Member, so it's basically the report on the Committee on Appointments dated on the 16th of September, 2013. That is the report you want to table?

**Hon. Wachira**: Yes, this is Geoffrey Maina Mwangi. The other notice of motion is the appointment, notice of motion on the appointment of Jasper Mutuiri as the County Assembly Clerk which I will now lay on the table.

**Speaker**: I see the Deputy Speaker is trying to consult you when you are on the floor, please just proceed.

**Hon. Kimondo**: *(Off Record)*

**Speaker**: That's fine you can consult him or you are done, okay. Or is there any other paper being raised? I guess not. Okay.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Speaker**: Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

> ***THAT,*** *this Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Appointments dated 16th September, 2013 on the nomination of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi as the secretary of the County Public Service Board which I have already laid.*

**Speaker**: Okay, is there another notice?

**Hon. Wachira**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:-

> ***THAT,*** *this Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Appointments dated 16th September on the nomination of Jasper Mutuiri as the County Assembly Clerk.*

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Member, just to confirm from the Clerk, do the Members have the two reports?

**Clerk**: Yes, they have.

**Speaker**: So the two reports are now tabled for your perusal, the House Business Committee will determine when the motion is tabled at a later date.

**MOTIONS**

**Hon. Jennifer**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to move the following motion:-

> ***Noting*** *that the County Government Act (section 48) provides that service delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages;* ***Appreciating*** *that this Act provides that the number of village units shall be determined by the County Assembly; recognizing the need to have these village units defined early enough in order to ensure service delivery to the people is not hampered; This Assembly urges that the County Government to speedily bring forth a policy and a bill on this matter for this Assembly's consideration.*

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to move this motion and I want to add that we all know that the new constitution aims at touching the person at the grassroots. This is towards the end of the year and that's why this House thinks that it is very important that the preparation for decentralization to the grassroots is done speedily and we urge the County Government to speedily work on this bill so that it can be brought forth to this House.

This will enable us to establish and make it functional at the grassroots so that we start providing services to the people. We have always spoken about the problems facing our people in Laikipia; the roads, electricity and shortage of schools. All these will be done based on those units and the systems that will be put in place. So Mr. Speaker, I beg Hon. Dann to second this Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second this motion. It has been long overdue because being in the County Government for the public means bringing the Government to the people. Mr. Speaker, I urge this House that when we are dealing with bringing power to the people, we need to take caution when tackling village units because our wards are very big and they need to be subdivided into smaller units so that we can manage the County. By that Mr. Speaker I second the motion.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I would like to propose the question;

***Noting** that the County Government Act (section 48) provides that service delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages;* ***Appreciating** that this Act provides that the number of village units shall be determined by the County Assembly; recognizing the need to have these village units defined early enough in order to ensure service delivery to the people is not hampered; This Assembly urges that the County Government to speedily bring forth a policy and a bill on this matter for this Assembly's consideration.*

The floor is open as usual before I put the question. Yes, Hon. Shuel.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion and I am aware that this House is given the mandate to come up or to identify how many units we are supposed to have in the villages. We all know that we must put a system in place or we must have the sub- counties, villages, and wards for us to start working.

So it is our mandate to make sure that we have sub -counties, ward and village administrators in place so that the County Governments starts working closer to the community. So I think that it is our duty to know how many villages we are supposed to have in Laikipia, I was proposing especially based on my area because it is very large. Others are talking about the population but I know to have a village unit you must consider four things, the population, the geography, communication and the people's interest.

So I am saying if you go to the North of Laikipia, you will see that the area is very big, there are no roads, no communication, the people are scattered and everybody needs services. So I am really proposing if possible, we can have units or village units based on the sub-location. I don't know which criteria we are going to use to get the village administrators, whether we can go for the location or the sub-location but definitely we must have the way or criteria that we can use to get the village administrator but I am personally proposing this because of my area if possible.

I know that we must also look at the economical aspect because if we go for the sub location I know the implication, the number will be very high but according to other areas, if we don't go for the sub location we will force that person to use another cost to reach the community which is living there. What is the reason for us having the devolved government if at all we cannot take the services closer to the people? To me we must have people who will work down there for the community. So am proposing this especially for Laikipia North and I don't want people to look at me as if I am basing on the interests of my people but since I am representing them I must tell the Hon. Members the interest of the community.

On sub- counties, that is very clear. At the constituency level so we must have three sub-County administrators. Wards are very clear since they have one administrator.

So it is only an on the matter of village administrator which is not very clear in the County Government Act but it gives us powers to know how many we are supposed to have. This is because I know areas like Nanyuki and others which might need less than what I require in Laikipia North, but let's come up with a criteria and a system that will make everybody comfortable and make sure the services are taken to the community so that is my concern and I rise to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I also rise to support the Motion as moved by Hon. Jennifer that this County Government should speed up the process of identifying the devolved units. I hope we

are all aware of the new constitution which provides us with the devolved functions and devolution means that the services should be taken closer to the people. We know Mr. Speaker Sir that the 400,000 Laikipians are expecting a lot of services from this government and in order to provide this to their satisfaction, we should come up with a procedure of identifying the devolved units.

Like now Mr. Speaker, if you go to our constituencies we don't have the clerk in the former sub County offices like it was before. We need to speed up Mr. Speaker Sir so that we should have sub County administrators plus the ward administrators in order to oversee the work within our towns.

Like in my town, today I was called by someone telling me that one of the plots had been grabbed by someone who is known to him and the construction is going on and he was trying to look for assistance Mr. Speaker. I told him that he should come up to Nanyuki to report the matter which is very costly to the electorate Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, just like the national government has devolved the functions to the sub locations, I support that we speed up the process of identifying the devolved units in order to have the officers to assist in identifying the needs of the people of Laikipia. With those few remarks I stand to support the motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the Motion but before I continue, may I say that the Motion itself has a very humble word to express the matter. We are not supposed to be urging the County Government to bring up the bill or the policies, it's their responsibility.

For now, if I can ask them what they have done in the past six months, what will they tell us? They want a County Public Service Board without the village units. Does it mean that we are going to stay with the Public Service Board, paying them without defining how many posts they are going to advertise? It is supposed to be demanded and they should wake up and bring up the bill so that we can continue otherwise we shall be singing that we need a Model County day and night and some other counties are still going on. We will find that we are still there when the others are far hence calling ourselves a Model County. So we demand the County Government to bring a bill concerning the village units, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, it looks like the Members are satisfied with that deliberation. I would like to request before I put the question, Hon. Jennifer to reply.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise again to thank and appreciate the Members who supported this noble motion and thank you for supporting and actually expressing that it is very urgent for us to pass the bill and the required document and then start working. Thank you Members and thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Members I would like to put the question;

> **Noting** that the County Government Act (section 48) provides that service delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages; **appreciating** that this Act provides that the number of village units shall be determined by the County Assembly; recognizing the need to have these village units defined early enough in order to ensure service delivery to the people is not hampered; This Assembly urges that the County Government to speedily bring forth a policy and a bill on this matter for this Assembly's consideration.

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Minority Leader –Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> **THAT,** aware that the Standing Order No.24 states that whenever the Governor delivers an address a Member may assume...

**Speaker**: Yes, is it a point of order? Okay, let's hear the point of clarification.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Mr. Speaker, I want my dear brother to rectify it since it was a typographical error; it is not Standing Order number 24. It is Standing Order number 20.

**Speaker**: So Member for Nanyuki, what you are doing is not an amendment it's a typographical error?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Is that so Hon. Lebeneiyo?

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Yes. Thank you very much.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Kimondo for that.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion again;

> ***THAT,*** *aware that the Standing Order No. 20 states that whenever the Governor delivers an address, a Member may as soon as practical thereafter lay the address on the table of the House following the reading of such address,* ***that*** *the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor concerned that his speech should reflect the situation on the ground.* ***Noting*** *that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 Chapter 11, Schedule 4(2) devolved this function to the County Government, this House urges Members to discuss the Governor's Speech and make recommendations for the Executive to expedite service delivery by fully implementing the recommendation of the Governor's Speech and ensuring that our electorate gets effective and efficient service delivery.*

Mr. Speaker, just the other day we had our Governor, His Excellency Joshua Irungu here at the Assembly addressing us and it was so touching that he mentioned most of the things and ways of moving this County to another level and to be a Model County.

I highly appreciate all that he said and I hope we will be working towards what he said. As I support, I would like to say some few things concerning his speech.

First, ministries should be unlocked by the Ministry of Finance to enable them carry out their duties effectively. Mr. Speaker, it is sometimes very hard even though for instance, if I get to be a Minister for Tourism, it is impossible for me to do or to work if only I have that office by name. But if I talk of the manpower or the officers who will be working under it, we should unlock and equip the department for the officers such as the cashiers, accountants, auditors and other officers working and they should borrow this from the national government.

You can get into the office and talk to the minister and agree that you will do this and that but it's very hard to implement because you have to run to the Minister of Finance so that you can get money to go and do the things you want to do on the ground. I just want to clarify my statement; money should be dispatched to various ministries to enable them to move. It is now time to work and not to make promises, I think that time is over. This is not time to make promises like we did during the campaign

time and writing papers is gone. It is now time to implement.

In this, we have the County Integrated Plan that just came out the other day, so I urge the Executive to work towards the Integrated Plan and try to implement because we cannot go out saying today we shall do this, tomorrow I shall do this and yet we have the County Integrated Plan on the table. So I think it is high time we worked towards it, all departments should be given performance contracts to meet their deadlines and this performance contract can be supervised. I know it can be supervised by the County Coordinator instead of creating other offices and with this, we shall see the fruits in the end of one to two years. We shall see things going on, now it's like no one wants to do it and people are running here and there, people are interfering with other people's jobs simply because we just have ministries and Executive by their names. Some of them don't understand; you find someone who is working in the education side doing work in the infrastructure ministry which is impossible but the moment that office will be open, it will be having its own officers. It will be running and everyone will know his duty, I therefore urge the Members to contribute to this Motion effectively and with that I ask my brother, Hon. Kabaci to second this motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion of Hon. Lebeneiyo concerning the Governor's Speech.

It is clear that the Governor was here as the Hon. Member has said and his speech had all what we need in our County Mr. Speaker. I would also wish that these Hon. Members contribute to this motion exhaustively Mr. Speaker. It is clear it has all the contents that we need, I am concerned that His Excellency did not mention about how he will fight the illicit brew Mr. Speaker, which has hindered the development of this County because of the youth who are the key persons in building this County. They cannot do so due to the way they are drinking beer.

Mr. Speaker, I would wish this House to think of how to support his Excellency the Governor to fight the vice, otherwise he cannot make it if we shall not support him as well as putting some measures of how to deal with the administration which has also hindered the progress Mr. Speaker. I would also wish this House to think of how the Integrated Plan will work in this County, it was tabled in this House and I would wish these Hon. Members to deliberate...

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Maitai, what is it, Point of Order?

**Hon. Maitai**: Is it in order for us to discuss a document that is not on the table because we are not very sure of its content. We may have heard the Governor present it but we don't have the document on the table.

**Speaker**: Yes, the copies were being made for Members. Is it that Members don't have copies? Clerk, I thought we had actually made copies of the Governor's Speech, I think Hon. Maitai is missing. Who will facilitate Hon. Maitai to have a copy? I guess it is only Hon. Maitai. Hon. Maitai you don't need to report. What happened, I think those who went visiting somewhere else must have missed a copy, am sure the Clerk can facilitate Members who don't have copies and those who have, why don't you share with your neighbour as the Clerk's office facilitates. Thank you Hon. Maitai for raising that. You may proceed Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think we shall be provided with that speech. I was saying that it will be in order for these Hon. Members to support his Excellency the Governor to implement what he has in mind in order for the Governor to make our County a Model County as he has been saying Mr. Speaker. So I stand to second the Motion thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I would like to propose the question;

***THAT,*** *aware that the Standing Order No. 20 states that whenever the Governor delivers an address, a Member may as soon as practical thereafter lay the address on the table of the House following the reading of such address,* ***that*** *the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor concerned that his speech should reflect the situation on the ground.* ***Noting*** *that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 Chapter 11, Schedule 4(2) devolved this function to the County Government, this House urges Members to discuss the Governor's Speech and make recommendations for the Executive to expedite service delivery by fully implementing the recommendation of the Governor's Speech and ensuring that our electorate gets effective and efficient service delivery.*

Thank you Members, I think it is also an opportunity for those who did not get an opportunity last week to contribute to the Governor's Speech whereas we get the copies and so the floor is open. Yes, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I will contribute to the Governor's Speech which we discussed exhaustively and now we are being told to make recommendations where possible so that implementations may be done and our people may get quick service delivery.

We discussed the Governor's report and we don't want this report to just go to the dustbins or to any other place. We want it to be implemented because we are the people who are representing our people here and the reason why I am saying this is because we have very few machines which the Governor should add so that our road network should be up to date. We know we have very few...

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Catherine what is it?

**Hon. Wachira:** And I hope you are not interrupting me...

**Speaker**: Order Member! Order! Order! Yes, she is on a point of order. Is it a point of order Hon. Catherine.? Yes, please proceed.

**Hon. Catherine**: Is it in order for the Leader of Majority to bring forth this motion for the second time, he is contributing twice. In his opening remarks he said they exhaustively contributed and looked into this matter. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Majority Leader, please have your seat. He said they exhaustively dealt with it, that is not to say that the Hon. Members who had not spoken have their doors closed, I think there is the benefit that I don't have a record of who spoke on the Motion in the first part because I was also absent. I think he is taking advantage of that, I would encourage him not to take advantage of the Speaker's ignorance next time but he can proceed.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker for protecting me from that Member.

*(Laughter)*

We discussed this Motion well when you were away and when we discussed it, we highlighted areas where the Governor can act very quickly so that service delivery to our own people goes quickly and this is where I was saying we should get more machines; for at least every two wards to get a grader and a shovel so that our road network gets better quickly.

Our schools are in a very bad shape, in every ward you can see how the classes are. We need to modify them since our children need to go to very modern schools. Our classes are dilapidated; every Ward represented can attest to this, our schools have very few teachers. You can imagine a whole primary school having four or five teachers and they are not enough to cater for that number of children.

Our health centers and hospitals have inadequate medicine and staff; we would like this to be implemented very quickly so that the services go to the people. Whatever is hindering these services is the Budget Committee. We have a budget which has not been approved; it is what is causing all these problems because if we want to confirm it from the other arm of the government, we cannot do it because we have not approved this budget. I don't know whether it's because the Budget Committee has not finalized it. Please make sure it is brought here so that we may approve it and when we blame the other side of the Government we know we are not failing in other duties. I rise to support the motion so that implementation is done quickly and so that service delivery may go to our people. Thank you very much Hon. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion on the Governor's Speech. I was just trying to quickly understand what the Governor was talking about concerning the delivery of services to the people on the ground.

Mr. Speaker, I realize for us to achieve this, we need to do a lot of things. One is that the Executive need to have passion for the County and they need to work tirelessly so as to achieve what is on the ground because I realize that mostly even if they are going to depend on expenditure, our Executive Members must understand what they are doing and the time limit.

I have learnt from the trip to South Africa that we need to ensure that they know what they are supposed to be doing in their sectors so that even if it's in the health sector, they understand their challenges and how to tackle them. Even the Members of this House have the responsibility to come together and push the Executive to implement this service.

My recommendation is that we continue supporting them by positively challenging them and calling them and showing them that we know what we are doing.

The Members in the Committees are also supposed to understand what is in this docket, what they are doing and the time limit of the things that I have been doing for the last six months in this House. We are lagging behind because we may not have approved the sectors. For instance, in the education sector, we need to know where our County will be in the next three months on education and infrastructure by using what we have.

As the Majority Leader was saying, we can also utilize what we have for the time being before the money is implemented. Therefore it is our duty as Members to know that we have a duty to push hard to make sure the Executive are working because the Governor may have a good vision for this County but if the Executive fails to do research and come up with a good proposal, am telling you this County will go nowhere. Therefore Members it is our duty to make sure that whatever is being said is not only on paper, it's there on the ground and our work is scrutinized to make sure we motivate these persons by calling them in our Committees and challenging them in a positive way. When we do that we shall be able to move forward.

The other thing is efficiency, as we have seen in the Governor's Speech; that for us to move in this limited term of five years, we have to do things efficiently, and we need to do things in a modern way using technology. Therefore we need to put the House in order, if it's the Executive we need to make sure that the permanent secretaries in those dockets are not politicians but are people who can deliver in those dockets. Therefore, we have a big role.

If we approve these people in those dockets whether it is in education, infrastructure or in health we must make sure that we are not going to use political appointment but on merit so that we can achieve what is expected in that docket. It is my challenge to you that we need an executive member

who will advise us and not us to advise them, they need to know that we are here and these are our targets.

Mr. Speaker, I think we are moving forward in a better way and I thank the Members who have contributed. We need to know that we are lagging behind because we have not yet reached the ceiling; we need to understand that for us to reach the ceiling we must know where our target is and what the hope for this County is, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Wakahiu then Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion as moved by the Hon. Member for Mukogodo West.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that I was lucky to be in this House for the whole of last week and the last four sittings debating on the Governor's Speech. In fact, the speech was well placed, it carried a lot of weight on how we want to move our County, but there is something that as a County and as leaders we need to understand.

Concerning the Executive, I don't know whether there's an Executive Committee Member who is more senior than others because I understand as per the budget that every department and every ministry had its own allocation. So Mr. Speaker if this vision of the Governor or the speech as per how it was is to be implemented everybody in the Executive needs to be brought to book. As the Hon. Member has said, the performance contract needs to be signed. I believe that is the only solution so that the County can move because time of campaigns is over and the time of promising people is over.

So Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't support anybody in the Executive nor do I want to see someone not doing well but there are eight ministries and every ministry has its own functions. So as I support this motion Mr. Speaker, I will also request that as we have the role of overseeing, we need to ensure that we also summon people in serious cases.

As Committees of Selection and Sectoral Committees in the House, we also need to be encouraged and also have capacity building so that our role as per the development of the County is concerned can also be understood.

I support this motion Mr. Speaker; I would request that we will be provided with capacity building to understand our role and that of the Executive so that at the end of the day we may help our County to move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the Motion as I give my input regarding the speech of the County Governor. Mr. Speaker, I partially want to agree with the Leader of Minority on some issues which he mentioned and maybe linked with what Hon. Mwangi was trying to say.

Mr. Speaker, I think it's about six months after the campaigns ended and for that reason Mr. Speaker Sir and for this House, we don't expect the Executive to continue with the campaign mode and making promises. Be it to this House or to the citizens of this County because at this point, we don't need to continue hearing what they intend to do and what they are planning to do. It okay to plan and communicate but Mr. Speaker Sir as Hon. Mwangi mentioned, six months down the line, if you walked to those offices occupied by the Executive and asked them to show you what they have done for six months, there is nothing to show.

Of course there will be a bit of what we have been doing but Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't know whether this is what everybody expects in this County, as for me I expect children to go to school, I want to see schools being built, I want to see bursaries being distributed, I want to see roads being built, I want to see agriculture being uplifted and farmers putting money in their pockets. Any other story besides that does not make any sense to me at the moment so and I have mentioned it earlier and I will keep on saying that as far as we can talk of the Model County.

We can imagine things, we can daydream, we can night dream, we can imagine how we want the County to be but Mr. Speaker Sir until someone gets down into serious business, we shall never achieve anything in this County. Mr. Speaker I think it's high time the Executive becomes resource oriented, call it performance contracting, call it supervision, call it whatever anyone would want to call to but I think it's time we became resource oriented. Not stories, not imagination, not anything, I just want to give a general contribution.

If I may get into a few specifics in the speech, there is a paragraph where the document has no page numbers so I may not be able to tell the page but let me call it page three. There's a paragraph that says, *'the fight against illicit brew in the County continues and is gaining momentum by the day'*.

Mr. Speaker Sir, before I came to this House, I remember I attended a public gathering somewhere in Rumuruti called Location and the Hon. Governor was there and he really spoke tough on illicit brew. Those who come from Rumuruti like Hon. Suge who is the Representative there, can tell you of how illicit brew affects people in that area known as Location and when the Governor spoke tough I thought a week later there would be no illicit brew in Location. If you go there today, illicit brew is the order of the day so Mr. Speaker Sir, that's why I am saying that we really need to be more resource oriented and not to be talking to excite people by making, promises. We need to see things happening.

Again on the same page in the last paragraph it says, *"We have earmarked five economic axis in our County on which our economy will revolve"*. These are dairy production, wareHouse receipting for our immense cereal harvest, beef processing, horticulture, and tourism.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I support this particular move of earmarking these five economic activities but I think it's too limiting. I think the County has potential to explore many areas if we are to talk of economic growth and employment. In relation to that Mr. Speaker, I repeat that we want to be resource oriented.

There is something I have not heard his Excellency the Governor and the Executive addressing, all these that we are saying we shall achieve, how do you intend to go about it? What measure do you have in place to ensure that it will be achieved? If you are saying you will promote the dairy industry, fine how do you want to do it? Can you give us plan A, tactic A, strategy A so that you convince me that you are really committed to making that industry work? If you tell us that you are working on tourism, how do you intend to go about it. The question of how is the hard question. It is what most of us avoid because that's the million dollar question. Everybody can say they want Laikipia to be a nice County, everybody can say we want Laikipia to be a tourism hub, everybody can say we want night schools in Laikipia, anybody can say that but how do you ensure that is achieved and it has not been addressed in this speech. In many other times, this is avoided, I would like the Executive to look into that and to clearly explain and outline how they intend to go about it.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I end because I know we don't have much time, the last paragraph of the last page says, *"I kindly urge those who are qualified for various posts to apply lest they will miss on job opportunities"*. Mr. Speaker Sir, I will not rest until the issue of the illegal employment in Rumuruti is exhaustively handled when I witnessed this because I considered that an insult to my intelligence. When I witnessed young people with good qualifications going to ask for jobs and they are kicked out and then you give jobs to people without qualifications, without advertising and nothing. You give illegal employment to people who don't qualify and don't deserve and then you come and tell me to kindly urge those who qualify for those jobs to apply lest they miss those opportunities, Mr. Speaker I think this is an insult to our intelligence, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Wangu.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the Motion and to give recommendations. I think today we are not discussing the Motion, we did it last week, and we did it exhaustively. So what I would like to do is to give my recommendations on the speech.

One is to give recommendation that we need to see an active and powerful Executive doing their job. It is not a matter of just giving promises and the Governor talking on their behalf. In fact we look forward to the day we shall see a very powerful minister giving speech to the public and saying I have done this. Sometimes I feel worried and wonder whether our Executive really exists because it is very touching when I get a phone call from the ground with people saying the roads are impassable, there is insecurity and there is this. I feel so touched.

I wonder whether people in Laikipia know there is the Executive Ministers who are supposed to do that because they need to know their job and what they are supposed to do. So in my recommendation, I would say if it is possible, we need those ministries to be very independent, powerful and ready to perform for the people and work for the people.

Also the issue of the overshadowing of the Executive; I don't see why someone would call looking for the MP's number to say that the roads are not passable, there is insecurity, saying that we need to see the Governor because that is not the work of the Governor. The work of the Executive is to perform their duties and they need to do so, if they don't do so I am telling you, we are going to make them do it. If we don't make them do it, we shall all fail. So it is high time they woke up from their Honey moon and started working and for that I stand to support the motion. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, let's give preference to those who were away and we shall start with Hon. Dann, then Hon. Catherine and then finally Hon. Jennifer. Yes, is it a point of order? Hon. Catherine, please

**Hon. Catherine**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to be guided on the kind of document I have here on the Governor's Speech. If I heard clearly and the Hon. Members listened carefully to his Excellency the Governor reading the speech, he highlighted something concerning Nyahururu Town, Hon. Kabaci if you recall. He highlighted something concerning the referendum if you can all recall and those things are not in this document. I stand corrected from the Hansard, is this what went into record in the Hansard?

**Speaker**: Hon. Catherine...Hon. Dann, are you responding to Hon. Catherine?

**Hon. Dann**: No, am contributing Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: No, the Members have an issue on the floor so we must dispense that part. Hon. Catherine if you want to get access to the Hansard you can but this is the formal speech that the House got from the Governor. Of course you know it is possible the Governor went out of the speech which wasn't part of the written but you can access from the Hansard what the Governor said. But this is what we had in written form and that is why the copies have been made.

I suspect his Excellency the Governor may have had additional of the speech that was not part of the written but we will respond to what is in there and if you want to access exactly what he said you can always access the hansard and that is available. Yes, Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the motion. If what is in this speech is followed, we have something for our people Mr. Speaker. The Governor may act but his Executive are dragging him behind. Mr. Speaker when we gave those Executive their jobs, we had a few being posted to Nyahururu, others to Kinamba and another one in Dol Dol, Mr. Speaker, the Executive

have sneaked back to Nanyuki and they have all crowded here. Therefore, I am urging the Hon. Members to wake up and send them back to where they were posted.

Mr. Speaker, if at all we want action on the ground, these Executives are not responsible to the community. We were elected through votes and we are directly responsible to what is happening there and that is why they don't care leaving our people in the villages and coming to joy ride here in Nanyuki and therefore I urge the Committee which is concerned with what is happening to address the issue before it goes out of hand. Everything is in a mess but at the villages, the Governor may talk tough, he or the County may give cash...

**Speaker**: Yes, what is it Hon. Wakahiu?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Point of order Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, what is out of order Hon. Wakahiu?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to be guided whether the Hon. Member for Olmoran is in order when he is urging the Committee. Is he supposed to make a ruling or the Speaker?

**Speaker**: Hon. Wakahiu, don't be so harsh on Hon. Dann. He is in the course of discussion and he is basically inciting the Committees responsible to do their work as well. I think the challenge is being put to the Hon. Members for the Committees to work but Hon. Dann even in light of what Hon. Wakahiu has said, you may proceed.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, there was a time let's say two weeks ago Mr. Speaker, when I approached the Chair of the Education Committee and asked him where the Minister for Education was? Mr. Speaker, we have chased after that man for over three months and haven't seen him, when you call him he says he is in Mombasa, he's in Nairobi or he's in Italy.

Mr. Speaker I think this is the last week we shall chase after the Minister for Education and I urge the Chair of the Education Committee that before we go home on Thursday we should meet. He doesn't even know who is in the Education Committee. Therefore Mr. Speaker I support the motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Catherine that was a point of order, you didn't want to...okay, okay please Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, am not going to talk about the speech of the Governor because we have already spoken about it but I have a concern and am not sure.

I think what I need is a clarification and some information regarding the Integrated Plan. I don't know whether all the Members in this House have gone through the Integrated Plan because that is a very important thing and I remember seeing it as a draft at Sportsman's Arms when we had tried to put some input and I realized that the plan had nothing to do with activities pertaining women, youth or the disabled. Some of the Members here who were specially elected had those roles to play and we had a lot of people calling us and Hon. Maitai said that what we need to do is to have action taken. Action that helps the people put food on their tables, help the community of Laikipia to take children to school and help the community of Laikipia to move from one Centre to another or to the market and those are the things that need to happen.

Women are very crucial and they are the fabric of a society and those who are here representing women, youth and the disabled are the people that this constitution realized they were marginalized and have the potential to improve the society.

In that plan, I didn't see any project talking about the leather project for women so that the illicit brew stops so that they can have an alternative because you cannot go to Rumuruti and tell the people, *"Next week I don't want to see any illicit brew"*.

The youth and the women have nothing to do, so what there is, is to continue doing that. The Integrated Plan should show and reflect what should be done by women and youth.

We have the Uwezo fund which is very little but what can we as a County do to make the youth do something rather than take the brew? What can we do to make sure that women have something? They are doing beadwork, they are doing *ciondos*, they are doing this, and they have a market place to take this, they have a...

**Speaker**: Yes, is it a point of order Hon. Mwangi?

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On a point of order I would like to know whether Hon. Jennifer is contributing on the speech on his Excellency the Governor or the Uwezo fund.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Mwangi raised a critical issue and I think as per Standing Order 103, Hon. Jennifer you are going on a target of your own. The motion is very specific but if you read Standing Order 103 it will tell, you are out of order because you raised a different subject. Secondly, you are anticipating a discussion which is against another Standing Order; you are anticipating a discussion that will be brought by the Chair of Finance and Planning where the CIDP (County Integrated Development Plan) is currently located. So you are out of order, I think we should... yes Hon. Kimondo, you should be the last one I guess.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Asante sana Mhsw. Spika, langu ni kusema shukrani kwa hotuba ya Gavana.

Yale yote ambayo yametajwa kwa hotuba yake ni ya muhimu sana lakini kutaja na kutenda ni tofauti sana. Tunashindwa kama sasa waheshimiwa wa Bunge, nikiangalia sasa vile kumenyesha mimi ninashangaa nitapitia wapi kwa sababu barabara hazipitiki. Nikisema hivi, nasema nikiwa mbunge wa Nanyuki ambapo ndipo Gavana analala, ndipo Mhsw. Spika analala na ndipo barabara hazipitiki. Kwa hivyo nataka Mhsw. Gavana aelezwe akae chini na waziri wake ili wajue watakayofanya badala ya sisi wote tuseme.

Tuamke twende tuwafanyie watu kazi na ukipitia katikati ya barabara za Nanyuki kuna mashimo. Hata labda tutapanda ndizi hivi karibuni kwa ajili zimejaa mashimo hata sisi twashindwa tutafanya nini. Ukienda kumuuliza waziri wa barabara, hajui chochote, ukienda kwa kamitii ya *sub-County* hakuna kitu wanajua. Hao tu wanapokea mishahara na wananchi wanakaa bila chochote kwa hivyo tunataka tuelezwe na ni wajibu wa bunge hili twende tukutane na Gavana na tumwambie ni haya tunachotaka. Haya ndio tunataka kwa hivyo hiyo ni ya muhimu na hiyo ndio ilituleta, yetu sio kuja kama wale wengine ambao tumeajiri kazi sio ni kuja na kukalia ofisi. Ni watoke waende wawafanyie wananchi kazi na kwa hayo nasimama kuunga mkono mjadala huu.

**Speaker**: Yes, I almost said that was the last one but I know Hon. Lebeneiyo is very keen to make a reply but allow me to give the two Members who were away. I think it's fair to give them, Hon. Jacob why are you raising your hand? You can't raise your hand, I have not seen you, and I have only seen Hon. Kinyua. Yes, is it a point of order Hon. Shuel? Okay, can I give you one minute; don't go beyond one minute so that we can have those who stood. Hon. Kinyua, Hon. Beth, and Hon. Shuel one minute each. Hon. Jacob, I have not forgotten you, you will also get one minute.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Asante bwana Spika, langu ni kuunga mkono hii hotuba ya Gavana na ningetaka kusema ya kwamba Gavana ameleta hotuba nzuri na amesema vizuri na ni kweli ya kwamba tangu mwezi wa nne tulipata E*xecutive* na tukidhania kazi inafaa kuwa imeanza na imeendelea. Lakini mimi nikiangalia naona ya kwamba wale ambao wamesimamisha kazi ni e*xecutive* na inafaa kamitii zote ziamke sasa. Tusije sisi ambao ni waheshimiwa kazi yetu ni kuangalia na tusije tukajiua na kazi kwa sababu ukiangalia kazi ambayo inafanyika mashinani mara nyingi Bwana Spika nasikia Mhsw. wa Olmoran anapiga simu

kila wakati akisema atafutiwe *culvert* kwake, zile zitawekwa, vile barabara itachimbwa. Unakuta ya kwamba sisi tunajiua na kazi na *executive* bado wako kwa ofisi na mimi nigetaka kuwaambia ya kwamba sasa kamati zote ziweze kuamka na tuweze kuangalia na tuwe waangalifu kwa zile kazi ambazo zinafanywa na *executive* na tuanze kuwauliza maswali na kuwatoa kwa ofisi na tuwaingize huko mashinani.

Tunajua ya kwamba bajeti yetu haijapita lakini sio mambo yote ambayo inahitaji pesa, mambo mengine inahitaji tu kusemwa na kutendwa bila gharama kubwa. Ukiangalia kama vile tumesema ni kwamba ni kweli wanangoja pesa, bajeti ipite waanze kutengeneza barabara. Lakini je, utaanza kutengeneza barabara hata kabla ya kufyeka? Ni vizuri hata wakiwa wanafyeka tuwe tukiona ya kwamba kuna kazi inafanyika hata ingawa tunangoja bajeti yetu ipite.

Ukiangalia kama kwa barabara zingine zina mashimo na ninafikiria ya kwamba hata ingawa hakuna pesa na bajeti haijapita, hakuna wakati magari zitasimama kwa kukosa petrol. Ndio sababu nikasema ya kwamba ni vizuri hata yale mashimo madogo yasiyo na gharama kubwa wawe wakitengeneza lakini ukiwauliza kinachofanyika mashinani, hawajui na ile kazi kidogo ya mashinani inafuatiliwa na waheshimiwa na kufanya itendeke. Je, hao wanafanya kazi gani? Watoke kwa ofisi, waende mashinani na waanze kutayarisha kazi ambayo watakuja kufanya. Hata wewe ukitaka kujenga nyumba huwezi ukajenga nyumba mahali umefika, lazima ufyeke na uanze kutayarisha na tuanze kuona ya kwamba kuna kitu unafanya. Ikiwa ni mwenye amesimamia fedha, pesa bado zinazidi kupotea, pesa za ushuru, hata ukienda kumuuliza ni wapi pesa za ushuru zinatoka hajapata kujua. Kwa hivyo ni kumaanisha hajatoka kwa ofisi na sasa ni lazima watoke kwa ofisi, waende mashinani na waanze kujua mambo na kutekeleza kazi. Langu ni kuunga mkono hii hotuba ya Gavana lakini ningeomba waheshimiwa sasa hata sisi tuamke na tuwaamshe. Asante.

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, mine is to contribute and also to come up with a recommendation.

First, the Governor spoke about the human wildlife conflict, for instance in my ward there's a place called Kahuho and Solio where we have a lot of zebras destroying farmers' crops. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, because actions speak louder than words, we cannot wait for the bill or policy to be made because the farmers are struggling by using a lot of resources and fertilizers so that they can get their produce. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, since the Governor spoke about the human-wildlife conflict, the Executive member concerned should take a step to settle that matter.

He also spoke about the illicit brew, we as Hon. Members are the legislature of this House in Laikipia County therefore, we should come up with a law because in our wards and the locations that we have, you can get those people selling the illicit brew. When they are caught, "*lazima watoe kitu kidogo*" then they go on with their illicit brew and sell to our men, women, and youth. Therefore we should take a step because we as the legislature, we saw Kiambu County coming up with a law on that and we should not wait until our people's lives are not in good standards.

Lastly Mr. Speaker Sir, we have the Executive Committee Members, we should get the schedules on how they are working because for instance, we now have one tractor which went to Ngobit and yet we are having other 14 wards which need their roads to be opened up. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, those Members of the Executive should come up with a schedule on how they will be working and with those few remarks, I support the motion.

**Speaker**: Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Wachira**: Yes, it's a point of order.

**Speaker**: She has sat down, is the point of order still valid?

**Hon. Wachira**: Yes, it is still valid.

**Speaker**: Okay, please proceed.

**Hon. Wachira**: Can I remind the Hon. Member that the tractor is still laying in Ngobit and it is not in a serviceable condition. It is waiting for spares to be brought and it has been laying there for the last two months and when it lays there it does not mean that people of Ngobit are benefitting. Thank you.

**Speaker**: It was a point of information and not a point of order, but she is now informed. Who was next, shuel?

**Hon. Leshuel**: Asante sana Spika, ningependa tu kusema ya kwamba hii hotuba ya Gavana ilikuwa nzuri lakini cha muhimu kabisa ni vile tutaweza kutekeleza yale amesema. Ningesema tu kulingana na mimi na mahali shida kubwa iko ni kwa wale tuliwapa kazi na ukweli kabisa sisi wabunge kama hatutaweza kuwafuatilia hawa watu tuliowapa kazi ni lazima tuangalie uchumi. Ni lazima hawa watu wafanye kazi na ningeomba tuweze kuwafunza kazi kwa sababu unajua wengine walikuwa walimu ambao wanajua kuwafunza watoto na ukituma mwalimu kwenda kwa kijiji, hatajua mahali ya kuanza. Kwa hivyo ningependa tuwafunze kazi kwa sababu hiyo ni kitu inawasumbua.

Unakuta mtu anaenda Doldol siku tatu na hizo siku tatu amekaa kwa *ward* yangu mwisho kwa soko na ukiangalia ile kazi amefanya na atamaliza siku gani, ni lini atamaliza hiyo eneo mzima na azunguke Laikipia mzima…. Kwa hivyo ningeomba tu tusukume hawa watu kabisa ili waweze kufanya kazi, sio lazima kuwe na pesa ndio watu waweze kufanya kazi lakini wanaweza kwenda mahala pale na kuona shida za wananchi na kufikiria vitu vingine. Kile mimi ningesema, tungeweza kuwa na gari ambayo inahitaji pesa nyingi kwa deni lakini hatuwezi kuchukua deni ya mafuta ya kuweza kulima barabara mahali kidogo mpaka wakati tutapata pesa, hiyo itakuwa ngumu sana. Kupatikana kwa *culverts* ni shida na tuko na mashini iliyokuwa ya *council* ya zamani inalala hapa. Sasa kilichobaki ni kununua kokoto,simiti na kutengeneza *culvert* ili tuweze kupeleka mahali inayohitajika. Wananchi wako tayari kujitolea kufanya kazi ya mkono bila hata kuhitaji pesa lakini kupata *culvert* ni ngumu kwa hii Kaunti. Ukweli ni kama hiyo ndio tutahitaji eti mpaka tupate pesa ya serikali ndio tuweze kufanyia wananchi kazi, tutafanya lini? Na kweli mpaka saa hii ukiuliza yeyote anayefanya kazi ni *culvert* ngapi tutahitaji katika Laikipia, hakuna mtu atakueleza. Na ukiweza...

**Speaker**: What is it Hon. Kinyua?

**Hon. Kinyua**: Point of information?

**Speaker**: Point of information, do you want that point of information?

**Hon. Leshuel**: No.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Okay, he doesn't seem to need it for now.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Kwa hivyo ningependa kusema ya kwamba sio lazima tuhitaji pesa nyingi ndio tuweze kufanya kazi lakini ni lazima tupate watu wa kuingia huko mashinani. Sitaki kusema mengi lakini ningesema tusukume hawa watu kabisa. Hatutaki kulaumu mtu yeyote, tusilaumu Gavana lakini kila mmoja wetu ana jukumu ya kusukuma hawa watu. Wale walio katika kamati kama mimi, ni jukumu yetu kuwasukuma na tutafute kama vile Mhsw. Dann alisema, tupewe gari ya kufuata hawa watu hata kama ni Nairobi ama Nakuru tuweze kupata hata kama ni basi itapatikana kutoka nchi ya nje. Ningeomba tena wakati tutaenda kwenye eneo, tupeleke hawa watu hata kama ni wawili ili waweze kuona kile tunafanya huko kwa sababu hawajui. Kwa hivyo ningeomba katika hiyo safari wawe na magari yao na pesa yao ili tuweze kwenda nao. Kwa hayo, ningependa kusambaza dakika thelathini kwa Mhsw. Maruga, sekunde thelathini. Asante.

**Speaker**: You are donating your time, yes I think that must be 30 seconds; he was almost finishing his time.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Asante Bwana Spika, langu ni kuunga mkono hotuba ya Gavana wetu wa Laikipia na ninataka kutupa changamoto kwake ya kuwa ni lazima awaamshe wafanyikazi wake na wafanyikazi ni *County Executive Committee*. Kama hawatafanya kazi, hizi zote ni ndoto na ataanguka na hakuna yeyote atamchukua. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bwana Spika, yangu ni kuunga huu mswada wa Gavana aliposema hii Kaunti itakuwa ya kipekee na itakuwa Kaunti ambayo itatembelewa na kaunti zingine. Lakini Bwana Spika, *executive* tuliyo nao hakuna kitu wametenda katika Kaunti kwa miezi sita iliyopita. Tangu tuwaajiri, wako bado katika maofisi na Gavana alituambia kila mmoja wao amepewa nafasi ya kwenda Doldol, kuna wale ameweka Rumuruti, Nyahururu, na Kinamba. Sasa wote wako Nanyuki, sijui wanafanya nini Nanyuki ama kwa ajili tuliwaajiri tukiwa Nanyuki wakasema Nanyuki ndio Kaunti peke yake. Kwa hivyo inafaa tuangalie hicho kitu, hao watu wachukuliwe hatua mara moja na kila mmoja aende eneo lake. Ukiona wananchi kama kwangu wanaweza kutoka kilomita mia moja na kitu ili wafike Rumuruti ndio wanaweza kusaidika lakini kuna wengine hawajui Nanyuki ni wapi. Kwa hivyo inafaa waende eneo lao na pia wabunge wa Kaunti hii sasa wanajua ni nini wanafanya sio kama wakati walikuwa wageni.

Kwa hivyo pia tunataka wakati tutaajiri hawa *permanent secretary* (PS) wanaosemekena, waheshimiwa muangalie ma PS katika kila wizara. Tusiandike watu na siasa kwa sababu hata tumetembea na tumeona mambo mengi sana, kwa hivyo inafaa tuandike mtu kulingana na ile wizara ametoka. Nikienda saa hii huko kutafuta buni wa barabara kwa sababu kwangu barabara haipitiki na ninataka kusaidiwa, anasema hakuna pesa wacha twende tutafute Wamichwe. Kwa nini kama wewe ni waziri wa barabara usiwe na pesa za barabara ukae na hizo pesa? Ukienda kwa huyu waziri wa masomo anasema twende kwa Wamichwe, hiyo kitu lazima iangaliwe kwa sababu hatuwezi kuwa tukienda kwa huyu, enda kwa Wamichwe, na ukienda kwa huyu twende kwa Wamichwe.

Kwa sababu Wamichwe alichaguliwa kuwa waziri wa fedha, sasa kila mtu anasema twende huko. Kwa hivyo hata wao waitwe watueleze kama mtu amechaguliwa kwa wizara yake na hana pesa. Huna sababu ya kuwa huko kwa sababu sasa mimi kama Mbunge wa Kaunti si mimi niko na pesa yangu. nimepatiwa kama mshahara na kuna pesa ya serikali ambayo tumepeana kwa masomo, waziri hapatikani kupeana *bursary* kwa watoto. Ukienda kwa barabara, waziri anasema hakuna pesa eti uende kwa wizara ya fedha. Kwa hivyo *engineer* aangalie hiyo maneno ya barabara na mimi ninasambaza dakika kumi kwa huyu Mheshimiwa.

**Speaker**: No, order, order! Why are you allocating Members time like that? Who is it that you wanted to give time? Who is it?

**Hon. Jacob**: Nilikuwa nasambaza madakika zangu kwa Mhsw. Kinyua.

**Speaker**: Hon. Kinyua spoke.

**Hon. Wachira**: There's a point of order Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, on a point of order.

**Hon. Wachira**: Hon. Speaker, if we go with that trend that a person who speaks can donate minutes to another, your chair will be out of what? It will be diminished. You don't have to give your minutes to someone else, speak if you want to speak.

**Speaker**: Order, order Member! The Member has an opportunity to donate their time to another Member but there's a way you can also take it out of hand like Hon. Jacob giving it to Hon. Kinyua who had spoken on that matter. So we must also be careful. I would like to conclude this debate by

giving...Hon. Catherine is it a point of order or is it...had you spoken on this matter?

**Hon. Catherine**: No, I stand guided by you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, what is the guidance?

**Hon. Catherine**: I don't know because I have not heard any other Hon. Member comment on this matter but it is always good to be the pioneer and I stand guided on whether I am right or wrong. Looking at the pace you are contributing on this motion and now it is off, we have a lot of work to do here and we might end up sleeping here. Mr. Speaker, guide me, is this the trend?

**Speaker**: You know the Hon. Members usually never waste time when contributing. So, as long as the Members are talking they can also be here until midnight. That is their work, in fact that is why they are here, but you also raised a critical point. Maybe, are you saying that the mover should reply? It looks like that is what you… Why are you then using a lot of words? I think Hon. Maruga.., Are you objecting that?

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I need your guidance. Is it in order for a Member to come to the chambers wearing as if he's going for a referee's match or a world wrestling championship?

**Speaker**: What are you saying Hon. Member?

**Hon. Mwangi**: Is it in order for the Hon. Engineer to come in a short sleeved shirt and a tie?

**Speaker**: I think if we asked all the Hon. Men to remove their jackets, most likely they will be having short sleeved shirts. But probably the point you are raising is the lack of a jacket. I think it is not good Hon. Mukuria to be dressed like that. I don't know where you came from but it is not good...

*(Laughter)*

Next time we will consider taking you out of the chambers, thank you Hon. Maruga for raising that because we have to uphold a certain level of standard. Now Hon. Minority Leader, you would want to reply.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank all Hon. Members for contributing to this motion. I hope all that we have said here can be put into practice. I would also like to add to our Committees that each and every Committee in this House should try to see whether our executive is sleeping, and let's try our best to wake them up. Even if we go into an agreement with them, but provided we let them know what we are here for. We are not here for big salaries or whatever, we are here as servants to our people. So all Committees, if our executives are trying to sleep in their offices, let's knock at their doors and wake them up. Thank you very much Members and God bless you all.

**Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Members, I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *aware that the Standing Order no. 20 states that whenever the Governor delivers an address, a Member may as soon as practical thereafter lay the address on the table of the House following the reading of such address,* ***that*** *the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor concerned that his speech should reflect the situation on the ground.* ***Noting*** *that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 Chapter 11, Schedule 4(2) devolved this function to the County Government, this House urges Members to discuss the Governor's Speech and make recommendations for the Executive to expedite service delivery by fully implementing the recommendation of the Governor's Speech and ensuring*

*that our electorate gets effective and efficient service delivery.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: The House is adjourned until tomorrow morning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

House rose at 4.08 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**Speaker:** Thank you very much Hon. Members I must apologize that we again started the session late, 18 minutes late. I think there was a challenge somewhere but we must take some action for that not to be repeated again. Basically the mace was locked up and those who were responsible were not there, I will be asking for a written explanation why that happened by the end of today because there are things we can accept and others we may not accept but all in all we are here. Thank you. We seek your indulgence.

**MOTION**

**[Majority Leader –Hon. Ephraim Wachira]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

> ***Noting*** *that the County Government Act provides that the Executive shall develop through a consultative process; County symbols including County flag, County Coat of Arms and County Public Seal and even County Anthem;* ***Appreciating*** *that these symbols embody the people of the County and noting that these are symbols needed immediately as they symbolize and signify County authority; This Assembly urges the County Executive to quickly develop these symbols for Assembly's consideration.*

Hon. Speaker and Members as we had said earlier from the very beginning before this County or other Counties were formulated; we cannot go ahead in our old system of the Government. You know we had seals that belonged to the Councils, Municipal, Urban Councils and everything else like Coat of Arms and flags, we had all these. I now beg to ask the Executive as the motion leaves here that our County Government needs our letter heads, County flags to symbolize our County, County Coat of Arms and a seal

**Speaker:** Order Hon. Member? Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Mwangi**: It's a point of order. I would like your indulgence Mr. Speaker Sir. Is this Member moving the same Motion that is on the paper or he is just moving some other things?

**Speaker:** I think he is talking about symbols; it's about the County flag, County coat of arms and County public seal, he is contributing to that Hon. Member.

**Hon. Mwangi:** He has not read the Motion.

**Speaker:** I thought he read. Hon. Majority.

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Speaker, I have already read the Motion and I am contributing now unless the Member who is on the point of order is not in this House.

*(Laughter)*

Members, as you know that these symbols are really needed in this County especially our flag, we need to host this flag in every Ward where we have our offices so that our flag is symbolised and let us

have the seal so that we may seal the documents because a document that is not sealed is not valid.

Again we need to have this Coat of Arms; our House is like a House without a leader. That Coat of Arms signifies a symbol of our own County. We may sit down and agree what to put, either a lion or an elephant so that we may come up with a good Coat of Arms.

Another thing is the County Anthem which is not included in our motion Mr. Speaker, symbolises and brings people together and gives the people of Laikipia oneness that they are moving in a united direction. Mr. Speaker Sir, I will ask Hon. Wakahiu to second my Motion. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion as moved by the Majority Leader.

Having passed the constitution the year 2010 and the establishment of the County Government, it was passed that all Counties should have their symbols and Coat of Arms. Mr. Speaker our County is probably lugging behind in many things that have been discussed in this House and this being one of the issues that the County is supposed to have, we are very far behind and this is the reason why the people of Laikipia still have the mentality that we have not moved from the old constitution to the new constitution.

Once things are established or are started or they are done as the County Government is supposed to do, this will symbolise oneness, stability and even make the people of Laikipia feel they are in a Cosmopolitan County or have the mentality that they are one. At the same time they will understand that we have moved from one type of the Government to another.

Mr. Speaker, I will also urge the Executive to quickly develop these symbols because we as Hon. Members and the people of Laikipia once we come to realize and see things surely we will appreciate that we have the new Government and not the Government which was there previously. In line with this, allow me to introduce something which the House is supposed to be having.

The stickers of the County Assembly of Laikipia; whereby once the Member moves outside or goes to another County we experience so many challenges particularly with the movement of our vehicles where we are not known and it came a time Mr. Speaker, when we were caught unawares and our vehicle ended up being locked in the streets of some Counties. So Mr. Speaker Sir, once these things are developed it will be to the advantage of the County of Laikipia and at the same time the other arm of the Executive. So I second the Motion.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question:-

> ***THAT**, noting that the County Government Act provides that the Executive shall develop through a consultative process; County symbols including County flag, County Coat of Arms and County Public Seal and even County Anthem; **Appreciating** that these symbols embody the people of the County and noting that these are symbols needed immediately as they symbolize and signify County authority; this Assembly urges the County Executive to quickly develop these symbols for Assembly's consideration.*

Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think this is long overdue because other Counties have done it and we keep on saying that we are Model County and I think we aren't because a County like Machakos did it like 3 months ago and we are here now deliberating and the Executive could have done it earlier. I see that the Assembly is the one

pushing the Executive; they could have done it even before we wake them up. So I don't think there is much to deliberate on this because it's self-explanatory and we don't have to discuss it because they ought to have done it 3 months ago on 4th March. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you. I also rise to support the motion that the Executive need to quickly develop these symbols for Assembly's consideration. The mover has clearly stated well that they develop the symbol and so I do wish they consider the County Anthem. It was the other day we were talking about the County Anthem with one of the Members, Madam Catherine who has a very good tune and I would wish the Executive thinks of consulting her so that she can have an input on that. In fact she has a good tune…

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order?

**Hon.Wachira:** Is the Hon. Member in order to praise a Hon. Member? This is not a choir House; we are in the Assembly Hon. Kabaci.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kabaci:** I was suggesting that the Executive can consult the Hon. Member. Am not in praise of that Hon. Member Mr. Speaker but she definitely has that in mind that she can contribute very well concerning that. I also do wish if the Executive can have a modernized portrait of H. E the Governor which is to be stored in all the offices Mr. Speaker. It was the other day we went with H. E the Governor at the former Municipal hall, Mr. Speaker the portraits of former mayors are still stored there. I would wish if they can be removed and stored in archives for the generation to come to learn of the regime we had but the Governor's portrait should be in all wards. As they develop the symbol, they should also think of developing the Governor's portrait. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Shuel seem to have reconsidered his position, he seems to have been keen to talk earlier but now Hon. Dann, Hon. Mukuria and then Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as we discuss the County Flag and the Symbols I would like the Executive to think of something that will reflect the face of Laikipia not foreign symbols. We want them to consider either cultural life or the environment. The symbols should signify the oneness of the County and the tower of the County and it will be my pleasure if these flags as the Hon. Member was saying were hosted in our offices and with that I support the motion.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this chance. I want to support this Motion about the symbols of this County. The only challenge I want to put to the Executive is to come with a consultative process, using professionals. We want uniqueness in our symbols in this County. We want to see that all the people holding positions in this County come up with better symbols of this County not a symbol that everybody will later complain.

As they consult they should come up with a symbol that reflects the colour of this County, the people and how Laikipia County is. When we went to South Africa, we saw that they have something unique in themselves, in Laikipia they should consult professionals, designers and artists so that if it is brought in this House everybody will see it as unique compared with other counties.

I urge the Executive that we are running out of time and they should hurry to come up with symbols and once they are done before being formalised the House should be consulted so that nobody will complain later as the mover of the motion had said.

I also need to tell the Executive, like now last time when we went to Machakos, once you enter you

will know that you are in Machakos and there is no signboard I have seen showing that you are entering Laikipia County. Therefore, it is important that the Executive know that they are there to market us through these symbols. They are not there just to be put in cars but they are there to sell our County even outside the Country so that people are able to tell that we even have animals in this County. Therefore, it needs a big mind so that we are able to come up with a good formula to sell this County. Thank you.

**Speaker:** We had Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Hon. Speaker and I would like to say good morning to these Hon. Members. I rise to support this Motion and much has been said by the Hon. Member who had spoken earlier and I don't need to repeat what had been said but basically I want to discuss what has not been highlighted and this is the County Anthem.

Noting that all these are symbols of the County Government, they all address one key issue that this is our identity; this is our symbol of authority and County unity. It also talks of what Hon. Mukuria talked about the County branding. I wish to put on the spotlight the relevant minister in this ministry Madam Anne Cheptoo who is taking care of youths, sports and other social welfare. I wish to speed her up from the floor of the House and tell her that am aware that people were given a chance to come and bring forth this County Flag and arms and were given a chance to compete on the same. I am worried if this issue could be derailed or maybe there are some personal interests or any other factor that could not make this thing made on time.

May I quote other Counties like Machakos and Samburu our neighbour here; they already have their County Flag and County Arms in place. The only thing I don't know about the two Counties is the anthem. So just like Hon. Kimondo has said, if we are coming out as a Model County we must brand our County. It is our high time to market ourselves even in the media. If we see other counties running to the media and trying to market their counties, highlighting their strengths and what they are capable of doing, it is also up to us to make sure we sell our County to the whole world in the best way we can.

I am not quite sure Mr. Speaker even at this moment if our website is running. That only means that we are not serious when we say that this is a Model County. Five (5) months or 7 months down the line and we don't even have the County flag. When our Governor is crisscrossing the County or when he is moving around this place, am not sure I stand guided the kind of flag that is there whether that is the County flag we are talking about.

Now about the County Anthem, I remember I tried to explain to my dear Hon. Members here and I was trying to tell them that if we can come up with a good tune, a good anthem and we make sure that we…, I don't know we call it video shooting or what and we do it in a manner that we are to represent every tribe and every language that we speak and we make sure as we shoot those videos we highlight on all the landscapes and tourists that we have in the County and that way we can be able to make sure that every member of this County has a copy, not just a copy but a CD that portrays all these symbols of the County Government and we will be able to market ourselves national wide or internationally. I look forward Mr. Speaker Sir, to a situation whereby when our website runs these four symbols of the County Government, it has our tune, the anthem and that tune I would be very glad, personally I have a personal interest not personal interests on the ground of other factors but because I have a passion of music and I know God has blessed me in that area.

I shall be very glad if I see our website running with our tune, like the way KQ or maybe any parastatal in Kenya…, like now we identify Safaricom by the tune they run, that is their Anthem. I look forward to a situation whereby radio stations or any broadcasting station can

highlight or can play our tune identifying this is Laikipia and this is what we are capable of doing and these are the Hon. Members in that House who are steering the Members of the Executive, the Speaker and the Governor. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Shuel then Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion that we should have symbols, a flag and Coat of Arms as quick as possible. In fact we need to integrate our ideas to get a good symbol that will tell you how Laikipia is and the difference between Laikipia and other Counties.

Mr. Speaker, my worry is that we have passed so many motions here and we don't know how long they will take to be implemented. Today we are here passing the motion and we don't know when or whether what we are passing here is being implemented and do we have a timeframe or we are just passing things here and then we wait for months and years? We need to have a follow up or a way that we can know that whatever we are passing here is being implemented. We cannot be coming here passing motions or talking and we are not following up. In fact we cannot have a Model County when 6 months down the line we don't have a seal, we don't have a website and that only tells us that the executive has been doing nothing for 6 months. We need to be quick as much as possible and am asking the Executive to quicken things instead of just talking here.

The other thing, we need also to have mission and vision of the County because you will challenge the County through that; either we are on the right track or otherwise. In fact us being the pioneers of this County Government we need to integrate the County Government and the Assembly, we sit down so that we come up with a good unchallengeable thing. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Hon. Maruga then Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Mwangi:** I rise in support of this motion and I am kind of worried because every time we discuss a motion here we always urge them to do something, that is, the County Executive of Laikipia. What is this that they will do without us urging them? The only thing they can do without us urging them is buying vehicles worth millions but something critical like Coat of Arms and implementing the decisions we are making here which are very serious we are still urge them to do something. I think they should wake up because it seems the Assembly is far much ahead and despite that, the Assembly may not do what the Executive are supposed to be doing. We will pass laws but if they are not implemented we are going nowhere and once the Executive fails, it will be the County Government of Laikipia that will fail and the Assembly will not be spared. So it's the high time that they should wake up and any ruling by this House should be implemented with immediate effect. Thank you and I support.

**Speaker:** Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I agree with my colleagues. I want to highlight 3 points. To me, I think it's very disturbing because up to this time these things are not yet put in place. Mr. Speaker Sir, we have visited two counties, one is Machakos and the other one is Narok and these are some of the things that the Executive has put in place about 4 or 3 months ago. Like Hon. Shuel said it's not the issue of whether there is money or not it needs somebody to sit down, think about it, get moving and it is done and of course there could be some little finances that might be involved. If we do procure cars without paying and then we pay at a later date through the provision of procurement that is provided, why don't we secure some of these things and have them provided to us if that's the process to go? But Mr. Speaker Sir, if we keep dwelling on what is so fundamental, what is so basic, really, to me the fact is that it has not been done up to now and heaven knows how much longer it will take again before it will be put in place. But I think it has been long overdue but as

we get to it Mr. Speaker Sir, we arrived from South Africa, I don't want to get too much in to that because I know a time will come, but Mr. Speaker for us know how much impact marketing does to a brand. One of the things we must do to this County is to brand it and market it for majorly revenue generation. The symbols we are talking about, the anthem we are talking about and the County flag that we are talking about; these are things that will be able to market our County.

I was joking and talking to my colleagues in this Assembly that if you go to a National Park in South Africa, there are very few animals, 2 zebras and I think a gazelle and they make a whole story out of it. They market as though wildlife only lies in South Africa and here we are in Laikipia and have beautiful wildlife and we cannot market it right. Mr. Speaker, can we brand our County, can we market, can we get symbols, flag and anthem that really capture Laikipia County and we can move with that Mr. Speaker.

It has been mentioned earlier, I think a competitive process was tried to be put in place. To me Mr. Speaker, I think there is need to be more aggressive and more progressive because I think it will be a very good opportunity. One, to get the very best, the finest of Art in Laikipia and I know we have talents in Laikipia, I know it will give the artists and of course the young people of Laikipia a chance to market themselves so that they can grow both economically as well as their talents Mr. Speaker. I know that it can raise issues of personal interests and all that but Mr. Speaker as I had mentioned in this House earlier, you may have personal interests, you may have whatever you have in mind but at the end of the day we must ensure that we get the very best so that the County can get moving. So let the process of getting these things not be derailed because some people are trying to bring in their interests but we would rather get the very best through a very competitive process so that whatever comes out we own it Mr. Speaker, Sir.

I heard Hon. Kabaci saying that Hon. Waruguru may be of help to that Mr. Speaker, Sir. I don't know when and where he listened to those tunes…

*(Laughter)*

…but Mr. Speaker Sir, I can also mention that I can also come up with one so Hon. Kabaci needs to give me a chance as well. I really support the idea of a County Anthem coming from this House, we would be really proud to own it and I look forward to the competition. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I think we will close it at that, Hon. Majority take a chance to reply.

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker and Members of the House and most sincerely Members who contributed to this motion. Without these symbols, we are not a full-fledged County. It is by doing so that we would hit the journey to where we are going. Again as our Members are saying, when we get our own Coat of arms and we put our own animals on this Coat of arms, we will be advertising our own tourism industry, our County and products. When our Executive is not functioning, Members we are in the dark. Members, we urge the Executive to come quickly and rescue this County from this quagmire. Thank you Hon. Members for contributing and thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I will like to put the question;

> ***Noting*** *that the County Government Act provides that the Executive shall develop through a consultative process; County symbols including County flag, County Coat of Arms and County Public Seal;* ***Appreciating*** *that these symbols embody the people of the County and noting that these are symbols needed immediately as they symbolize and signify County authority; this Assembly urges the County*

*Executive to quickly develop these symbols for Assembly's consideration.*

***(Motion agreed)***

I think one of the Members asked us a critical point, the follow up of this and I think it is important to mention that we have an implementation Committee headed by Hon. Suge and it will be important for that Committee to come back in this House and do the audit of all the motions and decisions that this House has done and give a report to this Assembly so that this it takes appropriate action as it is always necessary so the challenge is on the implementation Committee to pick up some of these things and ensure that there is implementation. But am sure Hon. Suge knows that we don't need to remind him. Hon. Suge, you don't need to respond on that one, we were just reminding you of what you know and your Committee as well.

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Peter Thomi]**

***Noting*** *that the County Government Act (Section 48) provides that service delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages;* ***Appreciating*** *that the engines of growth for any County are its urban areas; recognizing the place of urban areas in direct and indirect employment and wealth creation; this Assembly urges the County Government to speedily formulate a clear strategy and framework on how urban areas in the County will be classified and developed.*

Mr. Speaker, I feel that service delivery of County Government shall be centralized to urban areas. With that resolution, I feel that we Hon. Members in favour of this County must be very unpartisan into this issue whereby we shall see that these County areas which equalize with be cities are upgraded.

Mr. Speaker, we need to map out areas that can be developed in to Satellite Towns. Giving an example maybe in each constituency, we can have an urban area set up as a town. We have a place like Juakali in Naimbor whereby the surrounding area has ranchers. Mr. Speaker, I feel the ranchers can come out together after being given incentives, maybe because like in Naimbor we have 300 acres of land. We can have that being brought up by maybe constructing an airstrip or a university so that we can have a modern town developed by our own people. Mr. Speaker, I feel that some of our own resources are going to be lost if we don't make use of the people who are here and are able. In each constituency we can have a town set up by our locals whereby we can also create employment. So Mr. Speaker, I feel there is a lot of resource here and making up our urban areas is not hard if all our people come up together.

Mr. Speaker, I feel to improve our urban towns for example Nanyuki Town, we need to ensure we have something like the fire engine which is always around so that even the business community does not have fear of fire. Mr. Speaker, to have urban centers that are really going to be taken care of, we need to ensure that issue and that of having street children are observed and security should be improved.

Mr. Speaker, we have moved round this County and we have seen areas where we have sand. This sand can be used to make ceramic tiles. So we have a lot of resources and areas that can be set aside to ensure that we have towns in our County that can be of benefit to our community. Mr. Speaker, this County is rich and can have urban towns if we all had that in mind and are set for that. We need to set a good example and ensure that the period that we have been in this Assembly we have changed the County of Laikipia because we all understand that we do not depend on cities

like Kisumu or Nairobi or Mombasa but the kind of towns that we are going to have in our own constituencies or in our own County. So Mr. Speaker, it is this House on behalf of the people we represent to ensure that towns are brought up and something like that is used to bring revenue to this County. So Mr. Speaker with those few remarks I call upon the Hon. Member of Marmanet Eng. Mukuria to support. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion about centralization of towns. Mr. Speaker, I am much worried about how we are going, we should be aware that nobody else will come to change this Laikipia County and we should not behave as if we are waiting for somebody else to come and bring change. It is the responsibility of the Executive and the Members to know that we are the change of this County. I am going to touch some areas Planning, Security, implementation, marketing, improvement and extra curricula activity.

One, for us to be able to achieve we must make sure we have a modern County which will be a Model County, that is planning. For us to be able to have a better Nanyuki, we have to involve our technical bench to come out with a better planning for this town. For us to achieve better facilities for infrastructure in this town, we need to improve our drainage system, security system so that we encourage investors to come to this town. If you go to Nanyuki, every business is closed at 6.00 p.m. and between 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. you will never see any running business in this town.

The other one is the security problem. What is the Government of this Laikipia doing to make sure security of our town is there? Are they able to incorporate the Central Government or the County Government to make sure that Nyahururu, Rumuruti and Nanyuki are safe? For us to achieve that we need to plan very well so that we do not have hawkers anywhere. The government should come up with a management process on where the hawkers are supposed to be, stage for *matatus* and the market area. We should also have a town that is well rich on security and that's why am saying all these come by planning. I don't know how the Executive are doing on this process to make sure that for us to achieve and see the difference between the previous regime and current regime is how we plan within these 5 years. The strategic plan is what has made all of us Members to come in this House.

When we go now to sub-counties and small towns for us to have an impact to our wards we need to have a better planning. There is a lot of land grabbing there but what are they doing? Anybody can put his kiosk at any place, in any town, anywhere, in front of the roads, the bank but what is the Government doing to make sure we have a better planning? To make sure that every area is accessible we need to plan our infrastructure from this place to our rural areas. What are they doing to make sure that the grabbed land is brought back? Are the roads accessing to those villages and market places government roads or are they individuals?

The other thing I have come to realize Mr. Speaker is the housing in this town. We have very old buildings owned by the County, are they planning to demolish them? Are they planning to renovate them so that they can give the town a better planning? What is the government doing to make sure those Houses rented particularly in Nyahururu are bringing resources or revenue to the people of Laikipia? We have to come up with a plan on how to manage the Houses which are just there and others are just like ghost Houses where nobody lives and they have become a critical problem where street children live.

Cleanliness in our town: I was amazed when I went to South Africa, you cannot see dirt in those towns but when you go to our towns, dumping places is everywhere and in any area. What is the government doing? They have to wake up to

ensure our towns' garbage is collected so that investors might come to our town. I have also realized that when we do this Mr. Speaker, we will get jobs for our people and make sure that when you are planning about the garbage collection and drainage systems they are clean and in good places and can employ casuals. If you go to Thingithu you will see some drainage still blocked and the County Government should make sure that these areas are being utilized in a better way.

Mr. Speaker, the other thing is the extra curricula activity in this town. I have come to realize that for us to achieve, we have to make sure our youths are trained. We have to make our stadiums to the best standards. If you go to Nanyuki, is that the standard that we need to improve to make sure that we attract even international people coming here? If you go to Nyahururu, is that the standard that can attract revenue people even from London or South Africa to come and see the modern stadium that we have? We went to South Africa and found that there is a social Centre. What are we doing in our social activities? We need to ensure that our social halls are not just there, during the weekend we can have indoors things that can be attracting young people to ensure they do their extra activities.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the important thing that I have realized is implementation and if the Government does not coordinate with our local engineer like in the previous regime we had Eng. of roads, what are these people doing? What are the Agricultural people doing to make sure that we utilize the resources that we have? Like now the Agricultural officer, what is he doing to advice the farmers to improve the farming in those areas? What are our engineers doing to make our roads better? After constructing the road today, tomorrow will be worn out.

Mr. Speaker, all that comes with planning and also forcing these people to work. The Executive have to make sure that the people who are on the ground, our professionals are not just staying in the office, they should be giving us the report that we have been doing this and that and these are the challenges. Then they bring that report to a Committee in this House so that we make sure that everybody has woken up because we have to make sure that our towns are generative.

If you go for instance where we sell our animals like Rumuruti you will find that we are losing a lot of revenue. What is the government doing to make sure that Rumuruti is safe, that when people are selling their animals are they benefiting? On our banking system, what are they doing? There is a big process Mr. Speaker to make sure we are able to achieve a lot in our towns. I have also come to realize that we need to beautify our towns. What is the government doing to make sure that when we come here we don't see worn-out paints, pot holes in town? That is a strategy that ensure that our towns like Nyahururu or Rumuruti or our small town like Ol-jabet there in Marmanet have better buildings. They should come up with a controlled method of buildings in our towns, roads and even our homes like in Nairobi where they have a planning system. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second the Motion.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question;

> ***Noting*** *that the County Government Act (section 48) provides that service delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages;* ***Appreciating*** *that the engines of growth for any County are its urban areas; recognizing the place the place of urban areas in direct and indirect employment and wealth creation; this Assembly urges the County Government to speedily formulate a clear strategy and framework on how urban areas in the County will be classified and developed.*

Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion and I wish to ask a question through the Speaker's office to the House. What will be the contribution of the County towards the urban areas and towards the villages that we are talking about and to sub-County? We are discussing in this House today because the citizens of Laikipia County voted for us or gave us the chance to work for them and we can make their living conditions better than they are today. In this case, it is not what the citizens of Laikipia can do but what this House or the County can do to work for the development of sub areas and even the villages.

Now, I wish to highlight a few things or maybe even the Members from the other side, the Executive Members together with the Hon. Members in this House what we can do to make the lives of Laikipian's better. This is because we are the people who will say we classify Ngobit or Rumuruti as a rural or a town or even an urban area but it's another thing for these people to feel or own that place that you are calling rural or urban Centre and to feel there is a change on the ground. Now I wish to go on record that we cannot come here and tell the citizens of Laikipia that maybe we promoted a town like Ngobit to be an urban area if we shall not be bringing that sense of change on the ground. You cannot go tell a small village that you have promoted it to be a sub County and a town like Doldol you call it maybe an urban Centre and there is no water, no electricity, no security and no schools for children to go and learn.

I wish Mr. Speaker to say this as much we put much consideration that we are highlighting on classifying and developing this sub counties and urban areas, can we ask ourselves what we can do as this House to make sure that the people on the ground feel the impact of the changes of the status of their villages. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** My reading of the chemistry says that the mover should be called to reply. Hon. Kabaci, do you want to contribute?

**Hon. Kabaci:** I think I can have one or two things that I can include in the motion. It is clear the Members who have talked earlier have noted that these towns which are engines of our growth in our County should be upgraded well. I think we cannot deny the fact that for those centers to be upgraded something must be done and I kindly ask the Executive member for planning to think of how he can plan these centers otherwise they cannot develop if proper planning is not done. I can give an example of a town like Doldol whereby it should be planned well for an investor to go and invest there in terms of building permanent premises.

Another town is Muthengera Trading Centre which can also develop well if proper planning is done. Those people have been waiting for so long Mr. Speaker and I would kindly ask the Executive Member concerned to think of how those people can have the title deeds so that they can build those centers.

It is also clear that those big towns we have in our County are the engines of growth and I would ask the people concerned to be pumping more money in those towns we have. In terms of lighting in order to make those towns 24 hours working, we must think of how to light them especially Nanyuki, Kinamba and Nyahururu and this one will also make them earn more money and they will be able to pay revenue.

I would also like those roads that we have in those towns to be considered for upgrading because people are complaining that we are asking them to pay revenue but there is no service delivery. I would also wish those towns be considered when it comes to tarmacking them. It is good if those towns can be considered, let us have some money to tarmac them so as to give two or three kilometers to each and every town to modernize

them for the people there to pay revenue without any hindrances Mr. Speaker. Thank you so much I support the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker though you failed in your chemistry. I wanted to highlight a small issue. When it comes to urban centers or towns because there are issues that are related to planning for urban centers, Mr. Speaker, I have made a few enquiries about upcoming towns and I have been informed that at around 1970s there was a very good plan of our town, very well done by the government then. The physical planners can give you a good plan for our town Mr. Speaker Sir. Most of us Kenyans are known for land grabbing, I am raising this because we may talk of planning our towns and identifying them and that will be done but then Mr. Speaker, what happens when people come in to power whether this government or the coming government as times moves on, people disorganize what has already been planned to serve their interests. Mr. Speaker Sir, you will find that a space that was set aside for cemetery has been grabbed for residential and commercial areas- areas that had been put aside for public schools or recreation facilities.

Am raising this because Mr. Speaker Sir, as we plan our urban, our town, I think it would be good to come up with a policy, a culture, a law that really protects these urban areas to ensure that the plan which has been put in place is followed to the letter and it is protected so that towns and urban areas remain as they are supposed to be. When they say that they are really a source of employment it should truly be that way. When we change our towns to serve our interests or to meet our thinking which is not really the interest of the people that we serve and we miss it all, then that is when we find our towns are not where they are supposed to because we tamper with the correct planning and then it loses meaning. So I wanted to highlight that as I support the motion let it be accompanied by sustaining the development that those towns are supposed to bring along. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I think now your chemistry will work.

**Speaker:** Hon. Thomi, why don't you now consider replying?

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think this is a motion that if it is well understood it will be of benefit to us and to our people. Mr. Speaker, if today we brought a motion here of our County headquarters going to Rumuruti or remaining in Nanyuki maybe that's when many will understand why we should talk about urban centers.

Mr. Speaker, it would be of great interest to our people if we come up with new areas as you have said, develop them and bring resourceful people to bring up these new towns. What I would say is that we need to give hope to our people so that we can come up with urban towns like Muthengera in Marmanet area or Matwiku in Githiga Ward. If assuring those people that there will be security and that those roads can be done, I think the idea of coming with urban towns will work.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot fail to come up with urban towns because we have thought of the security that is there and these are the challenges that we should overcome as time goes. So what is important Hon. Members is to see that the County of Laikipia is where it belongs and we need to have towns and resourceful people like the ranchers. We can have slaughterHouses in a very remote area today and think that area can become a town whereby we can have these people facilitate and we have a University or an industry. By so doing Mr. Speaker, I feel instead of taking our people backwards we shall be taking them ahead. So the issue of coming up with urban towns Mr. Speaker, I would say is long overdue. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I will like to put the question;

***Noting*** *that the County Government Act (section 48) provides that service*

*delivery of County Government shall be decentralized to urban areas, sub-counties, wards and villages;* ***Appreciating*** *that the engines of growth for any County are its urban areas; recognizing the place of urban areas in direct and indirect employment and wealth creation; this Assembly urges the County Government to speedily formulate a clear strategy and framework on how urban areas in the County will be classified and developed.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House is adjourned until in the afternoon. The House rose at 10:20 a.m.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### PRAYERS

**MOTIONS**

**[LEADER OF MAJORITY]**

**{Hon. Wachira}**

Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *pursuant to Section 13(1) of the County Government Act 2012 this House approves the report of the County Assembly Service Board dated 17th September, 2013 on the appointment of Jasper Mutuiri as the Clerk of the County Assembly.*

Members, I hope you went through this motion; it was given to you yesterday. The Clerk was interviewed there before and was vetted and pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Government Act Section 13, it is the pleasure and duty of the County Assembly Service Board to present to the Assembly the Board's report on the approval of Mr. Jasper Mutuiri as the Clerk of the County Assembly.

Members, when the Board went through the papers and I hope you have gone through this Motion, the Board's recommendation was after due consideration with the County Assembly Service Board, it recommended Mr. Jasper Mutuiri be approved as the Clerk of the County Assembly. Members, you know we have been having a temporary Clerk of the County Assembly since we entered this Assembly and by so doing, we have moved forward with Mr. Mutuiri as our temporary or transitional Clerk since he was seconded to this County by the Transitional Authority.

Members, you know how Mr. Mutuiri has worked with us diligently and with a lot of loyalty. When we went through his own papers and through his work experience, we found that he is eligible for consideration as a Clerk of this County Assembly. His papers speak volumes because as you have learnt through the papers on your table, his papers are up to date and he is an educated fellow on this area where he has applied for and this is why he was shortlisted as the best candidate of this Assembly.

I therefore urge Members to deliberate in the same and pass this motion. I beg Hon. Catherine to support this motion.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion and to support the appointment of Mr. Jasper Mutuiri who is age 43.

Now, I believe every Member has gotten the CV of Mr. Mutuiri and I know what is basic and what each one of us must look into before we pass his name on the floor of the House. It's his ability to perform his duty, his past record and again even his duration. When I say that, I want to bring to your attention that Mr. Mutuiri has been in a process of learning since the year 1985 when he was an Administrative Officer to the year 2013 where he became an Interim Clerk of the Assembly.

I wish to bring to your attention that Mr. Mutuiri has a vast experience and vast knowledge in the relevant office that he is fighting for. In this case as all Members go through his CV, you can see that he has gone through various courses in leadership and management and in this area that he has applied for, he is seeking for two mandates. One as a leader and another on management, I wish to bring to your attention that when Mr. Mutuiri is a Clerk, all the staff in the Assembly will be reporting to him and in this case, we must also be in a position to confirm that indeed if Mr. Mutuiri is a manager he will be in a position to manage the staff that are working under him.

Again, we must also evaluate to see if this gentleman is self-motivated because it is one thing for someone to have the credentials and another to be a performer. Now the big question is that, is Mr. Mutuiri as the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia in a position to give motivation and drive the personnel that are working under him?

In this case I am talking about the staff of the Assembly. Number two we are talking about management, this gentleman will be managing the Hon. Members and he will be a link between the Hon. Members and the Speaker, is he a person who is adjustable? Is he someone who has the ability to hold more so politicians like myself? People will come to you with all pressure and manner. I don't know but I would like to highlight this, there comes a time when there are pressures and when I say this people will push you to a corner because probably the Hon. Members feel in one way or another that you are working as a hindrance or blockage towards what they want. Is Mr. Mutuiri in a position to hold his temperament? Is he in a position to speak to people who come to him with a lot of aggressiveness and be in a position to provide moderation and a good working condition between the Hon. Members, the office of the Speaker and the staff he is working with?

I wish to also bring to your attention that the Committee vetted Mr. Jasper Mutuiri and that this gentleman is of unquestionable character. We have not heard someone come and complain to us that he has not paid taxes, stolen someone's plot or he did one, two, and three things. If you know Kenya, everyone is at liberty to come out and raise a complaint concerning a specific person.

Now in this case, I kindly beseech the whole House to kindly join hands in making sure we have put into position a Clerk who is very able, a clerk who has vast experience, a clerk who has the ability to offer leadership to the staff because I know all the Hon. Members concur with me that basically in our Committees we need strong Members of staff who are driven and have focus and know what they are doing. Now when it comes to the Members of staff, it gets back to the person they report to. If the person they report to is weak and he is not a person who has a passion in what he is doing, that means the whole support staff will be weak. This only means that the Hon. Members in the Committees will not get competent people and people who are motivated to perform their duties.

Lastly, I also wish to bring to your attention that I have had a personal experience with him being a member of this Assembly and so when I talk about him, he is a person I have closely worked with and a person I know. Therefore, I beseech all the Hon. Members to endorse Mr. Mutuiri and I am sure he is going to take us to the next level and give us a Model County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you Members, I would like to propose the question:

> ***THAT**, pursuant to section 13(1) of the County Government Act 2012 this House approves the report of the County Assembly Service Board dated 17th September, 2013 on the appointment of Jasper M. Mutuiri as the Clerk of the County Assembly.*

Yes, Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion.

Let me take this opportunity to appreciate the work done by the Service Board. You have done a commendable job and actually every Member can see that this is a Model County Assembly, not a Model County Government and this is because of the good leadership of the County Assembly Service Board. I recommend that we have Mr. Jasper Mutuiri as our Clerk; I know he is a manager. The time he has worked with us as a Clerk, he has performed well as a professional and I hope in the near future, Laikipia County Assembly will be a Model Assembly. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support the motion that one Jasper Mwiti Mutuiri to be the Clerk of this Assembly. Before I contribute, I would like to give you a short history of this House. There was a time when we were all new in this system without even a Speaker or the Chair of this House including Mr. Mutuiri. He too was very new to this system and before we could elect or vote for the Speaker, Mr. Mutuiri was presiding over together with a judge and a magistrate so that we could come up with a Speaker.

What am I telling you, is that he provided that leadership. Nobody had experience and since he led us from that day and after one or not less than 45 minutes, we got our Speaker. He still continued assisting the Speaker to preside over the session and later we had all adopted the system that the constitution initiated through the leadership of Mutuiri in Laikipia County. I don't think we need to contribute so much, if I were the one to put the question I believe even the chair from where he is seated he can say '**ayes**'.

(*Laughter)*

So without using a lot of time debating in making this crucial decision, I will advise the House to stop contributing and to let the question to be put so that we can pass this and go to the next. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member, you know you cannot gag the Members.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to oppose the...no not to oppose but to support.

*(Laughter)*

To support the motion. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to limit myself to the few months that I have been in this House. I may not have witnessed the history that Hon. Maruga is talking about. But for the short two months that we have been in this House Mr. Speaker Sir, I think the acting Clerk has really demonstrated very good skills in terms of leadership and management and something really outstanding that I have noted about him is that... you know we are in transition and most people who are working for the former local authorities are really having difficulties in grasping the concept of the new dispensation and they are really struggling and the mind-set is still holding onto the former local government.

The acting Clerk has really come out strongly and it's like he is the master of devolution really, because he has led this House and managed it to his capacity and within his jurisdiction to ensure that this House meets the new dispensation and plays its role as an Assembly way above what most counties have achieved and I agree with the Hon. Deputy Speaker that he is one of the key people who have contributed to this being a Model County Assembly.

As a Member of course and at an official level I kept wondering what Hon. Waruguru meant when she said she has had a personal experience with him but for me at the official level he has served us as Members very diligently with a lot of skills and

I have no reason not to approve his appointment so that he continues taking this Assembly to another level. I urge the rest of the Members to support this motion, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: It seems Hon. Suge is holding the microphone and then afterwards we shall have Hon. Lebeneiyo then Hon. John.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I also rise to support the motion as moved by the Hon. Members concerning the appointment and the approval of Mr. Jasper Mutuiri as the Clerk of the Laikipia County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, since the beginning of this Assembly we have been working very closely through the support of Mr. Mutuiri. Surely we have been experiencing good governance. Mr. Speaker, having been one of the former councillors in the former town councils and the municipals, I happen to interact with Mr. Mutuiri while he was the Clerk of Nyahururu Municipal and through the interaction, I saw Mr. Mutuiri as a hard working person and surely he has the experience of moving the Laikipia County forward.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I can see from his certificate Mr. Mutuiri has worked in several former municipal councils, the city council of Mombasa and with this kind of experience, Mr. Speaker Sir, I think Mr. Mutuiri is one of the people that can drive the work of Laikipia County forward. Mr. Speaker Sir, during the transition period, Mr. Mutuiri was the Clerk in Nyahururu Municipal Council and most of the time Mr. Speaker while the Committees were sitting and deliberating there was no question which came up concerning the former Nyahururu Municipal and that shows that Mr. Mutuiri is a man of integrity. That said Mr. Speaker; I can see that Mr. Mutuiri was a Clerk in Narok Town Council where his good performance moved Narok County Council to position seven in the whole republic. That wasn't by luck but was because of hard work Mr. Speaker.

In the performance contract I also saw that Mr. Mutuiri while still a Clerk at the Meru Municipal, that municipal attained position 29 out of the former 175 local authorities Mr. Speaker. This shows that he is a very hard working person and surely Mr. Speaker I don't see the reason as to why we can disapprove him. So Mr. Speaker I stand to support the approval of Mr. Mutuiri 100%, thank you.

**Speaker**: The next one will be Hon. Lebeneiyo followed by Hon. John.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion. Despite the fact that Mr. Mutuiri is qualified for this position, I have highlighted it in my little literature according to my point of view.

First, he has performed his role as the Secretary to the County Assembly Service Board. Hon. Speaker, you know that I am a member of that Board and I have been keenly looking at his work and I can highly conclude that he has done it to his best and I think he is among the best persons that can do the job.

He has also organized several trainings together with the office of the Speaker for the Members and staff. As we all know that we have been in several trainings, the first was Mombasa, and the rest followed. As the Clerk of the Assembly, he has actually done his best and we have not heard of any complain in whichever training we went to.

He has also guided the Assembly in preparing the Assembly's budget; I think all Members have noticed that. He has also coordinated the ward visit by Members successfully, we have visited two wards so far, that's Mukogodo East and Segera and everything went smoothly through his office. He has performed his role as adviser to the accounting office of the Assembly. He has also related well with Members with respect, he successfully organized the swearing in ceremony of the Members of the County Assembly.

**Speaker**: Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Wachira**: It's a point of order Hon. Speaker, can the Hon. Member for Mukongodo West stop reading from a paper. We don't want a history...

**Speaker**: Order, Hon. Majority Leader you cannot make a ruling and make him to stop what he is doing, it is the chair to say whether he is right. Hon. Lebeneiyo, you are well advised, the Standing Order says that you cannot read but you can refer but the moment you are seen to be reading you are certainly out of order as per the Standing Order.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have highlighted my point and elaborated it. I am not reading the whole thing; maybe we will show the Leader of Majority the difference between reading and highlighting. The Clerk has also ensured the smooth running of the Assembly as you have seen we have never gotten in to trouble in running this Assembly especially when some Members were away in a trip to South Africa. He has managed and organized everything and we have not gotten any problem while he was away.

He has also guided the Assembly staff in assisting Members in doing their work, I think every time we are having a Committee or any work that a Member of the County Assembly is performing, we usually get a lot of help from the Members of staff and through him. I think that's how the Members get the potential to help in various duties in the Committees or when we are visiting somewhere. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I highly recommend the Clerk and I support the motion. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. John.

**Hon. John**: Mr. Speaker Sir, as I stand before the House I support the motion and say that Mr. Mutuiri deserves the seat. Since I joined the County Assembly, Mr. Mutuiri has been a social person and he is able to serve everybody in the House and I recommend him to be the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay, it looks like the Members are satisfied, Majority Leader, why don't you consider replying?

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I now thank the Members who have already contributed to the motion. Our Clerk, Mr. Mutuiri, is a member of this Assembly and we have seen how he has worked with us. By recommending him we are recommending a gentleman we know, I hope he is not going to turn against us when we have done this.

(*Laughter)*

Therefore Members, I stand here to congratulate you for what you have done. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Hon. Members I would like to put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *pursuant to section 13(1) of the County Government Act 2012, this House approves the report of the County Assembly Service Board dated 17th September 2013 on the appointment of Jasper M. Mutuiri as the Clerk of the County Assembly.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[LEADER OF MAJORITY]**

**{Hon. Wachira}**

Thank you Hon. Speaker and Members, the Motion reads that this Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Appointment dated 16th September, 2013 on the nomination of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi as the secretary of the County Public Service Board.

I hope Members have gone through the motion and I will read some few areas; On behalf of the Members of the Committee on Appointment and pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 58(2) it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report...

**Speaker**: Yes, Deputy Speaker. Order Member, you must have your seat Majority Leader...

*(Laughter)*

...The Deputy Speaker is on a point of order, yes please.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Is the Majority Leader in order when he talks of Standing Order no. 58(2). Standing Order no. 58(2) talks of impeaching the Speaker...

*(Laughter)*

If it is read clearly, it is talking of impeaching the Speaker and I don't know whether the report we have here and the one he has gone through is for impeaching the Speaker or it is for the appointment of the Secretary of the County Public Service Board.

**Speaker**: Mr. Deputy Speaker, you should be presiding over when the Speaker is being impeached so I think the Majority Leader...order, order Majority Leader! Certainly I think there's a mistake there. Majority Leader, what do you have to say about that?

**Hon. Wachira**: Members, there is a typing error here and I hope it will not be repeated.

**Speaker**: I would say that you should take one minute to consult so that it is corrected. Just take your time and do the amendment.

*(Silence)*

**Speaker**: Order, yes Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Kimondo**: I was trying to consult with my brother and he is telling me that it was a typographical error and as I can see it was not 85 but it was 185 (2).

**Speaker**: Standing Order no.185 (2)?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Yes, 185 (2). The one that gives the Appointment Committee the mandate to vet the member. Thank you, brother.

**Speaker**: Good but we must commend you Deputy Speaker, I think it's important. It shows you read the report and I think it's a good lesson for the Members just read it. Secondly is to the support staff team, just ensure that...

**Hon. Wachira**: I apologize on behalf of the Committee Members, it was a typing error and I hope it will not be repeated, it is embarrassing me.

> ***On behalf of the Members of the Committee on Appointment and pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 185(2) it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the vetting of the County Public Service Board nominee.***

Members, if you proceed down you will find the name, gender, recommendation and position. The name is Geoffrey Maina Mwangi. Gender is male; let us just go down so that we don't have to read the whole report because you have it. He comes from Igwamiti and the position applied for is for a secretary. In the next page 3, it reads vetting of the County Public Service Board nominee on page three. I don't have to read the report, on vetting it says:

*In conducting the vetting process, the Committee on Appointments examined the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others, in accordance with the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, the*

*County Government Act and the Constitution of Kenya.*

a) *Academic qualifications*

b) *Employment record*

c) *Professional affiliations*

d) *Potential conflict of interest*

e) *Knowledge of the relevant subject*

f) *Overall suitability for the position*

g) *Tax compliance*

h) *Integrity*

*During its Sittings held on Monday 16th September, 2013 at the County Assembly Board Room in the presence of Members of the Public, the Committee on Appointment interviewed the following one nominee for appointment as the Secretary of the County Public Service Board.*

*Geoffrey Maina Mwangi appeared before the Committee on Monday 16th September, 2013 and was informed by the Chairperson: -*

c) *That despite inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.*

d) *That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011.*

*In his submission he stated that;*

- *He would ensure that all Human Resource issues will be handled professionally and that he would endeavor to ensure that the Human Resource composition within the County will respect diversity in terms of Gender and ethnic balancing.*
- *He would establish sound criteria through a consultative process when establishing and abolishing offices.*
- *He would initiate a process of change of mind set among the staff of the County in order to inculcate core values such as stewardship and entrepreneurship.*
- *He would inculcate a new culture among the employees of hard work, responsive to service delivery through personnel development and motivation among other strategies.*

*The Committee having considered his Curriculum Vitae and his oral submissions during his vetting exercise /interview had the following observations:-*

- *He was born in 1949 in Murang'a and his family later relocated to Laikipia in 1963.*
- *He holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of Nairobi (2001- 2006).*
- *He holds a Diploma in Law from Kenya School of Law (2008)*
- *He holds a Diploma in Development Administration from the University of Birmingham UK.*
- *He is a Holder of CPS (K) 1974 – 1982*
- *He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and the Commissioner of Oaths and a member of the Law Society of Kenya.*
- *He has done a number of short courses as follows:*
  - *Attended a 4 month course on Development planning at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom.*
  - *Attended 4 months course in Japan on District Development Planning and Land re-adjustment 1989- 1994 respectively.*

- *Attended Senior Management Course at Kenya Institute of Administration Kenya 1992.*
- *Attended the Kenya Staff College Seminar, the highest level Management course at Kenya Institute of Administration in Kenya plus several other courses.*

***The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Secretary of the County Public Service Board.***

***Pursuant to Article 235 of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 185 (4), the Committee recommends that:-***

1. *This Assembly approves the following one (1) nominee for appointment by H.E. the Governor as Secretary of the County Public Service Board in his respective position.*

   *Geoffrey Maina Mwangi- Secretary*

Members, as you have read the report of this nominee, our County Public Service Board has been appointed and it has no secretary. The one who was to be was disqualified before and it is now two to three months since and the Board has been running without a secretary and when you approve this fellow, the Board is going to be fully functional. You know it is now functioning without a secretary. So I don't know if one of the Members is taking the position of the secretary. So Members, I am kindly asking you to approve this nominee so that the Board is fully constituted. I ask the Hon. Mukuria to support the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion of the appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Maina Mwangi as the secretary of the County Public Service Board. I want to thank the Members who have been involved in the selection of Mr. Geoffrey because he is an expert in this area. In the past we needed someone with CPSK, I see he is qualified, he is a lawyer. So Members, I urge each and every one of you to come and support the appointment of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi. He lives in Nyahururu Town and being a lawyer, we have interacted with him and I respect him for his commitment.

Therefore Members, this is a man that we need to get into work with. He is an expert and he is of age and can be able to guide people as a secretary.

As you know, we have been delaying this for lack of a suitable secretary for that docket and therefore I request the Members to take the time and make sure we support the appointment of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi so that the Public Service Board can kick off because I have realised we have challenges ahead of us. There are lots of jobs in this County, we are late because of the appointment that we withdrew last time therefore Hon. Members, I urge you to please appoint Geoffrey Maina Mwangi as our County Public Service Board secretary and I know that we shall be proud after this. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I second this.

**Speaker**: Hon. John, just hold your horses so that I propose the question first. Hon. Members, I would like to propose the question:

> ***THAT,*** *this Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Appointments dated 16th September, 2013 on the nomination of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi as the secretary of the County Public Service Board.*

Yes, Hon. John.

**Hon. John**: Bwana Speaker, nimesimama katika hili bunge kukataa jina la Geoffrey Maina Mwangi kwa sababu serikali iliyoko ni ya 'digital' na huyu mtu alizaliwa mwaka wa 1949 na katika hii serikali ambayo ni ya 'digital' sioni kama inaweza kufanya na mtu kama yule wa miaka 64. Kwa

hivyo naomba tukipitisha mtu kama yule, wale ambao wako na uMr.i chini wa miaka 35 ambao tunaita ni vijana watapata kazi wakati gani? Huyu mtu amekulia...

**Speaker**: Hon. Maruga, are you on a point of order? Hon. John, you can have your seat as we hear from Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Maruga**: Katika hoja ya nidhamu naomba mwelekeo kutoka kwa Bwana Spika ya kwamba kama Mhsw. John ataendelea na hiyo maongeo atakuwa akisema hii Bunge ni la kugandamiza wale wazee. Hii Bunge itakuwa ya kweli kwa kujaribu kuchunga masilahi ya kila mtu? Kwa hivyo hoja ya uMr.i isikubalike katika Bunge, naomba mwelekeo.

**Speaker**: I think John is perfectly in order to raise his issues as to why he is opposing this member, so Hon. Maruga give him a chance.

**Hon. John**: Bwana Spika, wakati nimesimama kusema hivyo ni kujua ya kwamba uMr.i ambao ako nayo amebakisha mwaka mmoja tu aweze kuondoka kufanya kazi ya serikali. Nauliza hivi, kwani imekuwa ya kwamba serikali iliyokuja itaruhusu mtu aende katika miaka sabini akiwa mfanyikazi wa serikali na sio kadri ya katiba tuliyo nayo? Asante sana.

**Speaker**: Let's start from here, Hon. Dann, Hon. Maitai and then Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Maina Mwangi. Mr. Speaker, we are not here to look at the age of the appointees, we want a productive person. From the CV of Mr. Geoffrey Maina Mwangi, I see he is a very productive man, a learned man and Mr. Speaker we know we have taken almost six months without constituting the County Public Service Board. This is the Board that is concerned with employing and filling the gaps that are there in the County. Mr. Speaker, with the Parliamentary Approval Act no.33 of 2011, I think we are in line as long as Mr. Mwangi is qualified and Mr. Speaker a single day without a secretary in the County Public Service Board Laikipia is like a vehicle without a wheel Mr. Speaker.

I urge the Hon. Members to help put the wheel to the vehicle that is Laikipia County because we cannot tolerate limping anymore. We want to employ our youth, we want to give jobs to our community Mr. Speaker and the public of Laikipia, and therefore I urge all the Hon. Members to support the secretary and let us keep Laikipia County moving Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Wangu, is it a point of order? Okay, let us have Hon. Maitai followed by Hon. Wakahiu then I will give you a chance afterwards.

**Hon. Maitai**: Asante Bwana Spika, Mimi ninasimama kuunga mkono huu mswada Kwa sababu mbili ama tatu. Mwanzo kabisa ninakumbuka tulikuwa tukijadili wale wengine ambao watakuwa wakifanya kazi katika hiyo halmashauri. Tulikiwa wachanga sana katika hili Bunge na kuna msichana mdogo ambaye tulipitisha jina lake aliyekuwa akiitwa Esther Wanjau.

Sababu ya kumuunga katika hili Bunge ni kwa sababu ya uMr.i wake. Ninasema haya kwa sababu Bwana Spika ni jukumu letu kuhakikisha ya kwamba katika hii halmashauri na halmashauri zingine ama nafasi zingine zitakapopatikana katika hii Kaunti tumechanganya watu wa uMr.i tofauti tofauti ili tupate ule uso wa Kaunti. Katika jambo hilo ambapo kila mtu katika hii Kaunti atawakilishwa kwa ile njia inayofaa. Sababu yangu ya kumuunga huyu mkono ni ule uMr.i wake kwa sababu naona ni vizuri kwa kuwa amekomaa, amepata uzoefu wa kazi na pia katika zile nakala ambazo ametupatia katika stakabadhi zake zinaonesha ya kuwa amehitimu katika mambo tofauti tofauti ambayo ni muhimu. Jambo la pili, mimi kumuunga ni kuwa Bwana Spika hii halmashauri lazima ianze kati kwa kuwa kuna

mambo mengi yaliyokwama kwa upande wa serikali ya juu ambayo tumekuwa tukiongea kuhusu. Hizo wizara zitaweza kufanya kazi kama ziko na wafanyikazi. Hii halmashauri ndio ina jukumu la kuhakikisha tuna wafanyikazi wa kutekeleza jukumu lao.

Kwa hivyo mimi ninaunga mkono. Bwana Spika, ni vizuri hili Bunge likubaliane ya kuwa sio kila mjumbe ataweza kuwa katika kila kamati. Tuko na kamati kumi na sita katika hili Bunge kwa hivyo ni vizuri kama kamati fulani inakaa chini na kufanya mapendekezo yao, inafaa tuunge hiyo kamati mkono Mr.adi tu hiyo kamati imezingatia mambo inayofaa ili kuleta hayo mambo katika Bunge...

**Speaker**: Is it a point of order Hon. Maruga? Yes please proceed.

**Hon. Maruga**: Ningetaka Mhsw. Maitai atueleze ni kamati gani hiyo anaongelea wakati tunazungumzia mswada kuhusu Geoffrey Maina Mwangi.

**Speaker**: Hon. Maitai just clarify for Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Maitai**: Nitafurahi kumwambia ninayozungumzia Bwana Spika, nilikuwa nataja hayo tu nikiangazia kamati ya uteuzi. Hii ni kwa sababu ninaamini waliangalia huyu mtu na wakathibitisha ya kwamba anafaa ili wamlete katika hili Bunge. Mimi ninaona ya kuwa ni vizuri hata kwa kamati zingine kwa sababu ya yale mambo kamati ya uteuzi iliangalia bora tu walifuata itikadi zilizowekwa na yale mambo yanayofaa. Ni vizuri tuwaunge mkono na kwa kumalizia nataka kuunga mkono huyo Geoffrey Mwangi katika hiyo kazi. Asante

**Speaker**: Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to applaud and support the motion of the appointment of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi as he was recommended by the Board. Mr. Speaker, we have stayed for many months waiting for the Public Service Board secretary to be approved. It is has come a time that the work has been done by the Committee on Appointments and it is our responsibility and our duty as Hon. Maitai has said, we need to support the work done by the Committees if it is done well.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the Committee because of considering those people who are resourceful, those who have skills and experiences. According to the CV of Mr. Geoffrey Maina, this man is qualified for the position and he is also qualified to advice other people in that particular office. So Mr. Speaker, without speaking a lot, I support the appointment of Geoffrey Maina.

**Speaker**: Let's give Hon. Wangu who had asked for a chance then we will come to Hon. Beth, Shuel, Thomi...Hon. Maruga is it a point of order? Okay and Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the appointment of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi because of the following reason.

I have gone through his profile and seen that he qualifies for the job. He has a lot of experience and CPSK. In fact there was another day when someone commented and said that you have made a very grievous mistake because he thought we would never get a person with a CPSK in Laikipia applying for that position in Laikipia. But here we have the Geoffrey Maina qualified for that and I think that's a good and strong area for him to perform the work. There is also the issue of discrimination, I felt it when Hon. John commented about it and I felt that as far as we are talking of digital, when we are executing our duties let's not discriminate a person because of the age, gender or because of any other form of discrimination. In fact let us be issue based and look at what we want and not about where one comes from, I consider age bracket because for me old is gold. Sometimes we may think that old age is something gone with time but I am telling you

old is gold. If all of us would talk of digital I don't know where we would be if digital persons are allowed to control the world, I think it would be chaotic...

**Speaker**: Hon. Maitai is it a point of order?

**Hon. Maitai**: It is Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker**: Please proceed.

**Hon. Maitai**: Mr. Speaker Sir, is it really in order for Hon. Wangu to disregard the digital people? Mr. Speaker Sir, as much as we support and agree old is gold, I also think it is good to appreciate that this world can also be run by digital people. I think what is important is that we co-operate with everybody but we cannot disregard the power of the digital team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Am sure Hon. Wangu is well advised now.

**Hon. Wangu**: I appreciate Hon. Maitai but I would like to give her a piece of information, in fact let us not be using the term digital. In fact we misuse the term digital, digital does not mean age. You can be old and you can be digital, you can be young and you cannot be digital for heaven's sake. Let's not mix the two, they are different, and it's a misuse of a term. Okay, sorry for that.

*(Laughter)*

Thank you, I rise to support the appointment of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi. I said he has all it takes; he qualifies for the job which is a strong area. I went through this recommendation of the Committee and saw the area they looked for and that's what we are looking for. In fact sometimes let's not waste time just opposing for the sake of opposing. It's not that am saying the Hon. Members are not careful when executing their duties but let's not just be opposing by buying time. Time is not on our side, we have been on this issue for the last five months, the County Public Service Board is not working because of us just opposing for the sake of opposing. So Hon. Members, let's just support...

**Speaker**: Hon. Catherine is it a point of order? Please proceed.

**Hon. Catherine**: Is the Hon. Member in order when she says that for the last five months this House has been opposing proposed names of the secretary to the public service board for the sake of opposing?

**Speaker**: She is certainly out of order if it is not factual because she must state what is factual. Hon. Wangu, it is only factual statements that are put on the floor, but you may proceed now on that note.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you, so I stand to support the appointment of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi and I urge the Members that we do it for the sake of our County. In fact we are some steps behind other counties, I think we need the Board to be functioning and working fully. Thank you and I support the motion.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Beth as we go for the earlier selection.

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the approval of Geoffrey Mwangi. As we know, we want our County Government of Laikipia to have a step forward. Since the County Public Service Board is half constituted, we have to constitute the Board because we lack the secretary and for now we have Geoffrey. So Mr. Speaker Sir, because we know very well that the Board is the one that will advertise the positions of County, Sub- County and Ward Administrators so that we cannot complain now and then that the Executive is not working, so it is good that we have Geoffrey since he is competent and we need someone who will add value to our County because he has a CPSK. So for me, I support him 100%, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay Hon. Shuel.

**Hon. Leshuel**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion on the appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Maina Mwangi. As much as that person is qualified and has experience, he is a resident of Laikipia; we have no reason for rejecting him being a secretary in that Committee. In fact, we cannot ignore the rights of people getting jobs being old or young. Everybody has a right to get a job as long as you qualify for that position, so being old and being a youth and as much as you qualify to be in that position, we have no reason for discriminating people in terms of age or the way you are.

Again, the old people are good in advising so the old ones can advise the youth. Sometimes, you know how the youth are, we can talk as much as we can but the elderly can control us in terms of behaviour and other things. So let's not look at the age and look at the qualifications and the experience. Those are some of the things which we are supposed to look at when it comes giving people positions. So this person is qualified for that position and we have no reason for arguing and looking at different angles, let's give him that position for us to move forward.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Thomi followed by Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand here to add weight in support of the appointment of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi for that position of secretary to the County Public Service Board. Mr. Speaker, it is self-explanatory and common sense that we the elected and even the nominated are at our youthful stage. Mr. Speaker, I feel that Mr. Geoffrey Maina Mwangi despite his age he is even more digital. I won't say more than all of us but most of us.

Mr. Speaker, it is high time that we all learnt that we need to move our County ahead. I think we should learn to know that one day we would be proud to be 64 years old not only to be happy for being 30 or 20. Remember that time that we shall also be 64 years whether we need to be in positions of responsibility or being at home. So giving that 'mzee' that opportunity to serve the people of this County is good for the people to know that even aged people can perform. So I support Mwangi be given that position to work for the people of Laikipia County.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion that one Maina Mwangi be a secretary of the County Service Board.

As I was travelling across this world I happened to meet a 65 year old grandmother working at a managerial position in a foreign country. So when we talk about age, I am happy to hear my neighbour here jumping when I talk of digital. When Hon. Wangu spoke of old people can become digital, Hon. Kabaci was thumping very hard for me to hear.

*(Laughter)*

So old people can still work and perform and for Maina Mwangi, I believe he has a lot of knowledge and those people who think that he is going to retire, at 61 he is still active than somebody who is aged 35. He is still active and according to his academic qualifications and experience, I don't want to use unparliamentarily language but everybody can see all that education and experience cannot be dumped on the retirement. So he should be given a chance to continue staffing for the betterment of this Laikipia. One thing that I know is that from an old man, he will never mislead you. He will always give you the facts no matter whether they are negative or positive to you, he or she will always give you facts and that's what we want. We need Honesty in this County...

**Speaker**: Is it a point of order Hon. Catherine? Yes please, proceed.

**Hon. Catherine**: Is the Hon. Member in order to tell this House that old people cannot mislead you, whereas we know it matters with the context whether the advice being given from that person is relevant or of help. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Mwangi.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker but I don't know which Standing Order says that...

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: No... No Hon. Mwangi, Hon. Catherine is in order to have raised that maybe just for you to make it clear.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you, to make it clear and short, I do support Geoffrey Maina Mwangi.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Catherine, do you want to contribute or it's a point of order. Okay let's have Hon. Catherine but I can see Hon. Lebeneiyo also wants to speak, Hon. Suge maybe that will be the final one unless someone else...

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank God that I am privileged to be representing you in Laikipia County and in this case it seems to be a showdown between the old and the young and I wish to bring to relevance here...

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Maitai, what is it?

**Hon. Maitai**: It's on a point of order Mr. Speaker. Is it really in order for the Hon. Member to say that there's a showdown between the old and the young? Mr. Speaker Sir I am a very young person in this House but am supporting this gentleman to get the job so I really don't think that is well substantiated.

**Speaker**: Yes, I don't think it's a showdown really Hon. Catherine. That's not what you meant but it's not a showdown, it's the Members who are contributing.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you Hon. Maitai. I wish to bring to your attention that being old does not necessarily mean that someone is relevant, being energetic and being a performer is not based on someone's age. When I say this, I support Mr. Mwangi and I am aware he is 64 years old but as a youth, I would like to beseech the House that the people who have been given this appointment, am aware they are young and I was in this House when they passed the name of the lady from Umande Ward.

In future, we shall hold onto this old man as a veteran and someone who is informed and we shall need his knowledge and wisdom in the Public Service Board but I highly beseech noting that this man has stated in his CV that he has three kids who are above 18.

I tend to believe with his age he is not taking any kid to school, we have many men out there who have gone to school but have no jobs. I agree on the basis I am aware of, we have three youth representatives in the Public Service Board but in future I would beseech the House to kindly consider people who are still in their...my English is disappearing. Let us consider people who we know clearly need these jobs more than this gentleman.

At the moment this gentleman will just change a few things in his life and the reason why we will give him this job is on the basis that we shall need his wisdom and understanding. He needs to enrich the young people or even the team that is joining in the Public Service Board, but on the contrary to the same we must also get a way of seeing that we empower our youth to get jobs. On a light note, I would advise this gentleman to feel like he is giving the youth a chat, maybe he can get one kid and if you contribute for him...

*(Laughter)*

...or else he should actually make sure that in his term at the Public Service Board he needs to make sure the youth get as many jobs as they can.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion on the appointment of Mr. Mwangi as the County Public Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Members have spoken and I don't want to repeat much that I have said but to add on top of what they said is that I happen to be a Member of the Committee on Appointments and there is one touching word that Mr. Mwangi said to us after the interview. Before the Leader of Majority asked the last question, I asked him one question. Mr. Mwangi happened to answer my question by giving me three answers until I started floating and felt like I had asked the wrong question. So I felt like he had become my teacher so I stared down and told the Leader of Majority to continue. He said one thing, he said we have been working all along and it is time that we can give back our knowledge to our County and to pass on to the generation that is next or to the young generation. So I got the passion that Mr. Mwangi is willing to pass the knowledge to the next generation and that inspired me and I agreed with the Committee to appoint him.

Now that we spoke of digital and that kind of thing, I think when we were debating about our executive; they are all digital if I am allowed to say so but each and every Member in this House is complaining about them. So maybe when we bring Mr. Mwangi on board in the Public Service Board, we might see a light somewhere. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support him on 120%.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. John you cannot speak twice on one motion. Hon. Suge you can speak.

**Hon. Suge**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I also rise to support the motion concerning the appointment of Mr. Mwangi. Before my contribution Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Committee on Appointments for the good work that they are doing in bringing on board those people who can drive Laikipia County forward.

Mr. Speaker, during our daily sessions, we usually talk of the resources that we have in Laikipia County and we know that Laikipia County is one of the best counties in our republic. Mr. Speaker, having the professionals and the knowledgeable people in the County, I think they are part of the resources and we need to exploit and use the knowledge that they have in order to move forward. So Mr. Speaker I also support and am proud that we have someone with a lot of experience to serve in the County Public Service Board. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the motion since Mr. Mwangi has complied with all the requirements. With those few remarks, I stand to support the motion.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Kabaci must you speak on this one? Yes, I see on the report the nominee comes from your ward.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support Mr. Mwangi to be appointed as the secretary to the Board. Mr. Speaker I was very impressed with the statement he made that human resource will be handled professionally and diversity in terms of ethnic balances will be respected.

That is exactly what we need in our County or in that position which needs a qualified person and a person who will respect the diversity and gender balancing in our County Mr. Speaker. Otherwise, as you know our County comprises of many tribes we would like our diversity to be respected Mr. Speaker.

I was impressed by the statement he made when he was being vetted that he will establish sound criteria through consultative process when establishing and abolishing the offices Mr. Speaker that is in order. Otherwise it is good that he will be consulting his colleagues in that Board hoping that he will not take the advantage of being the secretary and be the overall boss in that docket.

So I was very much impressed and support his appointment. I have also witnessed Mr. Mwangi handling some cases in court as an advocate in Nyahururu and am sure he will not let us down.

**Speaker**: Majority Leader, why don't you consider replying?

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and Members for contributing exhaustively on this motion.

As far as I have seen, Mwangi has no problem and we are going to support him and this fellow is will be approved which I am happy about.

I would also say that age does not mean that you are finished, you are not finished. Kibaki was leading us when he was 75 and he is around 80 at the moment and no one wants to go to his own grave with the wealth he has especially wealth of the mind. Just pass that baton to the next generation so that the next generation enjoys what you have been doing which it will carry on. That baton of education means our own children will get encouragement to learn.

When we employ people like Mwangi who we will employ very soon, our young and old people will get envious. When I was in Kimathi University doing my diploma in County Governance, I was in a class where my fellow students were Catherine's age. When I was answering questions, they could even laugh at us. So I don't have to go to my own grave with what I have, I perform everywhere and I hope the fellow who is coming will perform everywhere. Thank you, Hon. Members.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Very well Hon. Members, I would like to put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *this Assembly approves the report of the Committee on Appointments dated 16th September, 2013 on the nomination of Geoffrey Maina Mwangi as the secretary of the County Public Service Board.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House adjourned at 3.54 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Hon. John Nderitu (PWD) through Hon. Mukuria]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give a Notice of the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *recognizing the presence of persons with disabilities among Communities living in Laikipia County,* ***Appreciating*** *the existing provisions of persons with disabilities Act of 2003, realizing that the County Government currently does not have data of PWDs in Laikipia County; noting that the said data is vital during planning and budgeting; the County Assembly urges the leadership of the County to act with speed and conduct a medical assessment, population and Households Census Program of PWDs in Laikipia County and that the assessment should include all centers and special duty units/programs to establish whether they meet the international accepted standards.*

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Catherine Waruguru]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give a Notice of the following motion:

> ***Noting*** *that the youth form a huge percentage of the population in the County:* ***Appreciating*** *that youth, women and PWDs have been historically been alienated from the main economic stay of our County and our Country; noting that the Jubilee Government has pledged to have Youth, Women and PWD to have 30% of Public Procurement Tender opportunities in all government procurement; Noting further that the newly launched UWEZO Fund recommends empowerment of Youths, Women and PWDs; this Assembly urges the County Government to bring forth, for the Assembly's consideration, a legal framework requires that 30% of the County Procurement Tenders goes to youth, women and people with disability.*

**STATEMENTS**

**[Hon. Jacob Edom]**

Bwana Spika, kuna kamati ambayo tulikuwa tumechagua kwenda kufanya kazi ya upelelezi Nyahururu. Pia huo muda ambao tulikuwa tumepeana umeisha na hatujapata ripoti yeyote.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob, what are you saying?

**Hon. Jacob:** Bwana Spika, kulikuwa na kamati ambayo ilikuwa inafaa iende ikichunguza wafanyikazi Rumuruti na Nyahururu. Pia ule muda tulikuwa tumepeana umeisha na hatujapata ripoti yeyote ambayo bado tunangonja kuletewa.

**Speaker:** Has the time elapsed because I remember we set the deadline? Who is aware of that? Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, the report will be tabled next week.

**Speaker:** Is it within the timeline?

**Hon. Kimondo:** Yes.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kimondo, I think we have to clarify. Hon. Jacob has raised a very fundamental issue not only for that Committee but indeed for all Committees. We must make sure that when we set the Committee work and we give timelines let them be met and for whatever reason if they are not met it will be prudent for that Committee to come back to the House and ask for extension, off course with reasons.

I think we need also to say that Hon. Suge who is the Chair of that Implementation Committee and I would like to direct from the chair that in the next two weeks from now, Hon. Suge, if you bring the report of where you are so that we are able to streamline at least where we are. So we are giving them two weeks to compile and table that but take note of that Committee that in the next sitting, we will be able to get informed.

**STATEMENTS**

**[Hon. Mukuria]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am going back to last week when we met in this House and the issue of the excavation of the grader was raised. I want to put a statement here that I being the Chairman of Infrastructure, I was concerned about the condition of the grader and that must be followed.

There is one grader in Nanyuki that requires maintenance and a report from the Minister says it will be ready by next week. The next grader is in Ngobit and it is out of my concern what happened to it for the last six months.

Mr. Speaker, I have received a report that the grader has been there in that ward since April to date and it has been working. What happened that a grader has been in one ward from April? I want to challenge the Ward rep. in that area to tell us how the grader broke down for the last 4 months. That's a greater challenge and we have to perfect where all wards are treated as one equal.

Mr. Speaker, I feel ashamed that some Members from some areas are asking; why is this docket not performing? Then you come to hear that there is undermining of the Minister by Members. Sometime they dictate that the machine has to stay in their wards. As the Chairman of that docket, in fact I am proposing that that machine should move from one ward to another.

Mr. Speaker, I want us to come up with a programme on how we shall be using that machine, there will be no influence of the executive, no influence of the House but we shall be going round all wards so that every Member here may feel the little impact of this machine. It is good to make sure that this grader is utilized well and every Member feels he is part and parcel of this County not one Member controlling the grader for six months.

I also want to put this on track, the greater challenges becoming personal; that I want a grader or I want a track, we need to tell the minister to control that docket. We should have a work plan so that it goes to Nanyuki, next time it goes to Umande in a precise way so that we avoid this game. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Member, you raised a statement which is okay but no one had asked for that statement but that's okay. I think you went through the back door but you gave a statement ordinarily because you are the Chair of that Committee. If there is any other issue that you would want to raise still on that you are at liberty under the Committee to write a report and bring it to the House and I think the statement is noted.

**MOTION**

**[Minority Leader]**

**{Paul Lebeneiyo}**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

> ***Noting*** *that Laikipia County is prone to various disasters including flooding and drought; recognizing that the Public Finance Management Act provides for establishment and management of Emergency Fund;* ***Appreciating*** *the need to have a clear framework on emergency matters; This Assembly urges the County Government to speedily formulate a policy and a bill on emergency fund for Assembly's consideration.*

Mr. Speaker, we just had County Integrated Plan the other day and after looking it keenly the emergency fund has not been considered.

As we all know that despite the fact that we are pioneers of this County under the new Constitution we don't have …(*off record)* to the natural disasters that are normally around such as floods, drought, human wildlife conflict and many other things that have been omitted which are not included in the County Integrated Plan.

Mr. Speaker, I want to give an example of drought in Laikipia North. All of us know that in Laikipia North the only thing they can do there is livestock rearing and you cannot farm there. We actually import all other foods except beef and maize from other parts of community and other parts of the County. During the rainy season we have actually plentiful and our day today living …(*off record)* but immediately after the rain we move from one area to the other in search of green pastures and sometimes during the drought season those people can go down to the poverty line. For example, starting from Mukogodo West towards Segera in search of green pastures there is… (*off record).*So when animals go from Mukogodo West towards Segera they do not have anything to eat and some time we can take two to three days going there. Mr. Speaker, during the dry season or even the rainy season we might have tribal conflicts if I can call it like that.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes people from other counties especially Samburu, Baringo and also from Isiolo migrate to that side of our County for greener pastures and sometimes they take our animals and am not saying only from Isiolo but even from Baringo. Sometimes our people who can take care of the rest end up being killed in the war and you find the County does not look unto that and support the families of the animals that have been taken away.

I actually don't know the real reason, our County lies on the Equator and we are also very close to the Mountain and when we get some good rain especially in the months of May, June and July and also in August am not talking of water alone because I know it has been budgeted for, after two to three months the rain comes, it washes away the bridges leaving the community suffering. For example, if I talk of my Ward, from the Police Centre, Kimanju to Ewaso Centre. Sometimes Mr. Speaker, things get out of hand because of the rain, the little bridges that are there are washed away, and we end up queuing in search of health so that life can continue at the end of the day.

Mr. Speaker, there is also these natural calamities that we have got such as outbreak of fire. You know some parts of Laikipia are conserved areas; we have community conserved areas, big lands and wildlife that is flora and fauna. There are some parts of these towns whereby we do Hon.ey harvesting. During the dry season these people who do Hon.ey harvesting walk from one place to another and they do harvest on top of trees and fire may drop on dry grass and when you go to those areas even if you drop a cigarette the fire breaks out and acres of land gets burnt. That fire affects the wild animals.

When you come to urban areas where people live in the towns sometimes there is this outbreak of fire and nobody has budgeted for them, these goes to the introduction of this Emergency Fund.

Mr. Speaker, if I go to where we do conservation, there is this human- wildlife conflict and nobody knows when and where that will happen and you find that after an animal kills no one is compensated even the deceased party. I think according to my point of view now we have Emergency fund and sometimes we can try to use it in situations where there is human- wildlife conflicts.

Mr. Speaker, I urge these Hon. Members to contribute and support this motion so that at least we can get an extra van whereby if we omit anything in the Integrated Development Plan; we can include Emergency Fund so that we can free the need of our people. There is also the issue of accidents and youth funds, so thank you Mr. Speaker. I ask the Hon. Member for Marmanet Hon. Mukuria to second this motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to second the motion as moved by Hon. Lebeneiyo concerning the Emergency Funds.

Emergency is something unpredicted and therefore we should be able to prepare properly on how to control the emergency needs that arise in this County.

We have lost lives in drought, because of natural disasters and Mr. Speaker Sir we want to come up with a clear frame work on how to control those emergencies. If it appears there is some drought maybe in some months of the year, what is the Government doing to make sure we have enough food for those emergencies? In case we have food shortage in Laikipia maybe next year, how are we going to curb that emergency? If we have floods, what is the Government doing in such areas to curb them?

The County should come up with a very clear framework on how to cater for the young people and those small kids who are dying of malnutrition. We need to know what we are doing as a County to be able to come up with a formula and see that those emergencies are catered for in a professional manner.

Mr. Speaker, I also realize this County has to speed up and come with a good policy that will be able to help people of this County. If it comes to the Health sector they know what are these contributing to the killing of our children? We use a lot of money sometimes to cater for the emergencies that are around this town so that we are able to achieve these things that affect our County. Mr. Speaker, the executive should arrange a way to formulate the bills which will curb those emergencies. As a County as well as the Assembly we need to have the bills that will assist to curb emergencies.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we also need to know that emergency does not come when planned so we need to set some money aside in our budget. We need to know how to do better in the management of this firm so that we are able to manage this money better and that these funds are not misused. Somebody might come today and say there is an emergency; we should be specific which one is an emergency and come up with a formula that deals

with emergency things so that each Member may be able to understand the term emergency and what is required. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I second the motion.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question;

> ***Noting*** *that Laikipia County is prone to various disasters including flooding and drought; recognizing that the Public Finance Management Act provides for establishment and management of Emergency Fund;* ***Appreciating*** *the need to have a clear framework on emergency matters; This Assembly urges the County Government to speedily formulate a policy and a bill on emergency fund for Assembly's consideration.*

Yes Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion as moved by Minority Leader on management of emergency funds.

Our County of Laikipia lies between two mountains and in an arid land and prone to a lot of disasters. Mr. Speaker Sir, as per the budget there is a provision that 2% should be spared for emergency funds and this can be misused in a way that nobody can realize and this motion has come at a time where maybe nothing has been done as far as the County has been allocated funds for this financial year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, believing that Emergency fund cannot touch any specific item I will support the motion that the Executive come up with a bill or a way on how Emergency fund shall be managed because we may end up budgeting for emergencies and at the end of the day it will be finished.

Laikipia lies between two mountains whereby the issue of floods has been a major problem. If I have to mention that one, in my area a certain river that stands all along from Nyandarua Ridges and the area is suitable for agriculture and irrigation activities but Mr. Speaker come in the months of April, August and December it becomes hectic for people to cultivate those areas and at the end of the day they encounter floods and nobody comes there to help.

Mr. Speaker, as we discuss the issue of emergency I want to urge the Executive that the areas which are very productive during drought can stand for the County and if managed well they won't lack food to satisfy our Community. They should come up with the bills, ways of how to manage them and invite people who do those activities in those areas so that at the end of the day they won't be affected.

I want to support this motion and then request the Executive to come up with something or a way of compensating people who are usually affected by natural calamities. So Mr. Speaker I second the motion, Thank you.

**Speaker:** I would like to put the question;

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***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Dann Ndegwa]**

I beg to move the following motion;

***THAT**, this House approves the report on the visit to South Africa (Northern Cape Legislature by Members and the staff of the County Assembly on 8th – 15th September, 2013).*

Mr. Speaker through the Chair, since the report is so big I would request you that I only read the pages containing lessons learnt in South Africa. It is worth noting that the six day visit provided the delegation from Laikipia with a lot of useful information concerning devolution from South Africa and more specifically from the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature. Some of them are:

1. *Members chairing various Committees need to do a lot of research to be knowledgeable in their dockets. The preparedness of the Committees was an eye opener to the Members.*
2. *The staff/coordinators of a Committee need to be conversant with their dockets.*
3. *There is need for Committees to be committed and dedicated to their work.*
4. *Time management during the meetings.*
5. *The good relationship between the executive and the legislature (Assembly).*
6. *Taking provincial issues seriously. E.g. a) Mokala Park is set aside for the endangered species, such as the giraffes, buffalos and rhinos but they value the animals and preserve them. It is a park with very few animals. Kenya has so many animals and if we take tourism seriously then the citizens can benefit.*

   *b) The Big Hole -it was a mining site where diamond was mined from 1871 to 1914.It was not abandoned but it is currently a historical site or a museum.*

7. *The Kimberley City where the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature is situated has no slums since the government has upgraded the Houses. People rent the Houses and the government allocates the money to be used in different ministries. Almost all Houses have solar systems, an initiative of the government in order for the citizens to access power. Some Houses have been built using local materials such as bricks.*
8. *The unemployed are allocated jobs by the government and this can be done in Laikipia e.g. in waste disposal. This develops the youth economically.*
9. *Infrastructure is good. Roads are tarmacked and the country has electric trains.*
10. *Offices are in the outskirts of the town and they are well planned. Thus Laikipia as a Model County should be very different from other counties in terms of planning.*
11. *The Members learnt a lot in terms of hosting visitors. The Northern Cape Provincial Legislature has set the standards.*
12. *Cleanliness in town.*
13. *The Hansard department sends the Hansard reports via email to the Members to cut down on expenditure.*
14. *Gym after a busy schedule brought Members together besides the health benefit.*

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate those who put effort to make sure we visited South Africa and when we were in the Northern Legislature, from the way they have built their Assembly, I would like the Members to look at page one, if you look at the picture on that page, that is the Northern Cape Legislature in Kimberly.

Mr. Speaker the first House that is in the forefront is shaped like a horn which means that during their olden days, their traditional Kings used to blow a horn that would call villagers to a meeting and every building that they have pictured has a significant meaning. For instance, if you can look at the backyard, there is a House that is labelled a ship and there is another House that has a sloppy roof.

Mr. Speaker, we learnt from Kimberly that while building our headquarters we should build

everything with a meaning. To give a real picture of Laikipia; we have Mt. Kenya here, we have wild animals and different people and Mr. Speaker while building the County headquarters we should not just built it but should have architectural designs. In Kimberly Hon. Members, they have an Assembly Van so that when Members want to run somewhere they just pick the Assembly Van to facilitate their movement. Everybody in Kimberly, Hon. Members own vehicles nobody goes on foot. Therefore Mr. Speaker, a speedy action should be taken because half of Laikipia Hon. Members walk to their respective areas.

*(Applause)*

The County headquarters is situated in the outskirts, while building the Laikipia County offices let us not built them in town but in the outskirts Mr. Speaker. Those people in the Northern Cape have controlled their traffic in their town, no hooting of vehicles aimlessly, all roads are fitted with traffic lights and I would like this House to push so that we have traffic lights just on the road in front of the Assembly. Since we walk on foot crossing that road to Nakumatt its chaos therefore an urgent measure should be taken.

Mr. Speaker I would like to bring to the attention that Hon. Members in Northern Cape don't drink water while in the Assembly but they drink tea. Tea is kept in a pot and you take it at your own pleasure with snacks and it is tea that you cannot finish.

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker, let this Assembly provide these Members at least with tea. In Kimberly you don't see street children like the way we see them here. Nanyuki is very small compared to Kimberly which is the size of Nakuru and in fact I only saw one street boy in Kimberly. Therefore an urgent measure to bring to a stop the increase of street children should be put in place.

They have tarmacked roads without holes and therefore while developing our County we should know how we are constructing our roads so that they can take a longer time before they get potholes.

Mr. Speaker, last but not least, we were requesting if this Assembly can provide Members with a gym of which we had a good one in South Africa and we really enjoyed. Members increase in weight day by day of which I don't know why, therefore provide us with a gym and we will be healthy.

They are very able to control their Committee meetings, they are time conscious and those who help their Committees are very educated. We decided that to match those people in Kimberly, we must go back to school, get learned, speak fluent English without stammering. After we came back, I took the initiative and visited Karatina University and requested for Members to be admitted there either for a Diploma or a Degree in County Governance and County Administration. Mr. Speaker, they agreed to admit us on an offer and I am requesting Hon. Members who are wishing to get more education that we shall join Karatina University by next week and we get more education. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I ask Hon. Wanjiku Waruguru to second. Thank you.

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir and the Hon. Members. I take this chance to thank the team that worked very hard to ensure we travelled to South Africa.

I am aware there were so many financial challenges that could have given all the reasons for us to remain here but am so grateful because that team worked tirelessly to ensure that we got a good delegation to travel to Kimberly in South Africa. We remain so grateful to the Northern Cape Province from their senior, the Speaker, to their Executive mayor; I will come to that and also the whole team including Hon. Members. I have never seen people who are as kind as those people are. Am telling you the truth Hon. Members, the whole

team that went to South Africa apart from Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kinyua and Hon. Mukuria who were always in the gym other Members have actually added weight.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of Order Hon. Maitai?

**Hon. Maitai:** Mr. Speaker, I reduced weight when I was in South Africa so I don't think it was right to say that only three people reduced weight?

**Speaker:** It's a correction Hon. Catherine, be sure there is one more who reduced weight.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, maybe she didn't listen keenly to my point. I said mostly they were the people who were always there in the morning and evening. Hon. Dann had explained in the report some of the things that we learnt, I don't intend to repeat but maybe just a short comparison or a contrast of how conditions are in Kimberly and also here in Laikipia.

I start with the geographical and weather condition of that place; Kimberly is as dry as Laikipia but this does not mean that the scope of this Northern Cape Province has been determined by the fact that there is a lot that goes on. By saying this I want to encourage the Hon. Members that we should not be discouraged bearing in mind that over 20 years they been working on some of the things we found them having achieved. I believe we started on the right note and I believe we are on track and even before 8 years are over Mr. Speaker, we will have done wonders even beyond what those people have achieved.

Again the issue of settlers and land issue is a big issue in Northern Cape. The white settlers own huge tracts of land and they have not put this land in to use and so I understand from what I got there that there is an appeal that is coming in to the House to ensure that they encourage these people who own big tracts of land to sell pieces to the Government. This is a case of a willing buyer willing seller and in fact in what we are going through in our County we have huge portions of land that are well idle. I would ask the County Government to see how they can come up with a bill if they are not making use of these lands and we see the way they can sell the land to the government.

The government has boosted Agriculture in Kimberly and when I say this I wish Hon. Shuel was in the House, he is the chairperson of Agriculture. You will notice there are no many rivers in Kimberly unlike our conditions here in Laikipia and they have made sure the regions around that place have done agriculture and we need to encourage our people especially those in Laikipia East and West. People in some parts of Laikipia North at least have practiced agriculture.

On the issue of innovation and recycling; these people have used the recycled material to construct their walls. Basically here in Laikipia or Kenya, if for instance someone wants to build a plot, you notice you have to go for what is so expensive and this tells me we need to see what we have around here and what is at our disposal.

Finally, I observed they involve their citizens in the legislation process. That is, may be each Member you go back to your ward and ask what they feel should be done if given time. I learnt that these people especially on Mondays, no Committee takes place in Northern Cape. Mondays are strictly for the Members to go back where they represent to go and work together or discuss. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would request that we adopt the same culture so that on Mondays no Committee will be sitting and actually we get a day to go and see our people.

About the issue of welfare, I saw a good team spirit among the people who were with us and the people who served there and I would really I felt challenged that if we were to get the same people in Laikipia, will we get a good number of Hon.

Members every day? You can imagine somebody has visited you from Monday and even the last day on Friday we were there and these people never got tired of us. They were there willing to share information with us even when we went out to the National Park we still had the Hon. Members with us. That's why I ask Members that we work together as a team and in a manner that even if there are differences among us, when you are called upon to do something in the public you don't go showing our differences.

Finally, I back-up what Hon. Dann had said on the issue of street children. Maybe for the team that did not go to South Africa these are normally called *Nyeupe* and they are very minimal. The government has made sure that they have encouraged their people even if they get contracts but they manage to work.

Finally every member or citizen of Kimberly, who earns less than 3,500 Rands, has the right to go and apply for the government programme. The government has built Houses for its citizens and probably if today you are earning less than 3,500 Rands and maybe tomorrow you get a better pay you can sell or dispose that House. The only thing you cannot do is to go back to the government and ask them to give you another House. I don't know how long it will take Kenya and especially our County to see that we have built Houses and especially in the slums to see that we have raised the living standards of our people.

On that note, I wish to say thank you very much for the team that was left behind and for the great work that you continued doing and for making sure that the County was running. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose a question;

> ***THAT**, this House approves the report on the visit to South Africa (Northern Cape Legislature by Members and the staff of the County Assembly on 8th – 15th September, 2013).*

Yes Hon. Kinyua.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante Bwana Spika, nataka kuunga huu mjadala mkono niseme ya kwamba tulifurahia kwenda South Africa huko Kimberly na kwa kweli nilipofika huko nilisoma mambo kadhaa, mengine ya kanifurahisha na machache yakaniudhi.

Hiyo nchi sio kusema ya kwamba wana raslimali nzuri kuliko ya Kenya, yote ni kama jangwa lakini katika mipangilio yao na kujitolea kwao ndio imefanya wafike mahali wamefika kwa sababu ukiangalia nchi kama yetu tuna rotuba ya kutosha, mito tunayo mingi, mvua inanyesha kwa wingi na raslimali tunazo na kwa hivyo tukijitolea tunaweza kuendelea hata kuliko wao.

Jambo lingine ni adabu iliyo na hao watu; katika ulimwengu wa sheria mimi sikuona askari hata mmoja ambaye anazurura huko akiwa na bunduki ama akichunga watu. Watu pekee ndio wanajichunga hata ukiangalia barabara zote hata magari yakitembea hakuna mtu anavuja sheria hata akiona mtu anapita kwanza anasimama. Nidhamu ni ya hali ya juu mpaka nikashikwa na wivu na nikajiuliza, je Wanalaikipia tutafika hapo lini?

Jambo lingine ni usafi ambao uko na hao watu na kusema ukweli sikuona askari hata mmoja wa manispaa. Watu wenyewe ndio wanajitawala. Hakuna mahali utapata karatasi ya 'nylon' ikiwa ni takataka mtu mwenyewe anapeleka takataka mahali inafaa bila kuangaliwa ama kuzingatiwa na mtu na nikiangalia hapa kwetu Laikipia naomba Mungu atupe roho ya kubandilika na tupende nchi yetu.

Jambo lingine lililonishitua kweli ni vile wale wabunge wanavyojitolea kuanzia mikutano yao ya kamati ni nambari moja. Ikisemekana mkutano unaanza saa tatu, wote wanakua wamefika. Katika kuchangia mijadala yao wanajitolea kweli kweli na

kutia maanani. Vile vile wana komputa ambazo wanatumia kufanyia utafiti hadi kitu mtu anachokiuliza unasikia kinaeleweka na unakuta hata kamati zao zina *Executive*. Yule mtu ako pale kujibu maswali ni mtu ambaye anajua vile anafanya na anapojibu anajibu kwa ustaarabu na maarifa vile inavyostahili na ikiwa ni swali ambalo ni geni anajibu kwa mdomo na mengine yakiwa kwa nakala yaani ukiangalia mpangilio hata wewe unatamani.

Jambo hilo lingine ni sisi huwa tunaona mambo madogo tunayapuuza kama tulipoenda kuona buga la wanyama, mimi nilifikiria tunaenda kuona wale wanyama huwa tunasikia wakumbwa kulingana na vile walikuwa wanatuambia. Lakini kwenda kuangalia ni punda mbili hata ndovu hatukupata na *Warthog* mbili. Lakini ukisikia vile walikuwa wanatilia mkazo vile hiyo buga iko hata wewe ungetamani kwenda huko. Mimi niseme ya kwamba Laikipia tuko mbele sana kwa sababu tuko hata na ndovu na pia kila mnyama yuko hapa Laikipia. Niseme ya kwamba sisi tukijitolea kwa mdomo na kwa vitendo wageni wengi kutoka ng'ambo watakuwa wakianguka Laikipia. Kitu kidogo tu wanaiongea kwa upana mpaka hata wewe unaitamani.

Jambo la mwisho na ambalo halikunifurahisha, hao watu walivuta sigara zaidi hata akina mama. Hilo jambo ndilo tu halikunifurahisha na nikaweza kuona ya kwamba katika Kenya hata sisi hatuwezi kufanya hivyo, asante Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** Hon. Thomi and then Hon. Lebeneiyo.

**Hon. Thomi:** Asante sana Bwana Spika. Mimi langu nikushukuru maana naona ya kwamba kulingana na yale yameongewa hapa ni kweli mnaonekana mlifurahia. Langu lilikuwa tu kujua watwambie kwa sababu tumesikia chakula ni tele, lakini kuna mmoja wao ambaye alipata nafasi ya kuwauliza *Serem* wa huko anawafanyia aje ama anakaa aje na wao? Kwa sababu wao wana kazi nyingi na vilevile nilitaka kujua kama mshahara wao ukilinganishwa na wa Laikipia County kama unafanana? La mwisho, kwa sababu tumesikia ni watu wazuri mliwaomba vile vile watutembelee? Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Lebeneiyo.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the report and I also want to congratulate the Members and the Members of staff who had visited South Africa.

I can now see they did not go there to enjoy but indeed came with great ideas and I hope they will help us improve our County. The Maasai have a proverb that says, *'The eye that has gone out is the eye that has seen a lot'*. I hopefully urge you the County Assembly Service Board that before this can evaporate from Members who have just arrived from South Africa to organize one … *(off record)* so that this thing can be shared to those people who were not there.

What I would urge people of Laikipia and Kenyans who are listening today, is that there is one thing that happened in that trip and as I normally travel across, one of the things that has been said by all Members who have stood here to contribute is that we lack one thing. That we are not proud of ourselves, we don't feel that this County is ours and as everyone was contributing here, everyone was trying to say let us love our County. Let's try to train our people to learn that this is not government property but we should develop it for our own benefit. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I support.

**Speaker:** Hon. Dann, why don't you reply on that?

**Hon. Dann:** Wale wote waliunga huu mjadala mkono na wale wote hawakuunga mkono najua ni kwa sababu hawakufika pia nimwambie Hon. Thomi, wale watu walisema watatembea hapa mwaka ujao. Pia tulipata kupepeleza wanapata pesa ngapi na hakuna ako chini ya milioni na wanapata *car loan* kwa hivyo kwa hayo machache nashukuru na naunga mkono, asante.

**Speaker:** Thank you for all those who contributed and I would like to put the question;

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***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move this motion;

> **THAT**, this House do adjourn *sine die.*

Mr. Speaker Sir, it has been a long time since we went to our own electorates to find what they are doing there. We have been very busy with busy schedules here and I hope you will support me in this motion and I ask my Hon. Deputy Speaker to second the motion.

**Hon. Kimondo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to second the motion. As Members you are aware that we have two critical bills that are about to pass and because of public participation, we would like to visit all the wards so that we can be reunited with our electorates about the Finance Bill and the Integrated Bill so I rise to support the motion, thank you.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question;

> **THAT**, this House do adjourn *sine die.*

Yes, Hon. Maruga

**Hon. Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support; that, this House do adjourn *sine die.* This is a time for us to visit our wards and I would request those Members who did not go to South Africa they told me they were going to slaughterme a goat to narrate the story from the word go from Nanyuki to Johannesburg then to Kimberly and back to Johannesburg through the Equatorial and back to Nairobi and am sure they would like to hear each and every movement. We shall get enough time to discuss the journey to South Africa. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support.

**Speaker:** Hon. Lebeneiyo.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** I would like to support the motion. Since we were elected we have never got time to visit our electorates. In fact most of them have been reaching us through calls and text messages that we were not just elected to come and rest in Nanyuki, complaining that we are not part of them anymore or we are not with them and we cannot know the problems they have.

Mr. Speaker, most of them still think of the old Constitution and I think it is very important we go round and see them. Some of the people who were opposing us during campaigns are taking this as an advantage to show them our negligence.

It is important we go round, like sometimes back I had three meetings in Mukogodo where we have several groups, women groups, we have warriors' groups who have been transformed today from milking cows to … *(off record)* and one actually asked me why only one lady has been elected in that House and I tried to explain but am urging all Members to talk to all those people and they will be free with us. So Mr. Speaker, I support it and I hope we will go to all our wards. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jennifer and then Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Jennifer:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to support the Motion that the House adjourns *sine die*. Mr. Speaker, some of us who did not go to South Africa had a meeting for all County Assemblies including the Speakers and most of all, the Governor and this adjournment will…

**Speaker:** Let's have Hon. Maruga; is it a point of order?

**Hon. Maruga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I seek to indulge whether it is right for us to continue with a debate when there is stranger in the gallery. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Do we have a stranger in the House Serjeant-at-arms? We don't see any stranger Hon. Maruga, Hon. Kimondo, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Kimondo:** It is a point of information.

**Speaker:** Well, let me finish with Hon. Maruga. So Hon. Maruga, feel comfortable to know that the gallery is for strangers but as I sit here I can see up to the end. Ok. Hon. Kimondo you have point of information. Hon. Jennifer, do you need the information?

**Hon. Jennifer:** Well, I guess the information the Hon. Deputy Speaker wants to give me but I will not go there. What I would say is that, this break is so important because we are going to have time on our own as a County Assembly. It is always good to go and do a recap of what we have done, the far we have gone and document the steps we are supposed to take in the remaining part of this year. I support the motion so that we can make some strategies. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Beth and then Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to support the Motion that this House do adjourn *sine die* since we want to visit our electorates. We us the legislatures know that we have oversight role and at that time we shall visit Ngobit Ward and see where our grader is.

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker, Sir I support the motion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Majority, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Beth has reminded you once again if you want to see that grader, it is there and if the mechanic is there, he will explain what is wrong with it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** There can't be two points of orders Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** It's a point of Information to Leader of Majority.

**Speaker:** Leader of Majority, you need information?

**Hon. Wachira:** Hon. Speaker, I was on the point of order and so I don't need your information.

**Speaker:** Majority Leader, you need to be informed that there was a statement around that before you arrived in this House but am sure the Deputy Speaker will be giving you that information. Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Mukuria:** I want to give information to Hon. Beth.

**Speaker:** Hon. Beth is no longer on the floor but just proceed to support the motion if you can.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to support the Motion for the adjournment *Sine die*. We us a Committee have a big role like researching why are our ministers not performing in this docket. I personally will go and find out why a grader has been in one ward for six months? What is the problem? Is it that it has broken down? Why is it not performing?

**Speaker:** What is it Majority Leader?

**Hon. Wachira:** I want to remind Hon. Mukuria who is the Chairman of roads that he should know better because he is the Chairman of this docket, he knows whether the grader is working and should not bring faulty information in this House.

If you are given a job you should do it thoroughly …

**Speaker:** Order Member! Why don't you proceed with the main issue now?

**Hon. Mukuria:** Am saying the reason why I am going to do a research it's because I have been allocated that area as my docket to know what the grader is doing in one ward and also find out why other Members are not being given the track. Then I will be able to come up with a good report. I will be doing this because I love the people of Laikipia. We as the Committee are in charge and we want to know where the hospitals are in Nanyuki and what is not working there and at the end we will come up with a good report.

**Speaker:** What is it Hon. Lebeneiyo?

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Mr. Speaker, I want to give point of information to Hon. Mukuria.

**Speaker:** Do you need information?

**Hon. Mukuria:** I do.

**Hon. Lebeneiyo:** Thank you Hon. Mukuria, if you can take that seriously as you say it, I think we can highly commend you. Thank you.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you. Members, let us know our responsibilities in this House and we have realized we are much far behind in this Committee because of not knowing where things like machines are, how many graders are working and we have to say no. This has to stop because I will come to write a report after doing research in all my areas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I understand there is no time but Hon. John proceed.

**Hon. John:** Asante Bwana Spika, naunga mkono kufungwa kwa Bunge na sababu ya kuunga mkono ni kwamba simu ambazo tunazopokea kutoka kwa uma ni kwamba wana shida kupitia ile kodi ambayo wanakatwa wakisema hatuelewi zile shida wanapitia. Wakati sisi wote tunatembea kama wajumbe wataweza kuelewa wakati tunaleta mjadala kwa Bunge na kuweza kupitisha kwa sababu ya kusaidia watu wote wale wako Laikipia.

Pili, wakati tuko huku kwa Bunge, tunapotetea haki ya wale wote tunasimamia ili mtu yeyote anayeweza kuchangia kwa Bunge anaweza kuelewa ni kweli ama si kweli. Sababu ya kuunga mkono hili jambo la Mheshimiwa aliye karibu hapa ni kwamba ward moja ndio trakta iko na mpaka hata wabunge wenzangu mabarabara zao bado hazijatengenezwa na ni jambo ambalo nalitangaza hadharani. Asanteni.

**Speaker:** I would like to put a question but before that Majority Leader you may reply.

**Hon.Wachira:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker and Member, I would like to thank all the Members who contributed to this motion. It's in order for us to go to our electorates and in order to go and research and come back, it is necessary that we visit all these Wards so that we familiarize ourselves with the whole County. It is not that I don't want my Ward Ngobit to be visited, I want everyone to come there and I hope the rain will have subsided but if not we will still postpone to other places.

Hon. Mukuria, the road's Chairman, you are very welcome to my ward even Hon. Beth. This is part of Laikipia, come and see what is happening and the grader which is lying there. There are so many graders which are lying elsewhere and some in Ngobit and if you go the mechanic there, he will rectify what might be wrong. I can't release it but it is the people to do that and please feel welcome and with those remarks make sure you pass our regards to those who live there. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** I would like to put the question;

**THAT**, this House do adjourn *sine die*.

***(Motion agreed)***

We shall start with ward visits tomorrow starting with Nanyuki, Deputy Speaker is the Member of that Ward. The House is adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House rose at 4:10 p.m

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Speaker**: I want to read a letter addressed to the Speaker of the National Assembly, to Hon. Ekwe Ethuro the Speaker of the Senate and Patrick Mariru the Speaker of Laikipia County Assembly and it reads as follows; Certificate pursuant to Section 86 (1) of the Elections Act whereas the election of Paul Kurenyi Leshuel of Mukogodo East Ward was challenged in an election petition no. 1 of 2013 by Ephantus Kareithi Mwangi vs. IEBC and Paul Kurenyi Leshuel and whereas the court held the petition and on the 5th day of September, 2013 after considering the evidence abused, the court made the following findings:-

1. That the Hon. Paul Kurenyi Leshuel was not validly elected as the Member of the County Assembly of Mukogodo East Ward.
2. The elections were not transparent, free, fair, impartial, efficient, accurate and accountable and therefore did not reflect the wishes of the electorate in that ward.
3. There were errors and anomalies in Forms 35 and 36 respectfully that have invalidated the outcomes of the result and this was given under the seal of V. K. Kiptoon who is the Senior Resident Magistrate in Nanyuki on the 9th day of September at Nanyuki but received in my office in 19th September, 2013.

So Hon. Members, in light of the law I wish to now declare that I have gotten these certificates in light of the invalidation of the elections of Paul Kurenyi Leshuel and as per the law I will do the necessary communication so that is gazetted by the IEBC as required by law and therefore the Hon. leshuel is no longer a Member of this House and I am sure the due process of law will take place.

The third and final communication, I would like to make is to thank the few Hon. Members who were able to donate their blood yesterday. There was a drive to donate blood, as you know as a country we have experienced a national tragedy and as a House we encouraged Members to give blood as at yesterday so I would like to encourage Members to consider it wise to contribute money so that the money can support the victims of the national tragedy that we experienced as a country. I would like to announce that as an Assembly we made a contribution towards the events of yesterday as well. Thank you.

**PAPERS**

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to table the report of Laikipia County Government Budget estimates for the financial year 2013/2014.

**Speaker**: Is it the revised, did you say the revised?

**Hon. Wakahiu**: The revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2013/2014.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion: revised

County Budget Estimates for the financial year 2013/2014;

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the report of the revised Budget and Appropriation Committee of the financial year 2013/2014 Budget Estimates for the County and County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on the 25th of September, 2013.*

**MOTION**

**[Chairman of the budget and appropriations Committee]**

**{Hon. Wakahiu}**

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to move the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the report of the revised Budget and Appropriation Committee of the financial year 2013/2014 Budget Estimates for the County and County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on the 25th of September, 2013.*

Mr. Speaker, I want to table the report of the Committee. The Budget and Appropriation Committee has over the last few weeks considered the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year 2013/2014 for the County Government and County Assembly of Laikipia in order to reduce the deficit of Kshs1, 890,169,592. The Committee having received views from the Members of the County Assembly and the County Executive did review the budget to ensure that it has zero deficit. The revised budget has a total income of Kshs 4,063,698,656 against the same expenditure which is distributed as follows:

| **SECTORS** | **ALLOCATION** |
|---|---|
| County Assembly Services | Ksh.505,811,280 |
| County Executive Services | Ksh.1,303,239,889 |
| Finance Management Services | Ksh.275,300,400 |
| Infrastructure | Ksh.392,700,000 |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Ksh.113,100,000 |
| Finance, Planning and Devolution | Ksh.390,000,000 |
| Education and ICT | Ksh.199,000,000 |
| Security & Home Affairs | Ksh.41,047,087 |
| Industrialization and Enterprise development | Ksh.10,000,000 |
| Health and Sanitation | Ksh.379,700,000 |
| Gender Youth and Sports | Ksh.23,000,000 |
| Water | Ksh.392,300,000 |
| Tourism, Trade, Commerce and Enterprise Development | Ksh.38,500,000 |
| **Total** | **Ksh.4,063,698,656** |

In the review of the report, the Committee applied the following principles:-

1. **Equity:** This was considered as a core principle in ensuring that the budget provides

for people to be served according to their needs.

2. **Balanced Budget:** This was appreciated in the need to reduce the budget deficit to zero so as to ensure that the programmer provided for can be undertaken.

3. **Reliable sources of revenue:** The Committee considered this as critical in ensuring the County only budgets against monies that are assured so as to lessen the financial strain in the County.

4. **Practicability:** This was considered in the spirit of what is possible to do in the one financial year considering the processes of procurement, staffing and actual delivery of services especially on infrastructural projects.

The process of this review comprised of the following:-

1. Consultations with Members of the County Assembly.

2. Consultations with the County Executive on 23 and 24 September, 2013.

3. Review of the Budget Estimates with the input of experts from the Institute of Economic Affairs Kenya.

The Committee on Budget and Appropriation met on 23rd and 24th September, 2013 to harmonize the budget and received views from both the Assembly and the Executive arms of the County Government. After thorough deliberations the following observations were made in regard to the budget for financial year 2013/2014.

**OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

1. The revised budget which had been managed to a deficit of Kshs 7.5 million be reduced further to zero.
2. Rehabilitation of dispensaries and health services need to be funded per ward.
3. Nanyuki Ward was underfunded compared to other wards.
4. Agriculture sector operation costs be increased since there is a lot field work.
5. Igwamiti requires sheds as Nyahururu Town is a major source of income for the County.
6. The amount allocated for payment of outstanding liabilities be reduced and the total amount of liabilities be cleared in coming financial years since the whole amount can't be cleared in the current financial year.
7. There is need to factor in the budget an amount to cater for school exams in the County.
8. The allocation for ward based casual employment programme and ward based fuel and oil for machinery was not fairly distributed.
9. The health sector was underfunded in the following areas:
   - Mental health
   - Sewerage and cemetery
   - Human vaccines
   - Ambulances
   - Utility vehicles
   - Nutrition
   - Monitoring and evaluation
   - HIV awareness and control
   - Running costs of hospitals

**DECISIONS/RECOMENDATIONS**

In view of the above observations, the Committee made the following recommendations:

**1.** The deficit of Kshs 7.5 million be reduced by;
   I. Kshs 1 million from consultancy fees under finance management services
   II. Kshs 1 million from sub- County administration

III. Kshs 2 million from domestic travel under finance management services
IV. Kshs 2 million from staff training
V. Kshs 1.5 million from County Public Service Board

**2.** An allocation of Kshs 42 million for rehabilitation of dispensaries and health centres be spread across wards by reducing from infrastructure allocation (Kshs 3 million from each ward) apart from Nanyuki Ward but be retained in the corresponding ward.

**3.** The total allocation for health sector be left with the Executive Member- health and sanitation to distribute as the area is very technical.

**4.** Agriculture sector operation costs be increased by Kshs 5 million from contingency fund.

**5.** Kshs. 5 million be removed from finance planning and devolution monitoring and evaluation allocation and taken to Igwamiti Ward for construction of sheds.

**6.** Kshs. 2 million for murraming of roads in Githiga ward be taken to construction of mortuary.

**7.** The water sector had some technical errors and omissions caused by allocation being made in ward summary but not captured in master budget hence necessitating some reviews. Worth to note that most of the Member's recommendations were revisited.

**8.** Kshs 2 million for cultural centres in Rumuruti be transferred to tourism operation cost.

**9.** Kshs 4 million be removed from domestic travel under finance and planning and taken to Education and ICT to cater for exam centres.

**10.** Kshs 5 million for travel cost from County Executive services be taken to construction of toilets in schools.

**11.** The amount of Kshs 10 millions for special schools in Nanyuki Ward be centralized under Education and ICT.

**12.** Kshs 15.5 million for ward based casual employment programme be distributed as follows: Kshs 1.4 million for Igwamiti, Rumuruti, Nanyuki and Mukogodo East (Doldol) each and the rest of the wards receive Kshs. 900,000 each.

**13.** Kshs 7.5m million for ward based fuel and oil for machinery be distributed equally across wards.

**14.** The health sector to be revised as follows

I. Additional revenue of Kshs 82 millions be added as cost sharing for hospitals to the existing Kshs 60 million already factored in the revenue of Kshs 800 million
II. Kshs 3 million be allocated for stand by generator
III. Kshs 160 million be allocated for running of County hospitals
IV. Kshs 35 million be allocated for running of health centres
V. Kshs 24 million be allocated for running of Sub- County hospitals
VI. Kshs 30 million be allocated for running of dispensaries
VII. Kshs 6 million be allocated for public health
VIII. Kshs 14.1 million be allocated for ambulances
IX. Kshs 11 million be allocated for utility vehicles
X. Kshs 2 million be allocated for community health workers
XI. Kshs 12 million be allocated for operation cost
XII. Kshs 10 million be allocated to Nanyuki maternity
XIII. Kshs 10 million be allocated to Nyahururu maternity
XIV. Kshs 3 million be allocated to Doldol maternity
XV. Kshs 2.6 million be allocated to equipping Rumuruti maternity

XVI. Kshs 5 million be allocated to Rumuruti Paediatric ward

XVII. Kshs 10 million be allocated to vaccines/ disaster management from allocation for outstanding liabilities which will now remain at Kshs 30 million.

**15.** The amount allocated for outstanding liabilities be reduced by Kshs 50m to Kshs 40 million and distributed as follows:

I. Kshs 15 million be taken to Nanyuki Ward where Kshs 5 million will cater for street lights, Kshs 5 millions for ICT and Education (CEDC) and Kshs 5 million for street parking improvement

II. Kshs 10 million be taken to special schools

III. Kshs 5 million be taken to Cooperative revolving fund

IV. Kshs 10 million be taken to coolant

V. Kshs 10 million be taken to heavy earth moving machines

Mr. Speaker, that's the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee and I want to thank Hon. Members in particular the Budget and Appropriation Committee which I head together with the Hon. Mukuria, Hon. Leshuel, Hon. Daisy and Hon. Wangu for the work they have done during that time we have been together. Not forgetting the County Assembly staff, the Executive and Hon. Members who have burnt the midnight oil to make sure that the budget we have prepared though we can't say it is 100%, we have however managed to come up with a budget that will enable our County to move forward. Noting that the time frame we have been given was very short because of the deficit we had earlier, we have been able to come up with the budget.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this time to urge and request the Hon. Members to support this budget so that we can start making our County move forward. I also request that the Committee of the Budget be facilitated with capacity building and training so that as we set the budget for next year, we may come up with a budget that will enable us to avoid the deficit we had earlier such as the hardships and problems we encountered. Also the Hon. Members to receive it so that once we prepare for next year, we may come up with a budget so that our country moves forward. Mr. Speaker, as I move this motion I urge the Hon. Members to support the budget estimates for this financial year. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I request Hon. Mukuria to second the motion.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first and foremost I want to thank my chairman for the good work he has done for us and bringing us together to come up with this report. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this motion on the budget of 2013/2014. It has taken us a long time to come out with this budget; I also want to thank the Members for their contribution to this budget. It has not been easy for us to come up with this budget but through consultation with other Members, we thank each member of staff and the Governor for their contribution to this budget. It is my sincere hope that each Member will support this budget even if it has not satisfied all areas as expected but at least we have a benchmark to start the projects for this County for the year 2013/2014.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also appreciate that each and every Member here was very considerate to make sure that at least our budget was balanced to capture all 15 wards. Therefore, I request Members to support this motion and I promise the Members that since we have an integrated plan for next year, we promise we will not have these kinds of errors and avoid deficits like in the previous budget. Therefore, this morning I want to say that we are privileged and have learnt on how to make a budget and I urge the Members of this Committee to continue with the same spirit as our Hon. Wakahiu was saying, each Member has to be facilitated to be able to come up with a better way of making this budget. I also think the Executive

need to be facilitated to know how to make a budget because by consultation between the cabinet and also between the Members of this County Assembly, we will come out with a better budget for 2014/2015. Therefore Mr. Speaker I stand to second this motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much; I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the report of the revised Budget and Appropriation Committee of the financial year 2013/2014 budget estimates for the County and County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on the 25th of September, 2013.*

Yes Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the motion. First and foremost, let me appreciate the work done by the Budget and Appropriation Committee for burning their midnight oil for three days. They had some other two weeks which were very critical to them and they really worked and I can now see their commitment towards the work of the whole County. Hon. Members, as much as we would like our wards to benefit, this budget cannot be balanced as much you would like but I would urge you to consider passing this budget as it is because of the time line and there were teething problems here and there. We did not know that our role was passing the budget, so we could have been very keen in looking into some areas like the water sector, the infrastructure, and mostly the ICT. But because we have now learnt, I think the next budget will be perfect and as the chairman was asking for capacity building, I also support him in that area. This is because they really tried to work and I thank the Hon. Speaker for the donors who supported us in the budget making process, I stand to support the motion.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the motion and the work of the Budget Appropriation Committee. First is to give thanks to those who have done this work that is the Committee and the supporting staff. Members, this is our first budget and you know we are not used to making budgets and by so doing when you go throughout the year of 2013/2014, this is a learning year and as we are learning let us make sure that whatever has been budgeted in this budget does not come back to the treasury as our people are suffering.

We must provide oversight to this budget to make sure that everything that has been budgeted for has benefitted our people on the ground. By this I mean that the ministries concerned must implement what has been budgeted here and has gone to our people in the wards. Some ministers think that we are only reading papers and approving them so that they just go and joyride on this budget. At the end of the financial year 2013/2014, we shall make sure that no money goes to the treasury; no money goes back to where it came from as our people are suffering on the ground. So I stand here to support the motion that this bill passes. Thank you.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I also rise in support of the motion that we adopt this revised budget. I would like to stand and thank the Members of the Committee. We witnessed them almost the whole night trying to balance the budget with the technical staff that we have; we must be grateful for their work. It is clear that the money is not as we would have wished as County representatives, otherwise our constituents have very high hopes in us to take money there and do the roads, help them with school bursaries but all in all we must accept that the money is not there.

I can also assure the Budget Committee that as the Finance Committee, we are also working very hard to see that we meet the target which we promised as the Finance Committee of Kshs.800, 000,000 for us to service the budget. It is clear that Mr.

Speaker, we have met with other stake holders especially the ranchers who have promised to cooperate and I assure this House that we are committed to find money for this County and I am sure we will meet the target. So come next year, we will come with a lot of money to give to the various wards. So I request the Hon. Members to talk with their people in the respective wards so that each and everyone such as those in businesses and County Houses to think of how to pay for those Houses. Otherwise we have a lot of arrears and if that money is paid, I am sure we will have a lot of money to take back to them to do the roads and the schools. So I stand to support the budget, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: I think we can invite Hon. Wakahiu to give a response.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I respond I would like to donate some 2 minutes to the Hon. Wangu.

**Speaker**: Is she replying on your behalf, you are not contributing Hon....

**Hon. Wakahiu**: I only want to donate just 2 minutes, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Why are you using the back door to give Hon. Wangu, I did not see if Hon. Wangu was keen to speak. So she will have done the reply for you, so Hon. Wangu...

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Let me first contribute then I will donate two minutes, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: You can't have your cake and eat it.

*(Laughter)*

Yes just contribute; let's give him a few minutes and then Hon. Wangu gives part of the reply.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Members for supporting this motion and even the Committee that did the work together with the staff from the executive and the County Assembly. As I reply, I believe the Executive will take their role to represent and ask the County Assembly to oversee what will be done to move our County forward, so thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, let me first take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the Budget Committee, he really appreciated what we underwent. Anyway, it was the start, it was hard and we are looking forward to perfect everything.

I also thank the Hon. Members who stood and supported the budget and I thank them so much because they really appreciated the teething problem we underwent. Seriously, it was hard to come up with a balanced budget but at long last, we have something on the table and we are looking forward to the implementation of the budget so that by the end of the day we don't come up with papers and figures that don't have meaning to the County.

I would also like to urge the Hon. Members that there are those who were given little money to start projects which were not enough, I would urge them that in the coming budget please make a follow up so that you can at least have those projects completed.

**Speaker**: Very well, I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House adopts the report of the revised Budget and Appropriation Committee of the financial year 2013/2014 budget estimates for the County and County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on the 25th of September, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

I also wish to register our appreciation because I think I did see what the Committee did under the leadership of the chair, we must appreciate them. I know that they slept very late for some days, so I thank the Committee very much as well as the staff who were the technical team. Indeed by extension, I also thank the Members since they participated, thank you.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**{Hon. Wachira}**

Hon. Speaker Sir, I rise to move the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of the requirements of the Standing Order No. 117 to reduce the number of days required after the publication of the bill from 7 days to one day in respect of the County Appropriation Amendment Bill 2013.*

Hon. Speaker Sir and Members, as you know we had a budget earlier which was taken to Nairobi and it was not approved. Our budget was brought back here for amendments which we have done and passed it. It is only by next Monday that we have the deadline and we lack the time frame to extend to seven days. That is why I ask the House to approve the one day sitting so that we are through with this amendment. I ask Hon. Deputy Speaker to support the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to second the motion as the Hon. Members are aware, we are in a very critical position as per now because we only have tomorrow and Friday and the deadline is on the 30th and have the revised budget that we have just passed. Madam Adhiambo will not give us any money unless we pass this bill of the amended County Appropriation Bill. So I stand to second the motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of the requirement of the Standing Order No. 117 to reduce the number of days required after publication of the bill from 7 to 1 day in respect to the County Appropriation Amendment Bill, 2013.*

Okay, yes Hon. Mukuria

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion for the approval of the publication to one day because we already had schedules and as you know the deadline for passing this bill is on 30th. I rise in support because if we don't do this, then our budget will be affected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, maybe I should call the Majority Leader to reply.

**Hon. Wachira**: Hon. Speaker and Members, I thank you very much. I know the silence means that you want this to pass so that we can start a new chapter in this County. I thank you very much and keeping quiet means that you support passing it. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I want to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of the requirement of the Standing Order No.117 to reduce the number of days required after publication of the bill from 7 to 1 day in respect to the County Appropriation Amendment Bill, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Leader of majority]**

**{Hon. Wachira}**

Hon. Speaker Sir, I rise again to move the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of requirements of Standing Order No. 118 to allow more than one stage of a bill to be taken into one sitting in respect to the Appropriation Amendment Bill, 2013.*

This is the Bill we have just passed, it needed so many stages to go through and as we were saying, we don't have the time frame to do that and we are begging this House to only have this sitting so that we go ahead and make the Bill pass. I also ask the Hon. Deputy Speaker to second the motion.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the motion. As you are aware of the timelines and from now…; I even asked for the intervention of the Speaker to quicken the process so as to beat the deadline. So I stand to second the motion.

**Speaker**: I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of requirements of Standing Order No. 118 to allow more than one stage of a bill to be taken into one sitting in respect to the Appropriation Amendment Bill 2013.*

Yes, Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion because we have realized we only have five days to go so that's why we need to support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Wachira**: The mood of the House shows that I need to reply and tell the Members thank you very much. We are moving in the right direction and this is now your time.

**Speaker**: Whose time Majority Leader?

*(Laughter)*

I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of requirements of Standing Order No. 118 to allow more than one stage of a bill to be taken into one sitting in respect to the Appropriation Amendment Bill, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**{Hon. Wachira**}

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members this is the motion and it reads;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of the application of the Standing Order No.26 to allow the House to meet on Thursday 26th September, 2013 at 9.00 a.m.*

Hon. Speaker Sir and Members, as the Bill is now passed, it will move to Nairobi to be registered and when it is registered by tomorrow, we will be here on Thursday so that we may pass the Bill as it now becomes an Act of this Assembly. Thank you very much Members, I also ask the Deputy Speaker to support the motion.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the motion. We are doing this because of the urgency of this Bill. So I stand to support the motion.

**Speaker**: I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the exemption of the application of the*

*Standing Order No.26 to allow the House to meet on Thursday 26th September, 2013 at 9.00 a.m.*

Yes, Hon. Wakahiu and then Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion for the House to meet on the 26th which is tomorrow. In fact as the Hon. Members have said, we are running short of time to pass this Bill and we want our County to move forward, so Mr. Speaker I stand to support this motion.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wanted to amend the motion. I little bit because according to the constitution, a bill is supposed to be published and then later debated after 24 hours. According to your watches, it's not 9.00 a.m., so I was proposing that instead of meeting at 9.00 a.m.; maybe we meet at 11.00 a.m.

**Speaker**: Hon. Maruga, you may want to tell the Members which part of the constitution for the benefit of the Members so that they are informed. But also please confirm that you actually registered the amendment of that motion with the Clerk as per the Standing Order.

**Hon. Maruga**: According to the Standing Order No.45, a Member can move a motion without notice, a motion on a way of amendment and I stand guided...

**Speaker**: What are you saying Hon. Maruga? Please, you know we need to be educated so take us slowly.

**Hon. Maruga**: On a matter pertaining motions which can be moved without notice, one is a motion on a way of amendment.

**Speaker**: Hon. Member for Igwamiti, please give Hon. Maruga a chance, is it a point of order?

**Hon. Kabaci**: Yes Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay.

**Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would wish that Mr. Mwangi follows the law Mr. Speaker otherwise he should have given the notice two hours before making amendments Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Okay that's fine. That is the question he is trying to address on whether he gave a notice.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I seek your indulgence and confirmation whether Standing Order No.45 talks about the motion which can be moved without notice.

**Speaker**: Hon. Maruga, it is good to read that section. I am sure you are aware that the Standing Order No. 45 that you are talking about is an amendment of notice of a motion; not an amendment of a motion.

**Hon. Maruga**: Okay...Standing Order No.46, the first states that a motion that can be moved without notice, a motion by the way of amending and I stand guided. I would seek help from the Hon. Deputy Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Order Member! Order Member! You can't cross the path and give another Member a chance. It is the chair to give a chance to speak but Hon. Maruga, what are your issues? You were saying that the constitution says that you must publish a bill in 24 hours; that is one. You didn't tell the Members which part of the constitution, it will be good because you know these days we are educated every day. Secondly you quoted Standing Order No.46 to say that you want to amend it without notice. I want to put it on the floor to hear one or two Members to speak on that then I make a ruling. Yes Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the amendment due to timing...

**Speaker**: Hon. Mukuria, you are not opposing the amendment, you are just addressing what he has spoken about. You know the sections he is raising and all that, I just want to hear one or two Members but you can proceed.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Mr. Speaker, I want to address Hon. Maruga for him to understand why we are having this challenge. We are doing this for the sake of this County and therefore I ask Members to understand so that we can be able to assist this County in the time. We have… because of the challenges we are having in this budget. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I kindly request that even though I do not understand the articles of the constitution, I may not quote it but it is better if we looked at the challenges ahead of us so that we can put this County in order. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: The Deputy Speaker, you wanted to speak on this... Hon. Catherine, just speak on this for one minute so that we have a ruling on this matter and we move ahead.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to congratulate Hon. Maruga for his attempts because that's a way of learning. Now everybody will be curious of what he really wanted to put forward. So congratulations Mr. Maruga.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Yes Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as Members are aware, we passed the motion on exemption which is Standing Order No. 117 and 118. I would like to inform my brother the Hon. Maruga that we are not breaching any law and we are only asking the Members. The Standing Order No.26 allows to be around and not to meet in the afternoon but to meet in the morning so that we pass the amended Appropriation Bill.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you very much. Hon. Maruga is totally in order to raise those issues and we want Members to raise those issues of procedure so that we can be clear. Hon. Maruga was not keen to quote for us that section of the constitution that says you must have taken 24 hours and then today, we are not dealing with the bill. We are dealing with the report and tomorrow we will be dealing with the bill which will be published today. The days of publication have been reduced and operation of the motion no.9 that the days be reduced from 7 to 1. Hon. Maruga did mention of the notice and he quoted Standing Order No. 45 which I told him is not about motions but about notices. He went ahead to quote Standing Order No.46 which is totally different form amendment. I can tell that Hon. Maruga doesn't have the order, he is trying to remember the Standing Order but too bad he quoted the wrong Standing Order but I think the principle is clear that you must give a notice but there are certain provisions of when you cannot give a notice. So I would encourage Hon. Maruga and other Members to read a bit of that but Hon. Maruga is out rightly in order to raise the issues so I think we can proceed. Where were we? We were at...yes is there any other contribution towards that? And if there is none I think we are at the point where we can ask the Majority Leader to reply.

**Hon. Wachira**: Hon. Members, thank you very much again for allowing or giving us your own time tomorrow, you know you are on recess. To find the time to come here and do the House business, this is Assembly business tomorrow at 9.00 am so that we can find a way, a tunnel to put our own County on the other side of the light. Thank you very much Hon. Speaker.

**Speaker**: I would like to put the question;

> **THAT,** this House approves the exemption of the application of the Standing Order No.26 to allow the House to meet on Thursday 26th September, 2013 at 9.00 a.m.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: Hon. Members, we did mention that we are on recess but we have the special sitting. In light of the motion we have just passed and in light to my communication to all Members on the special sitting, we meet tomorrow at 9.00 a.m. Thank you, the House is adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House adjourned at 4.21 p.m.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**BILLS**

**(First Reading of the County Assembly of Laikipia Appropriation (Amendment) Act 2013)**

> ***THAT,*** *this Bill may be cited as the Laikipia County Appropriation (Amendment) Act 2013).*

**Second Reading**

**MOTION**

**[Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**{Hon. Wakahiu**}

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

> ***THAT,*** *the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill No. 2 of 2013 be now read the 2nd time upon this day 26th September, 2013.*

Mr. Speaker having done with the Budget and the Appropriation Bill, I urge Members to support this Bill as we want to deliver services to the people of Laikipia County. We are in dire need of infrastructural development, that is, roads, water and all the sectors as we promised the electorates. Mr. Speaker, I will urge the Members to support this Bill so that as soon as we have done this the Executive will start implementing what we promised our people and I will request Hon. Mukuria to second this.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this Motion. As you realize that we need to pass this Bill for the County so start working. Mr. Speaker, I want to urge Members to support this Bill so that we can fulfill the promises we promised our people in this County. I want to thank Members because we tabled this Bill yesterday and you passed that Bill and so as we are talking now, this is the second day today and you are going to support this motion for the 2013/2014 Bill. Mr. Speaker, I also know that once we pass this Bill, Laikipia County will start doing its work as promised to Laikipia people. I stand to second. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question:

> ***THAT,*** *the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill No. 2 of 2013 be now read the 2nd time upon this day 26th September, 2013.*

It looks as if the Members are contented. May be we should ask Hon. Wakahiu to reply.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. As you can see the mood of the House they are contended as everyone is eagerly waiting to see what we will deliver to our people. I want to thank Hon. Members because of that gesture, thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. I would like to put the question:

***THAT,** the County of Laikipia Appropriation Bill No. 2 of 2013 be now read the 2nd time upon this day 26th September, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Clerk:** This Act may be cited as Laikipia County Appropriation Amendment Act 2013.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much. I think now we will move to Committee of the Whole House.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

*[Mr. Kimondo (Deputy Speaker) is the Chair]*

**Chair:** Hon. Members you can now feel relaxed. You don't even have to stand when deliberating. Clerk, can you take us through.

**Clerk:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, I think we will go through the Bill clause by clause and we will start with Clause 3 where it links amendment to the schedule. You can check your Bill.

Amendment

**No.1of 2013.**

3. The Schedule to the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 is deleted and substituted therefor with Schedule A as follows –

| **SCHEDULE A (s. 2)** | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| ***Vote No.*** | ***Service or purpose*** | ***Supply*** |
| | **Recurrent Expenditure** | *KSh.* |
| R 001 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for salaries and expenses of the County Assembly Services including general administration and refurbishment of buildings…….. | 505,811,280 |

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| R 002 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for salaries and expenses of the County Executive Services including emoluments of staff of former local authorities in the County general administration and refurbishment of buildings…….. | 1,303,239,889 |
| R 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for expenses of the Finance Management Services including general administration and refurbishment of buildings…….. | 275,300,400 |
| | **CLASS SUB TOTAL... KSh.** | **2,084,351,569** |

| **SCHEDULE A (s. 2)** | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| ***Vote No.*** | ***Service or purpose*** | ***Supply*** |
| | **Development Expenditure** | *KSh.* |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Infrastructure for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations…… | 392,700,000 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations…… | 113,100,000 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Finance, Planning and Devolution for capital | |

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| | expenditure including County funds, general administration, planning and operations…… | 390,000,000 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Education and Information, Communication and Technology for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations…… | 199,000,000 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Security and Home Affairs for capital expenditure including, general administration, planning and operations…… | 41,047,087 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Health and Sanitation for capital expenditure including, general administration, planning and operations for health facilities…… | 379,700,000 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Gender, Youth and Sports for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations…… | 23,000,000 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Water for capital expenditure including general administration, planning and operations…… | 392,300,000 |
| D 003 | The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2014 for the Department of Tourism & Trade for capital expenditure including County funds, general administration and operations…… | 38,500,000 |
| | **CLASS SUB TOTAL...KSh.** | **1,979,347,087** |
| | **GRAND TOTAL …….** | **4,063,698,656** |

**Chair:** Members, I hope you have gone through. I now wish to propose the question:

> ***THAT,*** *the Schedule to the Laikipia County Act, 2013 is deleted and substituted therefore with schedule A as it has been read by the Clerk.*

I now put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *the Schedule to the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 is deleted and substituted therefore with Schedule A as it has been read by the Clerk.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Chair:** I now put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *the Schedule to the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 is deleted and substituted therefor with Schedule A as follows be part of the Bill.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Clerk:** Clause 2. The amendment to Section 2 of the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013, is amended as follows-

(a) By deleting the words "six billion, four hundred and ninety million, one hundred and sixty nine thousand, five hundred and ninety two" and substituting therefor the words "four billion, sixty three million, six hundred and ninety eight thousand, six hundred and fifty six".

(b) In the shoulder note by deleting the figure "6,490,169,592" and substituting therefor "4,063,698,656".

**Chair:** I wish to put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *Section 2 of the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 is amended as read by the Clerk.*

***(Motion agreed)***

I wish to put the question:

> ***THAT,*** *Section 2 of the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 is amended as read by the Clerk and be part of the Bill.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Clerk**: Now we move to the long title.

**A Bill for the Act of County Assembly to amend the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 and for connected purposes.**

**Chair: I wish to propose the question:**

**THAT, a Bill for the Act of County Assembly to amend the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 and for connected purposes be part of the Bill.**

**(Motion agreed)**

**Chair: I wish to put the question:**

**A Bill for the Act of County Assembly to amend the Laikipia County Appropriation Act, 2013 and for connected purposes be part of the Bill.**

**(Motion agreed)**

**MOTION**

**[Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**{Hon. Wakahiu}**

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

> ***THAT**, the Bill be reported to the County Assembly of Laikipia.*

Mr. Chairman, I want the Hon. Members to support and even come up with this Bill as soon as possible. This is because our County's previous budget had a deficit; the Budget Committee has now come up with another budget that has zero deficits. So Mr. Chairman, I want to urge the Hon. Members to support this Bill and I will request Hon. Mukuria to support the Motion.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would like to second this motion that the Bill be reported to the County Assembly. You will realize that this Bill has zero deficit and we are happy it is going to the Controller of Budget. Thank you Mr. Chairman, I second this process.

**Chair:** Thank you. I now wish to propose the question:

> ***THAT**, the progress of the Bill be reported to the Assembly.*

Now I wish to put the question:

> ***THAT**, the progress of the Bill be reported to the County Assembly.*

***(Motion agreed)***

Hon. Members we are now resuming and the Speaker will take the Chair.

*(Hon. Speaker resumes the Chair)*

**MOTION**

**[Chairman of the Committee of the whole House]**

**{Hon. Kimondo}**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the Motion:

> ***THAT,** the County Assembly do agree with the Committee in the said report.*

Hon. Members, as you clearly know that we have deliberated on the said Bill and the progress of that report; I wish that everything will be fine and the Executive can be able to give services as required and the Members to play the role of oversight after we have passed the Bill. I now wish Hon. Kabaci to second the motion.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise in support of the motion;

> ***THAT,** the County Assembly do agree with the Committee in the said report.*

Mr. Speaker as the mover has stated, it is true that these Members have deliberated fully to the said budget and it is the high time that it can now be adapted by the House so I stand to second this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question:

> ***THAT,** the County Assembly do agree with the Committee in the said report.*

I would like to put the question:

> ***THAT,** the County Assembly do agree with the Committee in the said report.*

**Third Reading of the Bill**

**MOTION**

**[Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee]**

**{Hon. Wakahiu}**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to move the following motion:

> ***THAT,*** *the Laikipia County Appropriation (Amendment) Bill No. 2 of 2013 be now read the third time upon this day 26th September, 2013.*

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank Hon. Members for the seriousness and willingness to put Laikipia County forward as far as the allocation of various departments are concerned. Having come to a conclusion for this issue that has taken us more than six (6) months I wish and urge Hon. Members that as we contribute to this motion we put the interest of our County and the people first so that we may move forward. Mr. Speaker, observing the mood of this House I am sure by now we are starting to move the wheel of our County forward and I believe in the near future we will be heading somewhere and so I urge Members to support this motion. I ask Hon. Daisy to second this Motion.

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Daisy.

*(Hon. Daisy bowed)*

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question:

> ***THAT****, the County of Laikipia Appropriation (Amendment) Bill No. 2 of 2013 be now read the third time upon this day 26th September, 2013.*

Member for Igwamiti, do you want to say something?

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also stand in support that this Bill be read the second time.

**Speaker:** Order! It is not the second time.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Sorry it's the third time, otherwise from the looks of it every member here is contented with whatever is in the Bill. We have looked at it to the maximum and now what is remaining is to pass it and give the Executive the mandate to move our County forward. Our constituencies are eagerly waiting for the service delivery whereby it cannot be possible without passing this Bill and so I support this motion. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Majority Leader, proceed.

**Hon. Wachira:** As you know Members we had no money of our own, we were depending on borrowed money. When we pass this Bill and I know it has already passed we are now going to have our own money of which we are going to exercise our own rights and full confidence that we do the oversight to ensure that our own electorates are benefiting to the letter. Whatever we have passed here is going to the Laikipia people and the oversight of the Laikipia people. So Members, I don't see the reason for saying there are issues here and there.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Wakahiu, you can now reply.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Hon. Members for participating and contributing to this motion and coming to the conclusion that it has already been passed. I want to urge Hon. Members that as we have done that,

we have now another responsibility of seeing what the Executive and the County Government will do to our people. So Mr. Speaker, I am proud and congratulate the work done by the Hon. Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. I would like to put the question*:*

> ***THAT****, the County of Laikipia Appropriation (Amendment) Bill No. 2 of 2013 be now read the third time upon this day 26th September, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013**

**A Bill for an Act of County Assembly to amend the Laikipia County Appropriations Act, 2013 and for connected purposes.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker: Members, as you know we are on recess so the House is adjourned.**

**The House rose at 9: 35 a.m.**

| SITTING NO 38 | Wednesday, 10th December, 2013 | 2.30 p.m. |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**PAPERS**

**Speaker**: Who is going first, I see quite a number of papers to be laid today. There are quite a number of papers to be raised, Hon. Maruga will you go first?

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the paper that is the report for Education and ICT Committee. This is on ECD centers in Olmoran Ward.

**Speaker**: Yes, who's the next one? Yes Hon. Kimondo.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to lay the first report of the Ad Hoc Committee on irregular employment.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also wish to lay the report of Finance and Planning Development. The report of CIDP (County Integrated Development Plan) in our county, thank you.

**Speaker**: Hon. Kabaci, identify your papers or should we give you another chance? Okay, next is Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also wish to lay the report on the County Cohesion and Legal Matters.

**Speaker**: Yes, what is it Maruga?

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is it in order for a Hon. Member to walk in the chambers as if it's his own House without bowing before the chair?

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Who did that?

**Hon. Maruga**: Hon. Ndegwa.

**Speaker**: Hon. Ndegwa, you are an established Member of this House, you don't need to respond.

**Hon. Dann**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg... I bowed.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: It is very clear that you know the rules, please observe them accordingly.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**[Hon. Mwangi Maruga]**

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report of the Education and ICT Committee on the status of ECD education in Olmoran Ward laid in the House on the 10th December, 2013.*

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you. Hon. Kimondo.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Peter Kimondo]**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves a report of the Ad Hoc Committee on irregular employment laid in the House on 10th December, 2013.*

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Joseph Kabaci]**

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

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report of Finance and Planning County Development Committee on the County Integrated Development Plan laid on 10th December, 2013.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Dann.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Dann Ndegwa]**

Mr. Speaker I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves a report of the County Cohesion and Legal Matters report laid in the House on 10th December 2013.*

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Kabaci, what is it?

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also wish to give notice of a motion of Hon. John Nderitu.

**Speaker**: Okay, does Hon. John have a notice of motion or is it actually a motion? I think Hon. Nderitu did give a notice of motion the last time we met so the motion is coming up today but that's fine.

**MOTION**

**[Hon. John Nderitu]**

**Speaker**: Yes, this is now the time for Hon. John Nderitu.

**Hon. John**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion and on my behalf, I request Hon. Kabaci to read.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> ***That,*** *recognizing persons with disabilities among communities living in Laikipia County;* ***Appreciating*** *the existing provisions of persons with disabilities Act of 2003;* ***realizing*** *that the County Government currently does not have data of PWDs in Laikipia County;* ***noting*** *that the said data is vital during planning and budgeting; the County Assembly urges the leadership of the County to act with speed and conduct a medical assessment, population and Households census programme of PWDs in Laikipia County and that the assessment should include all centers and special duty units/ programs to establish whether they meet the international accepted standards.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. John**: Mr. Speaker....

**Speaker**: You can proceed Hon. Nderitu now.

**Hon. John**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as I stand to move the Motion, I being a County representative of persons with disabilities plus the Hon. Members in this House do accept that persons with disabilities belong and deserve the right to be represented in the County Assembly and so I call this House to make sure that the Motion that I table today belongs to us and has to be deliberated for the sake of our people and Mr. Speaker, I request Hon. Catherine to second the Motion.

**Speaker**: Yes, Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion and before I do that with the privilege I get from the chair, I wish to congratulate the Members of this House because of adjourning this House *sine die* and I know they have come to this House with a broader smile compared to the way we left, congratulations.

I wish to state that the Constitution of Kenya looks into the issue of people with disabilities and it is clearly stated in Article 54 the rights and the privileges that are given to people with disabilities in this nation and in this case I also wish to thank Hon. John for making it possible for us to have the international day for persons with disabilities.

In this case I know all of us know the condition of the people, the men and women and the children. Some are even bed ridden and cannot even walk or even help themselves to ease. Therefore I want to lobby the Members of this House to consider passing this motion so that we take care of the lives of the people who are our sisters, our mothers and our fathers. We make it possible for them to have a better life. We acknowledge that they are also building this nation and they also voted for us to be in this House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to quote Article 54 clause 1(b) which says that people with disabilities should have access to educational institutions and facilities and are integrated into the society to extent compatible with the interests of the persons, to all public places and above all, the state should ensure progressive implementation of the principle that at least 5 % of these Members are in the public elective and appointments in the boards of Kenya.

Noting that the people with disabilities in this nation and in this County do not enjoy the case of free education just like most of our children do. I request this House to consider taking into consideration the appeal of the Hon. John together with the support of the County Government in making sure that the people with disabilities are registered and we get a clear number and the right statistics of the people we have who are living with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I urge this House to be in a position to know exactly how much is going to be allocated to these people and how they can be reached in the right manner. I also wish to say that today in Kenya, women have the privilege to walk into any maternity facility and give birth and walk away but these people do not have a way of going there and enjoy the free medical facilitation or pre-medical care. I urge this House and Hon. Members that we pass this motion and accord Hon. John the support he requires so that he can be in a position to serve the people living with disability in Laikipia County. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to support this motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I think Hon. Catherine what you were doing is to actually second, I would like to propose the question;

> ***That,*** *recognizing persons with disabilities among communities living in Laikipia County;* ***Appreciating*** *the existing provisions of persons with disabilities Act of 2003;* ***realizing*** *that the County Government currently does not have data of PWDs in Laikipia County;* ***noting*** *that the said data is vital during planning and budgeting;*

*the County Assembly urges the leadership of the County to act with speed and conduct a medical assessment, population and Households census programme of PWDs in Laikipia County and that the assessment should include all centers and special duty units/ programs to establish whether they meet the international accepted standards.*

Yes, Majority Leader.

**Hon. Wachira**: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to support this motion of people with disabilities. The County knows the people with disabilities and should ensure that we know the number we have in the County.

Hon. Speaker, as I support this motion, may I say that disability is not inability. We have so many people in our own County who are disabled and their minds are very okay. They can work even in this County, for example, Hon. John is one of them. He is disabled but he can work and his mind is very sharp and if we have very many Johns' in our County, I hope we can have so many brains, which can help us develop our County.

I rise to support this motion because the areas which we represent have so many people with disabilities and we want to know exactly where these people are so that when we make a budget in future, we make one that can cater for these people. We made a very small budget in the last financial year because we did not have such a motion before. The budget could have risen and the money that John was requesting for especially for people with disabilities. Now we have to go running for money here and there because we do not have such a fund. We need to pass this motion so that the people with disabilities can be helped. Thank you.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion concerning persons with disabilities. I want to thank Hon. John for bringing this motion to this Assembly. We have come to realize that people with disabilities are people who have been sidelined for long. Thank God for this constitution because it has given privileges to people with disabilities. In future, we need to see these people with disabilities doing something for this County. We have realized this when we see John participating in this County Assembly and hope we are going to motivate people with disabilities in this County. Therefore, we need to rise in support of this motion knowing that there are very many people who feel that they cannot do anything in their County.

I also support what John said this morning that people with disability should not go unnoticed; it shows that he is up to task to encourage the people outside that even if they are disabled we can support them so that schools can reach them. We should come up with a programme that will assist these persons with disability especially in schools and make sure that all the disabled people in the schools in this County are able to study and are able to move from inferiority complex that was evident in the previous regime.

I also urge the Hon. Members to support schools with disabilities either through self-contribution or through the government programmes so that those people will know that we are with them. Therefore I rise to support this motion and say that Mr. Speaker we need to come up with a very strong programme to help these people realize that they have hope in the future. Mr. Speaker, I have also noted that schools in Marmanet near Kwa-Wanjiku where people are living like they have been forgotten. They are living a life of today to tomorrow. Therefore, Mr. Speaker we need to have a good formula to assist these people so that in the coming year during the budget, we make sure that people with disabilities are catered for because they have been sidelined for long.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support this Motion because people living with

disability are our own brothers, sisters and our parents and therefore have a right to live. Mr. Speaker, on their day to day life they come across a lot of challenges and some of them are businessmen and businesswomen.

Mr. Speaker, I propose that this House passes a law that will guarantee that a person with disability does not pay for a business permit because we want to encourage them to come out of the streets. If we charge business permits, they are likely to go back to the streets Mr. Speaker and for them to earn their daily living, I wish they conduct businesses without being charged for licenses.

On the side of education Mr. Speaker, in Kenya we have the free primary education and I have a privilege because I took you to a Ward visit in Olmoran Ward and you visited Lariak Special School for the deaf. Mr. Speaker, those children pay school fees amounting to three thousand per term and if children who do not have disability do not pay school fees, why should we charge these children. Therefore, I urge this House to support this motion so that children with disability undertake their primary school education without paying.

Mr. Speaker, it is hurting to know that those children rely on well-wishers because we go there as church Members or as a local community to support their education Mr. Speaker. There are also cases of negligence of medical facilities Mr. Speaker and I wish this House considers those living with disability. When they visit local clinics, we should have a fund that will cater for their needs. If a normal person is unable to afford medical funds, I know those living with disabilities are more disadvantaged.

During employment Mr. Speaker, we should have a permanent percentage to give to people living with disability. In Laikipia County, we have almost 1,000 employees and if we count those living with disability, maybe they may not exceed 5 persons. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, they should be considered where the County is employing people. I wish to suggest that this House supports this motion. In our budget, we spoke about women fund, about youth fund and even the men are claiming that they want to be given *wazee* fund.

Mr. Speaker, no one has spoken about disability fund, therefore I propose that this House supports this Motion and we avail a disability fund that will go towards giving medical cover to people living with disability, education and also give them soft loans to support them and with that Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion for the PWDs in Laikipia County. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Member representing the PWDs in the County for moving this motion as we are trying to come up with a County that we will need to see the progress after five years.

Mr. Speaker, I support this motion since it is good especially when we see the Hon. Members have given support to have a data base to be the actual reference data so that we can know the number or the figure of the disabled in the County. These are the people in our County who are disabled and we don't know how many they are but Mr. Speaker I know there are many disabled people in the County who need the assistance of the County.

Mr. Speaker, as I support this motion I remember during our campaigns many self- help groups being found by Members which were giving social services whereby they could register themselves and get assistance and fortunately these people never get any assistance and end up collecting money to register groups. At the same time they fail to get assistance from the relevant authorities.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the last budget for Olmoran money was set aside though it was little, 5 million was set aside for the disabled. The actual data is necessary for us to know the amount that was supposed to be set aside for the PWDs. So Mr.

Speaker as this is being done, I would request that it is done in every Ward and every sub-location so that nobody will be left behind. Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Members have said, most of the time those people who are not disabled get all the privileges in life and forget the rights and privileges of the disabled as enshrined in the constitution of Kenya. They have the right to study businesses, they have the right to be educated, and they have the right to all that can help them better their lives. So Mr. Speaker, as we do this I request Hon. Members that everything possible must be done to make sure that this happens. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Hon. Mukuria, this is the second time you want to speak on the same motion.

**Hon. Mukuria**: It's a point of order, Mr. Speaker; I want to know if Hon. Jacob is in order according to the way he is dressed.

**Speaker**: Hon. Jacob, are you really in order to have dressed in that manner?

**Hon. Jacob**: Yes Mr. Speaker, if you go to the National Assembly we have the Members wearing a suit like me.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: So Hon. Jacob...

**Hon. Jacob**: A Kaunda suit like mine...

**Speaker**: Order, order, Hon. Jacob! You are not going to see what others have done and say you will apply the same here. You are certainly out of order, don't mind what others do, this is our House but we don't want to punish you but you can be sure we will not allow you to be dressed in that manner tomorrow. Don't respond Hon. Jacob, yes Hon. Kimondo?

**Hon. Kimondo**: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion.

First is that, having data of PWDs is quite good. We have about 5 million, which we actually kept in the budget not knowing the number of the PWDs that we have in the County and at the same time there are so many people with disability who live in the towns and we actually don't know whether they belong to Laikipia County or they belong to Nyeri County. So I want to thank Hon. Nderitu for bringing up this motion and I want to urge the House to bring up a bill so that we can be able to use the money we have to help those with disability. Thank you and I support this motion.

**Speaker**: Let's start from here, starting from Hon. Beth, Hon. Daisy, and then Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Beth**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the Motion and I want to thank Hon. John for coming up with this motion.

We know very well he requires this to help the people with disability and Mr. Speaker Sir; we have to get the medical assessment, which is under the health department. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I urge the House to support the motion because without the population we cannot do anything with that 5 million. So we need the PWDs to be seen by the doctors.

I being the Chair of the Health Committee , I remember very well that on 1st December, 2013 when we were celebrating the day for PWDs, those who were in the social hall were complaining and crying for free health services. So Mr. Speaker Sir, as I support the motion, I request Hon. John to come up with a law to be supported because PWDs are our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and our children. We have to pass the motion because when we were looking for votes we were going to them. We have to assist them because they are our people and with those few remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Daisy**: Asante Sana Bw. Spika, Mimi ninaunga mkono huu mjadala na ninamshukuru mwakilishi wa walemavu katika hii Kaunti kwa

jambo nzuri na kufikiria watu ambao anawakilisha. Wakati wowote jambo la walemavu linazungumziwa, linashika moyo wangu sana na ningemhimiza mwakilishi wa walemavu atie juhudi na alete sheria ambayo itawasimamia hawa watu na wasiwe wakigandamizwa.

Ya pil, tuliwaona huko kwa ukumbi wa jamii na vile walijiwakilisha na kama wataweza kupata usaidizi ya kuweza kujisimamia wanaweza kufanya maajabu. Kwa hivyo ningehimiza wapewe elimu na vifaa wanavyohitaji ili waweze kujisimamia. Ulemavu sio kutojiweza, kama wanaweza kupewa pahali ya kuanzisha biashara ninaamini wanaweza kujitegemea. Jambo lingine ni ulemavu si jambo tofauti, ni mambo ya kimaumbile inayofanya watofautiane na watu wengine. Bw. Spika, langu ni kuunga mkono huu mjadala na kumshukuru mwakilishi wa walemavu. Asante.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the Motion and I concur and support what Hon. Dann said about the fund for the disabled.

It is true that this group of people has been neglected and they are really marginalised in various ways and we had some funds from these groups like the youth and women but this group has been forgotten. Therefore, in our County, we want to bring everybody together and to be equal. We want to bridge the gap between the poor, the marginalised, and the forgotten to be at par with the others. So I support that we get a bill and funds in the County so that they can be given money to engage in businesses.

During the international day for the disabled, we realised and learnt that we have a lot of work to do and it is not anyone else but us to do this. It is the initiative of this House to support everyone and to join hands and give support to this particular group of people.

Our County does not have a multipurpose centre for people with special needs. There is one in Naromoru and it is overpopulated. I visited it one time when taking some children with disabilities and they could not admit anyone since it was congested and it is not even in our County. I think it's paramount that we have such a centre in our County and a sub centre in every constituency to take care of the people. In Doldol we have a lot of disabled people who were hidden at home but if we had these centres at the constituency level these...

**Speaker**: Order, order Hon. Members! Hon. Wangu, this is gross misconduct. Hon. Wangu, certainly we don't want a repeat of that, that is actually gross violation of our rules. Hon. Members, I think you have been out for a while and I would like to remind you of the fundamental rules that govern this House and let us not be distracted by this violation of simple rules. Hon. Wangu I hope that is noted and the rest of the Members, the pHon.es have to be off or in silent mode. Sorry Hon. Jennifer please proceed.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I was just going to summarise and say that we really need the centres. We have three constituencies in Laikipia County and one being a multipurpose at the headquarters of the County. So maybe we could factor that in our budget as a recommendation and we also noticed that when we were there, these special people have very interesting talents and you remember the person who came and played a guitar, others sang and they really have talents.

We also need to promote their talents and I suggested that we start a good choir because I realised there are people with talents of music so I hope John will pursue that on our behalf because personally I will support that choir. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Yes, I think we should be concluding, Hon. Jacob and then Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bw. Spika. Kitu cha kwanza ni kushukuru Mshw. John kwa kuleta huu mswada ya walemavu. Bw. Spika, tuliweza kwenda Mombasa na tulipopata walemavu huko, tulipata mahali wanafanya kazi na tukaona wanafanya kazi ya maana sana na tuliona mavazi wanatengeneza huko Mombasa. Vile hao watu wanafanya ni mzuri sana kwa sababu tulipata wana kambi kubwa sana na tulifurahia.

Tunaomba bajeti itengenezwe na hao watu watengewe pesa ili waweze kusaidika. Katika eneo ninaloishi, niko na shida ya walemavu na nilisema ile siku mtatembea huko mtaona. Hao watoto walipopelekwa huko, walisaidika sana. Wakati walikuwa nyumbani walikuwa kama chokora lakini baadaye walikuwa wazuri na ni vizuri wapate masomo ndio tunaona kuwa wameendelea.

Tukiwa katika kaunti hii, inafaa wapate nafasi ya kazi kwa sababu hawana tegemeo nyingine kwa sababu ni mandugu zetu, ni watoto wetu na ni mama zetu kwa hivyo waangaliwe katika nafasi za kazi katika kaunti hii. Bw. Spika, hii mambo iangaliwe kwa sababu sasa wakienda kuandikisha kikundi wanaambiwa walipe na mimi nilitoa pesa yangu nikawalipia na najua hawangepata pesa ya kulipa kwa sababu hawana pesa kwa hivyo Bw. Spika inafaa iangaliwe na ninaunga huu mswada. Asante.

**Hon. Maruga**: I rise to support the motion by Hon. John Nderitu and say that the motion has come at the right time. I was consulting with the chairman of the budget Committee and he said that they are in that process of making that budget and given that the executive will get this, they will be able to fill in the same data to the budget Committee as they prepare the budget and they will be captured.

When we talk about disability, these are just people like the rest of us. We are equal but sometimes they are somehow set aside or neglected, in some places of work they don't even get a chance to work or get a job. So it would be my kind request to the County Government to give them jobs to exercise their ability and once they are recognized they will even bring out the children who are hidden by their parents simply because they don't want them to be seen as disabled. It is like a taboo and this can make them receive their rights as normal persons. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Elizabeth... okay I do not want to lock you out. Hon. Kabaci, have not you spoken on this motion? Okay.

**Hon. Elizabeth**: Asante Bw. Spika, langu ni kuunga mkono huu mjadala kwa maana hao watoto wamezaliwa na wazazi wao na kila mtu anahitaji masomo. Ninaunga huu mjadala kwa maana ninamshukuru Mhsw. John kwa kuileta hapa. Langu ni kuunga mkono ili pia hao watoto wapewe haki yao na waweze kuingia ndani ya wengine ili pia hao wajione kama wananchi na wapewe haki yao na serikali. Asante.

**Speaker**: Yes proceed, Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the Motion and mostly congratulate Hon. John for bringing it in time. Mr. Speaker, I have felt that these people should speed up conducting a medical assessment and population census programme.

It is also important that they do an assessment on storey Houses because it is clear that we have a number of storey Houses in our County whereby those people who use the wheelchairs to move from one place to another are unable to use the stairs. So I urge this House to request the County to do the assessment and also consider this.

Mr. Speaker, we should have a mechanism of Houses where people need assistance to go to school. I have a case in my ward where a school was about to be closed, we have number of children there, that is Engare Narok. It was about to be closed because it is becoming expensive to

take these children to school and maybe they think it is not wise for them to be transporting the children to school and they need someone to take them to school and back home and so I urge this County Government to help these disabled children to be taken to school. There are also parents who hide these disabled children and they should be assisted so that they are taken to school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Hon. John you have the right to reply.

**Hon. John**: Bw. Spika, langu ni kushukuru waheshimiwa wote kwa sababu wameona ni jambo la maana kuhakikisha ya kwamba walemavu na watu wote wa Laikipia wamepewa haki yao. Yangu ni kujua ya kwamba wameelewa ya kwamba sio kupenda kwa mtu kuzaliwa na ulemavu. Jinsi ambapo wamechangia kwa huu mjadala nimeelewa kweli hawa ni wetu na tutaungana sisi wote kuinua hali ya maisha ya watu wote wa Laikipia. Langu ni kushukuru na kusema asante sana.

**Speaker**: Okay, thank you very much Hon. Members. I would like to put the question which is;

> ***THAT,*** *recognising persons with disabilities among communities living in Laikipia County;* ***Appreciating*** *the existing provisions of persons with disabilities Act of 2003;* ***realising*** *that the County Government currently does not have data of PWDs in Laikipia County;* ***noting*** *that the said data is vital during planning and budgeting; the County Assembly urges the leadership of the County to act with speed and conduct a medical assessment, population and Households census programme of PWDs in Laikipia County and that the assessment should include all centres and special duty units/ programs to establish whether they meet the international accepted standards.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: I will ask the Hon. Members to remain behind for consultation and will be joined by the directors for consultation. We adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday the 11th of December 2013 at 9.00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House adjourned at 3.20 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Hon. Paul Lebeneiyo through Hon. Thomi]**

Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

> ***Noting*** *the reality and prospects of devolution to our County and therefore the need to open up every part of our great County; noting that H. E the Governor has already appointed eight Executive Committee Members and other officers; noting that all these officers will need office spaces.* ***Appreciating*** *that there is already a crisis of offices as the Executive Committee Members have no offices and this is hampering their operations;*
>
> ***Recognizing*** *that the former Municipal Council of Nanyuki building is exclusively set aside for County Assembly thus cannot House the Executive arm of Government. This Assembly resolves that the seat of the executive arm of the Government and the County Assembly shall be in Rumuruti with outlet Executive offices in Doldol, Nanyuki and Nyahururu and urges the Government to priotize upgrading of all roads connecting Doldol, Nanyuki and Rumuruti to ease communication between these hubs.*

**Speaker:** Thank you Member.

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Stephen Maruga]**

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the Education and ICT Committee report on the status of ECD Education in Olmoran Ward laid in the House on 10th December 2013.*

As you go through that report you will see that most of the ECD Centers are poorly constructed and we urge this County Government to sponsor all the ECD Centers and ECD public schools and sponsor the needs of those vulnerable Kids.

In some centers we visited in Olmoran we noted very clear that they are using sub-standard toilets which are not supposed to be used by such kids. The kids are small and some toilets are not well constructed. Some Mr. Speaker normally walk long distances to the schools and once they are there, they need special attention because some of them might be tired and so they need somewhere to sit and conduct their business and so I urge the County Government to speedily adopt the recommendation of the report and make sure they take control of all the ECD in Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker on the month of September we went to Mombasa with the education Committee of the

Senate and we agreed that ECD class need to be the best in the world given that they are very vulnerable and they have very fresh mind to capture every little thing including traumatized therefore they need special attention and they need to be catered with all the angle to make sure they have the right learning environment. Mr. Speaker I will ask Hon. Kamakia to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Maybe Hon. Member before Kamakia, it will be good to refresh the Members mind if you may have read the recommendations. It is in the last page I think.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Page 13 there are recommendation;-

1) That the ECD teachers who had been teaching in the schools be employed before recruiting new ones.

2) That a budgetary provision for 2014/2015 be set aside for the purchase of balls and other sporting equipment's to enhance the children's growth and development.

3) That the County Government sets aside funds to improve the ECD classrooms, as most of them are dilapidated.

4) That the County Government sets aside funds to buy machinery for Sipili Youth Polytechnic for effective training of the youth on sustainable skills.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we were privileged to meet some of the Committee Members of the Sipili Youth Polytechnic which has enough field with at least two or three structures enough to start learning and the only thing they are lacking is the machinery and I will urge the County Government to set out some funds to equip that polytechnic and with that we know many people will join and learn in that polytechnic and with that Mr. Speaker I kindly request Hon. Kamakia to second the Motion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kamakia

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker I rise to second the Motion and say that ECDs in our County where they are not well managed we shall have no good relation concerning our future generation and with this I mean when we want to have good Doctors, Engineers Pilots they all depend on these ECDs and when they are not well cared for at the end of the day we have poor result and therefore I second the Motion.

**Speaker:** I will like to propose a question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the Education and ICT Committee report on the status of ECD Education in Olmoran Ward laid in the House on 10th December 2013.*

Yes Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion as moved by Hon. Maruga. Mr. Speaker ECDs having been moved to the County Government it is an area that we as the County Government we are supposed to be very keen this being the first time this issue is brought here a lot of seriousness is supposed to be made Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, ECD or Nursery have been neglected I think since independent where parent have been taking children to school without Government assistance particularly on the issue of paying fees and even construction. The Government having brought Free Primary Education in assisting the students, ECD was left to be led by parents and Mr. Speaker it has been very costly for them since some are unable to take them to school because of fee or constructions.

Mr. Speaker ECD being the foundation of education sector in Kenya a lot of seriousness is supposed to be taken especially now it has been brought to the County Government.

Basic education has been left behind and even the ECD teachers have never entered in the payroll and this is the high chance having been given the priority as a County Government it is our responsibility since the budget has catered for all these it is supposed to be done Mr. Speaker. I support this report, I don't know if we are supposed to amend some areas in that report but I felt and realized that they only toured Olmoran Ward and most of the recommendations are that of Olmoran and Laikipia County is big.

In the recommendation No. 4, to the Sipili polytechnic to be equipped, I request that they move in the entire polytechnics in and around the County. Sipili polytechnic is one of the many polytechnic that have no equipment just to note Salama Youth polytechnic though it is not that much equipped but it lacks the tutors so Mr. Speaker I request the Committee that they tour the whole County and collect the data so that they may know all the polytechnic and ECDs so that come out with a true picture of how polytechnics and ECD education in Laikipia is being run and this will give us a guideline of where to start and I support this Motion.

**Speaker:** Let's go this way, Hon. Jacob, Hon. Daisy, Hon. Nderitu and Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Jacob:** Bw. Spika nashukuru Mhsw. Maruga kwa kuleta huu mswada. Lile eneo mimi nimetoka bw. Spika sisi watoto wetu walikuwa hawasomi kwa sababu ya ule umaskini ulikuwa huko hawangeweza kulipia hata mtoto wa ECD, wamama walikuwa wanauza kuni ndio waweze kulipia watoto wao. Kwa hivyo ni kitu ya maana vile waliweza kuandika waalimu wa ECD na wale walimu wamekuwa hapo mbeleni ambao wamevumilia shida ni vizuri waweze kuanjiliwa kwanza.

Bw. Spika eneo nililotoka sina hata sekodari hata moja nandio unaone tuko nyuma sana, watu huenda Rumuruti polytechnic na takriban kilomita 120 kutembea na wale wasichana wako kwangu wanapata shida sana kwa sababu wakienda Olmoran huwa wanakombolewa manyumba na wengine kuolewa pale na kwa hivyo bw. Maruga anafaa atembelee pale kwa sababu watu wangu wanasomea Olmoran.

**Speaker:** What is it Hon. Wangu?

**Hon. Wangu:** Point of Information.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob do you want information?

**Hon. Jacob:** No.

**Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. Jacob:** Bw. Spika naunga mkono huu mswada kwa sababu eneo la Kilimon *'I have 4 nurseries'* na hawajaandika waalimu.

**Speaker:** what is it Hon. Wakahiu?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** point of order is it in order for Hon. Member for Sosian to contribute in English and Swahili at the same time.

**Speaker:** It's absolutely out of order. Hon. Jacob yesterday you were out of order, today it's again on you please take note. Hon. Wangu let us start with Hon. Daisy then we will come on you.

**Hon. Daisy:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion mine is to put challenge on you and you have a lot to do. First, the ECD classes are very dilapidated in bad condition and this is a challenge on you to rest those issues. For example, a kid in nursery school…

**Speaker:** Proceed…

**Hon. Daisy:** Mr. Speaker protect me from Hon. Maruga.

**Speaker:** what is it Hon. Maruga, Hon. Maruga you can't harass Hon. Member, I dint see the harassment but proceed.

**Hon. Daisy:** The Classroom are in bad state maybe the kid walks to school without shoes and when he enters the class he is vulnerable to jiggers, so there is need to check on those classrooms and also the sanitation. Those kids are…

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Maruga, is it a point of Order?

**Hon. Mwangi:** Yes, is it in order for Hon. Member to continue challenging me while supporting the Motion and as what we had said recommendation No. 3, we have already recommended that the County Government to set some funds to improve the classroom and the Hon. Member is attacking me that we didn't visit that area and again this is just a report from Olmoran we are yet to visit the rest of the Wards. Thank you Hon. Speaker

**Speaker:** Give Hon. Daisy also to express herself but Hon. Daisy you cannot actually attack the Hon. Member it's actually the Committee's Report on Motion.

**Hon. Daisy:** Mr. Speaker I have not said Hon. Maruga I said the Committee.

**Speaker:** Yes the Committee and the Motion but please proceed.

**Hon. Daisy:** Okay, on another issue there was this speculation about employment of ECD teachers, was it true or just speculation or just a mere speculation? Also there is a burden on the parents…

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Mwangi:** Yes, Mr. Speaker sir on a point of order, the Hon. Member is asking a question whether it's true we employed the ECD teachers, is it this question time.

**Speaker:** Well, Hon. Maruga, really give Hon. Daisy some time to finish but Hon. Daisy you can tell your contribution is eliciting a lot of questions from Hon. Maruga but please proceed.

**Hon. Daisy:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, am out of word let me say so; the Honourable is not giving me time or space.

**Speaker:** Order Hon. Daisy, the space is given by the Chair and I have given you the space, please proceed you are highly protected.

**Hon. Daisy:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I was saying that there is the burden of the parents of paying nursery school fees and it is not good because in the primary school they don't pay so I think they should also be exempted that they don't also pay the fee because it's a big burden for the parent to raise the money and so it should be looked on.

I also recommend that at least in every Ward there be a village polytechnic because many students after they are through with Primary education most of them are unable to proceed to secondary schools so they should be looked at so as to enhance their skills. Thank you Mr. Speaker

**Speaker:** Hon. Nderitu, Hon. Elizabeth you cannot hijack.

**Hon. John:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support the Motion and as I support I will like to know if the ECD teachers for the disabled children are being included while employing the teachers because as you know people with disabilities have been side-lined in areas pertaining education and that is why you get the

disabled children for the three or two regime are illiterate because they dint have teachers in the ECD and I will like to know if the Committee has catered for the disabled schools. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. John just to give you guidelines you cannot ask question because there is no question time at this moment, it's a Motion and you have the liberty of supporting or rejecting and amending of whatever you want but we cannot have you asking the question and the Chair responding, it will be a cease fire.

Hon. John and any other member when you read a report you are at liberty to do the three things but its good you are asking a question because am sure the Committee and the Chair is also taking note and probably they can also pursue those things in subsequent engagement. The next person I had given is Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this Chance and I am a Member for that Committee and when the Chairman recommends that Sipili polytechnic be equipped we had recommended that falls in the whole of the County therefore if we mention Sipili we consider all the polytechnic in the County.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of order?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** As per the report Mr. Speaker there is no recommendation that says the whole County but only Sipili polytechnic.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as we know in the Ministry of Education what they have devolved is only the ECD and polytechnics and as we tackle this Motion we consider so much the Children of ECD because of their vulnerability and they are also fragile and I urge this House that all classrooms in ECD be modernized.

In most Primary schools the classes are neglected and they are put right on the corner of the compound of the school and these children need a separate praying field from the one used by the primary school and they cannot mingle with the big children and I want to urge this House to recommend that a ECD Centre be set aside from primary schools to avoid commotion among the big and the small children and give this children the foundation they require.

A good example when we visited Olmoran the school was overcrowded, a good example is Bondeni Primary school with 96 children with only 2 teachers and the recommendation of the Ministry of Education is 35 children per 1 teacher therefore they had a shortage of teachers and as we start this employment of teachers we consider the most populated school and give them teachers.

We should also give these children tools of games, the Ministry of Education provides for the primary school but the ECDs we visited none had a single ball and let us recommend in our budget every year games equipment and by early next year we shall be having a Ward fund Bill.

Mr. Speaker, I pray that this House considers using the Ward Fund to construct the ECD classrooms. The Primary and Secondary school is with the National Government and what we need to know is that we only have the ECD and polytechnics and with that I support the Motion.

**Speaker:** We had given Hon. Wangu then we have Hon. Elizabeth and then Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to support the report of the ECD with the condition that these are sample not for Olmoran but for the whole County. We went there for fact finding so that they can come out with a clear picture of how the ECD is.

One, I would request it is not an amendment but a request to the Committee whether they could

have recommended for a separation of baby class, middle class and top class because most of the ECD we have only one class which holds the ECD as a whole but there are three in one.

In point No. 3, its not only the classroom that needs to be rehabilitated also sanitation or toilets infact most of them are in poor condition that they even bring negative mind to the parents of their children being in school. I would also recommend for the scrap for the ECD fee, if its possible so that we have a free ECD as we have free Primary Education since this is the foundation of the Education and if it's not done we may not have proper education in the upper classes and so with that I stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Elizabeth.

**Hon. Elizabeth:** Asante sana Bw. Spika, langu ni kuunga huo mjadala mkono, mimi kama mwanachama wa hio kamati pahali mimi nimetoka kuna shule za Chekecheo ambapo watoto wanasomea chini ya mti na mvua inaponyesha hao watoto hawasomeshwi, pahali inaitwa 'Ol rwin' iko pale Kurikuri primary school na mahali kwingine inaitwa 'Ol ishimi' iko Dol dol Primary school.

Mimi naunga mkono huo mjadala sababu kukinyesha mwalimu haingii kwa darasa wanakaa nyumbani na ni 40 ambao watoto kwa darasa. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, first it's to congratulate the Members who brought this Motion concerning the ECD teachers in this County. We have seen parents suffer long enough trying to pay for the kids. You have done good recommendation concerning the teachers to be employed by this Government.

I also want to put the challenge to the Committee to give us the number of students in those schools because we have come to realize some schools have different number of students because of various numbers. They have to tell us how many schools they visited in Olmoran the number of students per school so that we can recommend the number of the teachers and we may know which schools to consider first in terms of the teachers and their number and we can be able to follow up to avoid any corruption cases in that report.

Mr. Speaker I also want this Committee to visit the disabled schools because it seems they didn't visit any in that ward. You should know as Hon. John was concerned, because in your report does not seem like you visited any school of the disabled so Mr. Speaker they need to go back and come with a comprehensive report on all those school because we don't want to leave people behind and see that the disabled people are considered.

I was also concerned how they considered the equipment they are talking about is it the books they did not specify, they should come clear and say, like No. 4, that the County Government sets aside funds to buy machinery for Sipili Youth Polytechnic for effective training of the youth on sustainable skills.

They should specify what kind of machine are those because machines can be anything, I challenge this Committee to tell kind of machine they are talking about and their prices because even Lorry can be a machine, they need to be specific when it comes to reporting of this issues. I want to recommend them for the good work they have done I can see they have done some pictures here that a good report but I have to say that we need to improve on our report writing so that we are able capture everything in that Ward and we are able to know the number of Chair they have in

such schools, give us a comprehensive report, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer:** Thank you very much, may I start by clarify that this report is only for Sipili and it is not for all the schools and only captures the situation at Olmoran Ward and later we will bring a report that covers the whole County. There are things that we left behind and I will like to bring it to your attention as we adopt this sub-report because there are more reports coming that will be covering all the Wards and even the issues of children in need.

There is something else the issue of setting aside funds for training and creating awareness and we are coming back from the professional of training specialized in ECD issues. ECD is crucial as we expressed in our report, as we look at the Child psychology, this is where the person to be in the future is made so it's a crucial stage from 0-8 years. This is a very important issue that we in this Assembly have. Children in that age are very vulnerable even to diseases and at International Centre they have books that really connect us with the Ministry of Health.

Why am saying we need funds for training in other countries try to learn why people have different character and we admire the whites saying they are better than us and so we also want to go and see what is this that they do to model a person in his career, physically and so this Committee … get awareness from other sources outside Kenya, proposing that we need training in connection with health and … training.

I want to say what Hon. Mukuria had said when we talk about equipment there are a lot of issue in that, most of the children in that age do have much concentration to listen and so they learn by doing. When you want to give values you cannot put 2 without explaining the numbers with figures and objects, if you want the child to learn about colours you must have all the colour and let the child see and so there will be a lot of sorting and grouping and this are all the equipment needed and they are available at the bookshops and NACECE which is based at the KIE just on the way to Nairobi.

There also equipment at the playing ground, children learn when they are playing and it also the playing ground need to be interesting, some of you have seen all this the bouncing cursors, the hovers, all these are important for young children, we could not put all of those in this but what we are saying that there is need for machine and equipment for learning and structure like the building like classrooms.

There is also something that we need to think about as the Assembly some of the school has only one class and you find the child of 3 years and another one of 8 years in the same class, it is not supposed to be like that it is supposed to be a baby class from 3 years to 4 and 5 years which we call it nursery school or pre-unit and after maybe the 6th year the child should be leaving for primary school and so there should be 3 levels and the teachers should also be trained differently who handles the baby class. Currently, there is no system and we as the Education Committee we are going to do that and make sure everything is brought here so that at the end of visit to the Wards we shall have the report covering all these.

We also welcome you to come up with ideas because this is a new duty to shape our children to that age so that we are Laikipians who are noticed by behaving well from the way they are nurtured. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Kabaci

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, mine is to support the Motion on this report of Olmoran Ward concerning ECD as well as the

whole County. It is clear that the foundation of Child is right from the ECD and I concur with somebody who said that we must put a lot of emphasis on the ECD and it is good that the County is on the process of employing these teacher and the Committee has also recommended well that the teachers who have been teaching previously should be considered but I also want the Committee to think of how we can have a competent and valuable education.

I will also like as we think on how to employ this teachers there is also need to think of how to employ competent teachers. It is true some of the teacher who have been teaching there are form 4 leavers and in our County we have very qualified teachers with Diplomas and Degree and I will suggest those teachers who will be employed to get Diplomas and Degrees as time goes by, otherwise we should not give them priority and remain the way they were before and then those who are in the process of Education to consider that so that we may have quality Education in Laikipia County.

I also concur with the Members who have said that these classrooms must be taken care of, Mr. Speaker I request a certain budget to be done so that those ECD classrooms be of permanent structure in this case. I can give an example of a school in my Ward where by a teacher in one class can signal to a teacher in 3rd or 4th classroom due to the way classrooms are and I suggest there be a permanent structures for those children since they are not very good in resisting the diseases (protect them from cold). I stand to support the motion.

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the motion concerning the growth and development of the children. Mr. Speaker before I went to politics, I was an ECD teacher, so when you are talking about ECD Centers, I know what you were talking about. Mr. Speaker Sir looking at the growth and development of the children, growth is very paramount. So we have to look at the nutrition of the kids in the Country because you cannot teach a hungry child.

I would urge the County Government to come up with feeding programme for those children at least breakfast porridge and lunch like Ugali or rice. If the child is hungry he or she cannot catch up with what you are saying as a teacher because Mr. Speaker, you cannot teach a hungry child so we set funds aside to feed all the ECDs Centers that we are going to have in the entire County, also am would like the Committee I am not challenging the Committee am thanking them for the good work they have done but they should look at the distance because like children in Tigithi Ward they walk in far distances looking for ECD Centers you cannot imagine a child from 4-5 years walking from 6 a.m.

**Speaker:** Is it a point of Order Hon. Catherine?

**Hon. Catherine:** Mr. Speaker, sir is it in order for Hon. Jacob to pick calls while we are in a siting?

**Speaker:** Is that what Honourable, Honestly did he do that?

**Hon. Catherine:** Yes and Hon. Jennifer can confirm that.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob, you do not need to respond. This is the third time that there is a point of order around Hon. Jacob, I did not see it, I will not take any action around you, and if it is true it is very serious third time now a point of order is being raised against you.

Hon. Jacob, I think you need to watch your ways. Hon. Beth please proceed.

**Hon. Beth**: I was talking about the distance the children walk start more and more ECD Centre

and also the structures, it is good for the Committee to round whole County because in my Ward the structures are very poor.

In addition, I concur with Hon. Kabaci about trained teachers. Although we are not going to tell them to go back home the teachers who have been teaching our children, they should go for school based training. When the school closes, they should go for training and come back to teach the children. It is good to improve in buying the sporting equipment because most of time the children need to play instead of learning inside the classroom. They need to be given outdoor sporting equipment. Therefore with those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I support the report. Thank you

**Speaker:** Thank you very much, I suggest Hon. Maruga now to reply. Hon. Maruga is nowhere

I would like to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report on Education and ECD Committee report on the status of ECD education in all Wards laid in the House on 10th December, 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Dann Ndegwa]**

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Dann, next time you are late, we will have to drop your motion but you can proceed.

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves a report of the County Cohesion Committee Report laid in the House on 10th December, 2013.*

This is a report from the Committee on Country Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters. Mr. Speaker, I am the Chair, Members are Hon. Jacob, Rose and Elizabeth.

The Committee is mandated to look into the following matters, Cohesion, Justice, Legal matters, Public administration and Disaster Management and Special Programmes. The Committee also deals with community policing formulation; we went for familiarization tour within the County to address security issues finance bill specifically the areas that are related to the docket Mr. Speaker.

The Committee held a consultative meeting at Sportsman's Arms on 27th November 2013 to introduce Country Assembly Members and the security department on matters pertaining security in Laikipia County. The County Assembly was congratulated for the report they had given to the Security Department in preaching peaceful coexistence in different communities as well as fighting drugs and substance abuse. The County Commissioner commended on Nyumba Kumi initiative and the need to embrace it. Public forums should be used to preach peace and there should be consultations on all matters to be discussed so as not to expose leaders to citizens as this may lead to disrespect.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of security challenges are being experienced in Laikipia County due to its expansiveness and especially, Olmoran, Sosian and Laikipia north. The MCA from Sosian Ward noted that security… illegal firearms which they use to carry out crime such as cattle rustling. Police response is hampered by lack of fuel for their vehicles. It was also notable that most of the cattle rustlers come from Isiolo and Samburu and therefore there is need for the KPR to be armed and have fuelled vehicles.

Highway Robbers invade Ewaso road hampering public road, for instance, Hon. Lebeneiyo vehicles was shot at and ranchers also need to be provided with security. The area local chiefs, Sub chiefs and the police collaborate with the public in brewing and selling of illicit brews. The Nyumba Kumi Initiative has to be implemented immediately. It was notable that the relationship between the chiefs, police officers, and the sub chiefs in most areas is not good. In Mali…. For instance, chiefs and sub chiefs do not … with the police in apprehending poachers who are killing wildlife. Mr. Speaker, after many deliberations, we came up with recommendations

I. Various forums should be conducted sub County and ward levels and reports forwarded to the County Assembly for interventions.
II. Police officers need to be reshuffled often to avoid them being too familiar with the residents of the areas they serve.
III. Selection of Nyumba Kumi Committeeshould be done in a *baraza* to encourage transparency.
IV. Maximum security to be provided by County Commissioners not only during the festive seasons but throughout.
V. Issue of illicit brews should be addressed with rapid results.
VI. Ward boundaries should be properly demarcated.
VII. Monthly meetings to be held to review security of the County and come up with preventable measures of issues arising.
VIII. All officers participating in crime should be reported to the concerned authority.
IX. All stakeholders should be involved in order to combat crime.
X. Crime and any form of incitement be report to security officer
XI. MCAs should know how to report incidences to security personnel and the reports should be conclusive.
XII. Administration police should be assisted in working with the communities
XIII. Security officers to take action in curbing the problem so that we can avoid negative effects on youths and women.
XIV. Forums should be organized with ranchers so that to address their grievances.
XV. Security officers should be vigilant during this festive season in order to minimise road accidents.
XVI. The bodaboda operators should be trained on roads safety on the way to reducing roads accidents
XVII. Security officer should upgrade their system so that they can be able to curb cybercrime.
XVIII. The security officers should be able to conduct operation in bars to arrest those operating illegally
XIX. Follow up illegal licence to make sure that the revenue is channelled through the County and not though the DCs office.

Mr. Speaker I call Hon. Wangu to second the Motion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wangu.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir I rise to second the Motion as you all know that when we were in Sportsman's Arms this is what we discussed and most of these recommendations came from the Hon. Members unless there are one or two points

that we need to add, I second the Motion, thank you.

**Speaker:** I would like to propose the question;

> ***THAT**, this House approves a report of the County cohesion Committee report laid in the House on 10th December, 2013.*

Yes Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante sana Bw. Spika. Mimi naunga mkono huu mjadala kwa sababu usalama ni kitu ya maana humu duniani.

Bw. Spika ukinda Lonyek ni eneo ambalo bunduki hizi za haramu zimejaa sababu zingine zinatoka Baringo, Samburu na inadhuru Sosian sana na kila wakati wa kiangazi huwa wanaingia Sosian. Katika mipaka yetu iangaliwe sana kwamba hawa watu wasiwe wanaingia vile wanataka na ikiwa wataingia kuwe na sheria na juu ya hii shida ndio mnasikia watu wanapigwa barabarani. Ukienda Baringo wako na bunduki za KPR na pia Samburu na pia hata wananchi walaikipia wanafaa waangaliwe hata wao wapate hizo KPR kwa sababu ya usalama.

Bw. Spika ukienda hapa Doldol wako na KPR na hakuna shida ya kiusalama inaendelea laikini Olmoran kuna shida kwa sababu hawana KPR. Gari ya 'Patrol' inaweza saidia hawa watu ama tuanjiri vijana kadhaa wasaidia wananchi kwa sababu ya usalama. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion saying that security in this County needs a lot of support because without security there is no progress.

I have also realized that this Committee tried to capture the challenges that are affecting this County and therefore we need to support them as they do more research. I have come to realize that as they have said security system is mostly affected by communication both transport and on the air and that is why I was telling these Members in this Committee to challenge the Executive, like now I was reading a paper in Mombasa County they have been given 15 cars for security system and so we should urge the County Government to provide the security system like vehicles and also fuelling them so that we can be able to improve security in the County. At least a car like a Land rover to make sure that we are able enough to control the people who are interfering with the security in the County.

Also I was recommending that they have a communication system in this County either through their phone or radio calls so that they can be able to call during incidences. I will also like the Committee to give a recommendation whether they can be able to provide communication system in this town so that if anything happens we can be able to reach the required people on time.

Mr. Speaker in our budget we set out the budget on the sniffer dogs and in this report I don't know whether they included that so that we can be able to curb that problem. That's also a challenge to that Committee that we need sniffer dogs also we have so many police station without police men and so we need the commissioner to give us officers in those areas.

In the report I think we should also improve infrastructure for us to control security in

this County, you should tell us which are the security roads, so that we are able to rectify them, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes I start with Hon. Kabaci, Hon. Daisy then Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Kabaci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise in support of the Motion because it is very timely and I thank the Chairman and the Committee as well.

I would like to put an input on the illicit brew, it is clear that the drunkard people end up in various crimes Mr. Speaker and for the security to be tightened we must fight these illicit brew and I will suggest that the Committee and the relevant body concern thinks of how to fight these brews and I will suggest that the chiefs should not be left to fight them alone and let us involve the police at the ground because they are the people who promote the brew.

There was an incident in my area where the chief was to go and arrest those who sell the illicit brew the police men called the dealers and when the chief arrived there he found nothing as an evidence to take to the court and so I will suggest the Committee to involve the police men and if that case be reported I will suggest such policeman be sacked or be transferred because they are the people who are promoting those illegal brew.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Patrick Mariru) left the Chair]*

*[Deputy Speaker (Mr. Peter Kimondo) took the chair]*

**Hon. Kabaci:** I will also suggest that the relevant body think of how to push the issue of sniffer dogs in our wards, when the youths learn that we have the sniffer dogs they will definitely fear because they will follow the person who has done the crime to place where he has hidden himself, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Daisy.

**Hon. Daisy:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I will like to support the Motion, my main area of concern is this recommendation that the bodaboda operators should be trained on the road safety on ways of reducing accidents. Most bodaboda operators during the night they commit crimes for example recently in my neighbourhood there were two people who came with bodaboda and people thought they had come to visit but they were thieves and so I would like the Committee to think of these people who operates bodaboda at night.

The other area of concern is that the security should do an operation on bars to arrest those operating illegally, this is the biggest challenge we have in the town where most of the bars operates during the day and I believe it is not good because most young men who go to those bars they drink and become disorderly during the day which is not healthy since they should go and work. The Committeeshould hurriedly curb that, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Jennifer.

**Hon. Jennifer:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the Motion and give my contribution on the same.

Mr. Speaker our County has boundary. Kenyan who live in Laikipia knows and had reviewed the boundary last year but Mr. Speaker we have the problem of people who come in from other areas to settle in

Laikipia. When they come in they come as short-stay.

If I talk about the boundary between Isiolo and Samburu we have a bigger problem there and this is an issue that the Committee needs to think about it. On the report that we had, good enough we had a meeting with security personnel so we are familiar with them now and we are working together in unity and I think we need to include the leaders like chiefs and the leaders from our Wards, stakeholders and especially those who live along the borders.

We are having people brought in and settling, some are brought in politically just because they want to gain the numbers others want to gain the land which our people have protected for long time and some of the land even belong to people with the titles and the they are legal but this (invaders) people are sited on people's land claiming it belong to them.

It is a looming issue and it is good that we address that issue so that we prevent people coming in our County in search of grass and if it's a must that some people from other County must come let us have a proper system where they should come and graze and go back to their County but I don't see if there is need for people to come to Laikipia and they even come with weapons and put us in danger making us to live with fear.

This is a serious issue that we to protect our boundaries so that our people may live in peace as we have ever lived in Laikipia. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** the Hon. Thomi

**Hon. Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this Motion and it's important to mention that I am the Vice Chair of Security. Once again I thank Hon. Dann because of his concern on security issues.

Mr. Speaker the issue of security has a lot of meaning because we require security every minute and I believe nothing much has been done because where I have come from Githiga Ward and Hon. Members in this House are aware that we went on a Ward Visit and saw police patrol stations but Mr. Speaker for years those Houses have remained empty and yet cattle rustling has remained threat in that area and so I have proof that security issue is not taken seriously.

Mr. Speaker livestock are stolen during the day while one is seeing with one's eyes and they disappear. Mr. Speaker I believe this Country we have Helicopters which can go up and locate where these animals are led to but nothing much has been done concerning that and so when we talk of security this is something that keeps on rotating around and the officers and the persons concerned are never serious in that matter.

Mr. Speaker we have these people of bodaboda who are other difficult group. They are running in a Country that seems there is no law or order. The operator do not care even what they do I would urge this House to take this matter seriously and the officers concerned like the traffic to ensure we have training after every two months with all bodaboda operators in every town so that these people may understand that they are carrying human beings so that they can also see seriousness in the kind of business that they are trying to say they are operating because they have brought lot of injuries even to Hon. Members like Hon. Kabaci and so Mr. Speaker this issue of bodaboda

and security must be addressed in a very serious way.

Also we have these security roads; I will mention a case from Kamwenje in Githiga Ward to Lonyek in Sosian Ward. Mr. Speaker that where the route of the cattle that are stolen from Marmanet, Igwamiti, Salama are taken through. There are no roads we have discussed that matter and nothing has been done so it's a matter of concern and as we deliberate on this when we leave this House let something be done.

The issue of reshuffling police officers, that will be good but Mr. Speaker we also have to learn how we are going to live with these officers simply because if we reshuffle officers from Salama who are not wanted by the people of Salama and bring them to Githiga Ward knowing very well that they were rejected because they could not perform when they come to my ward I believe that something else should be done. Why should we reshuffle a corrupt officer? Why don't we send the corrupt officer home rather than taking to another place to continue with the same career that he has been having and so Mr. Speaker I feel with security things must be taken seriously although I support this Motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** we now have Hon. Wakahiu then the mover should be ready to reply.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Asante Bw. Spika, ningetaka kuchukua nafasi hii kwanza kupongeza kamati iliyofanya hii kazi pamoja na Mheshimiwa Thomi kwa kutaja Salama sana kwa sababu ina shida na anaelewa kama mdogo wa mwenyekiti. Ni mambo mingi sana inafaa ifanyiwe katika hali ya usalama wa Laikipia.

Lakini BW. Spika kuna jambo linaguza moyo wangu sana. Ripoti zote zinaandikwa hapa, kamati nyingi ambazo tunafanya nikiwa mwenyekiti wa Kilimo inaudhi sana tunaongea mambo ambayo sisi tukiwa kama kamati tunawakilisha, hata kama ninaunga hii ripoti mkono ningetaka tuangalia sana sisi tumepewa hii kazi ya uwenyekiti na pia kuwa wanakamati wa kamati fulani. Katika ukurasa ambao wametanja maoni na maelekezo ukiangalia vizuri wametanja Olmoran na nitasoma bw. Spika;

*Observation and discussions*

*A lot of security challenges are faced in Laikipia County due to its expansiveness especially Olmoran and Mutaro areas.*

Hiyo ni sehemu ya Olmoran.

**Deputy Speaker:** are you on a point of Order?

**Hon. Dann:** Mr. Speaker is it in order for Hon. Wakahiu to lament that we only mention Wards that we have come as Committee while in this report you read accessibility to some areas for the police is a problem hence the road to Marmanet need upgrading , there also another point like in Marmanet for instance sub chiefs do not coordinate with police in apprehending poachers, still Mr. Speaker, just in that page you read that Hon. Lebeneiyo vehicle was shot, Mr. Speaker I want Hon. Wakahiu to clarify whether all those are areas where all those come from. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Bw. Spika sikuwa nimemalizia hiyo ni Olmoran Ward ambapo nimesoma, ninasikia uchungu sana sababu ukitelemka hapo chini Hon. Peter Thomi ni wa Githiga Ward na yeye anasema ng'ombe

zao zinatoka Githiga zinatelemka, Hon. Jacob ni mwanachama wa hiyo kamati wakati ambapo Salama kumeuawa watu wawili kwa wiki mbili sasa watu huwa hawalali na nimekuwa nikileta haya mambo katika bunge lakini ukiangalia hii ripoti *'cattle rustling'* ambayo imeandikwa hufanyika Olmoran na Sosian. Kwa hivyo bw. Spika ningeomba hii bunge

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Thomi is you on a point of order? What is it?

**Hon. Thomi:** Mr. Speaker I want the member to know that we are in a Committee and the Committee was specifically given member who were much concerned with security which has been a problem in Githiga, in Sosian and in Olmoran. Thank you Mr. Speaker

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Maitai what is it is it a point of order?

**Hon. Maitai:** Mr. Speaker sir I don't think Hon. Thomi is in order to say that the people who were put in that Committee because security issues are concentrated in their wards, I agree with Hon. Wakahiu when he says that Committee should take care of the whole County and not just particular Wards.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member I entirely feel that Hon. Wakahiu is in order because it is his own observations. Continue Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Asante Bw. Spika.

**Deputy Speaker:** what is it Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann:** Hon. Speaker is it in order for Hon. Wakahiu to go contrary to the report yet this is a report that was report by a Committee from Sportsman's arms Hotel where all the Members attended. Mr. Wakahiu never contributed anything and these were contributions that were given by Members, you don't contribute and yet you come to the House to complain. Hon. Wakahiu be contributing to the meeting, your contribution should have been here if at all you contributed.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** My contribution is this Committee that meet, meet without involving others.

**Deputy Speaker**: Hon. Daisy

**Hon. Daisy:** The Hon. Member used both Swahili and English.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Bw. Spika nikimalizia kama nilivyosema mwanzoni kama vile Hon. Maitai amesema sio lazima kwa sababu mimi ni mwanakamati wakamati Fulani niwe nikihudhuria kamati zote.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Wangu are on a point of order?

**Hon. Wangu:** Is Hon. Wakahiu in order to support and to oppose at the same time, you either support or oppose. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** I think he was categorical that he had supported but also he had his own observations. Continue Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Asante Bw. Spika kwa kuniokoa kwa hawa kwa sababu wote ni wa hiyo kamati. Mheshimiwa Spika nasema hivi tuko na Mheshimiwa Mukuria ambaye anasimamia mambo ya barabara na mimi nikiwa kama mwanachama wake pia katika budget tunafanya mambo kulingana na County lakini hapa tukiangalia mambo ya usalama hao wanakamati wanaangalia sehemu ambazo wametoka na sitakosa

kusema hovyo kwa sababu najua mahali Salama iko na pahali kuna shida na kama tulivyochaguliwa na wananchi ili tuwaakilishe sio lazima ikiwa mimi niko na shida ya kwangu niwe nikitembelea kamati zote ya biashara ikitwa niko hujui kama nilikuwa na mkutano mwingine wewe ukiwa kwa kamati hiyo wewe ndiwe utaniakilisha asante Bw. Spika nimemaliza.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members Hon. Dann you have the right to reply.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and as I reply is to thank all those Members who supported this Motion overwhelmingly. The Members have portrayed they are true patriots Mr. Speaker and they care for the security in the County and to realize a Model County Mr. Speaker we must have good security.

To respond to some of the issue Members touched Mr. Speaker we have already started procurement for sniffer dogs and the Committee is very much concerned on security, on areas that we have come from the budget has touched on Security lights that is part of security and we had suggested that we have a hotline No. for the County for communication during emergency. We have also suggested that we have suggestion box so that we can get recommendation now and then.

Again we have recommended administration police be deployed to those posts that do not have police men, we had a meeting yesterday with County Commander and a good example we visited Githiga and we saw Mahua police post which had no policemen Mr. Speaker and we also ask other to bring list of police posts which have no policemen so that they can be deployed.

We are also pursuing permits for Members to possess fire arms.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Maruga what is the point of Order?

**Hon. Maruga:** A point of concern on a point of order, there are strange objects on the tables of the Hon. Members and they are making some Members uncomfortable.

**Deputy Speaker:** Continue Hon. Dann

**Hon. Dann:** As I conclude Mr. Speaker I was saying that we are pursuing that Hon. Members be given permits to possess fire arms and very soon maybe early next year they will be issued with those permits and therefore I say thank you for supporting the Motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** I now want to put the question;

> ***THAT****, this House approves the report of the County Cohesion, Justice and legal matters Committee report laid before this House on 10th December 2013.*

***(Motion agreed)***

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority]**

**Hon. Wachira:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move the following motion that this House

**Deputy Speaker:** Are you moving a motion or giving a notice of motion?

**Hon. Wachira:** Notice of Motion;

**THAT,** this House approves exemption of application on Standing Order No. 24(1) to allow the House to proceed on recess from 11th December, 2013 and resume 4th February, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Thank you Hon. Members we now adjourn until 2.30 pm.

The House rose at 10:45

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Speaker**: Hon. Members, I would like to make the following communication, Message from the Governor.

Hon. Members, Standing Order number 39(1) relating to messages from the Governor provides that the Speaker shall read to the House any message from the Governor delivered to the Speaker for communication to the County Assembly. In this regard Hon. Members, I wish to convey the message from this Excellency the Governor nominating a County Secretary. The message was submitted by a way of a letter dated today 11th December 2013 addressed to my office for submission to the County Assembly and the letter reads addressed to me; nomination of the County secretary pursuant to the County Government act and other applicable laws I hereby forward the following name for the position of County secretary for your approval; Jennifer Irumbi Nyaga.

Hon. Members, section 44 of the County Government act 2012 provides that the Governor shall appoint with the approval of the County Assembly the County secretary. Section 3 of the public appointments parliamentary approval act no.33 of 2011 as well as part 11 of the Standing Orders provide for the exercise of the powers of appointment under the constitution and the law.

Hon. Members, section 14 sub section 3 of the County Government act 2012 provides that in considering any appointments for which approval of the County Assembly is required under the constitution an act of parliament or County legislation, the appointment shall be considered first by a Committee of the County Assembly. The Committee's recomendation shall be tabled before the County Assembly for approval and the proceedings of the Committee and the County Assembly shall be open to the public.

Hon. Members, I wish to direct that the Committee on labour, social welfare and community services shall consider for approval by the House this nomination. In this regard Hon. Members, I wish to guide the Committee and the Assembly as follows:-

1. *The Committee shall inform the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing at least 7 days prior to the hearing. This notification should be done without delay.*
2. *The hearing shall be open to the public unless the Committee decides to hold any part of the proceedings in camera with a reason and in accordance with the Standing Orders or the law.*
3. *Considering that this House is proceeding for recess, the Committee should table its report before this House on or before 12th February 2014 for this House's consideration.*

Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Standing Orders No. 39 which is the messages from the Governor which reads that when the message from the Governor is read, the

message shall be deemed to have been laid before the County Assembly and the Speaker may refer the message to the relevant Committee of the County Assembly for consideration. I hereby refer the message from his Excellency the Governor containing the names of the nominee together with the report and supporting documents to the above referred Committee to undertake the necessary approval hearings. Thank you.

**MOTIONS**

**[Hon. Kimondo]**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> **THAT**, this House approves the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on irregular employment read in the House on 10th December 2013. Mr. Speaker, if you allow me I will go through the report.
>
> *On behalf of the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No.1, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the irregular and illegal employment.*
>
> ***Committee Membership***
>
> *The Ad Hoc Committee was constituted by the House on 2nd July, 2013 comprising of the following Members:-*
>
> 1. *Hon. Peter K. Ngari - Chairman*
> 2. *Hon. Joseph Kabaci - Vice Chairman*
> 3. *Hon. Mwangi Maruga- Member*
>
> ***Committee's mandate***
>
> *The Ad Hoc Committee was established under the Standing Order No. 1, which provides that the Committee shall carry its duty as per the constitution of Kenya and the Standing Orders.*
>
> ***Committee Meetings***
>
> *The Ad Hoc Committee held its first meeting during which they elected the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman as shown above.*
>
> *On behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee, I have the Hon.our and pleasure to present the Committee's report.*
>
> *May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions on this important matter.*
>
> *Thank you.*
>
> ***2.1 Establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Irregular Employment of Staff***
>
> *The Ad Hoc Committee on illegal Appointment of staff is one of the Committees established under Standing Order No.1 with the mandate to investigate the irregular and illegal employment of employees in Laikipia County.*
>
> ***2.2 Investigation Process of the Ad Hoc Committee***
>
> i. *Pursuant to Standing Order, No.1 the Speaker of the County Assembly gave a directive that investigations of the illegal and irregular employment be carried out by the established Ad Hoc Committee. Hansard report*
>
> ii. *On 26th June 2013, the Hon. Speaker in communication to the House*

*directed the majority and minority leaders to form an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the irregular and illegal employment within Laikipia County and to report to the House.*

iii. *The former local authorities' officials, staff employed irregularly and the public were expected to provide information on the irregularities involved in the employment of the 157 employees in question. The Committee scrutinized the following:-*

- *Former payroll of local authorities*
- *Current integrated payroll*
- *List of casuals*
- *Appointment letters*
- *Payslips*
- *Identity cards*
- *Income tax (pin)*
- *Retirement benefits (NSSF, Provident Fund, NHIF)*
- *Academic and professional certificates*
- *Job Description*
- *Staff audit report by the transition authority*
- *Information gathered from the public*
- *Senior officials from the former local authorities*
- *Supervisors from the former local authorities*
- *Letter from the former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government*

iv. *The investigations entailed the following:-*

- *Several Ad Hoc meetings*
- *Field investigations(Nanyuki, Rumuruti, Nyahururu)*
- *Vetting of irregularly employed staff*
- *Summons of senior officials of the former local authorities (Richard Kimanga, Josephine Njoki, Shadrack Mwithali)*

***Investigations of Ad Hoc Committee on Irregular and Illegal Employment***

*In conducting the investigation process, the Ad Hoc Committee on irregular and illegal employment cross-examined the reports from the former local authorities:-*

***Former Municipal Council Nanyuki***

*The council had an establishment of 237 officers and the personnel records submitted by this authority did not have issues; the council had adhered to the directive of suspension of irregular employment as per the letter dated 27th September 2012 Ref. MLG 1308/XII (79) to all town clerks and County clerks signed by the Permanent Secretary as per the attached copy.*

***Former Municipal Council of Nyahururu***

*The council had an establishment of 138 officers and the personnel records submitted by this authority did not have issues; the council had adhered to the directive of suspension of irregular employment as per the letter dated 27th September 2012 Ref. MLG 1308/XII (79) to all town clerks and County clerks signed by the Permanent Secretary as per the attached copy.*

***Former County Council of Laikipia***

*The council had an establishment of 91 officers and the payroll and IPPD reports showed there were 19 officers employed as from 1st October 2012. These officers' names were not included in April 2013 payroll since they were employed when the suspension letter was effected dated 27th September 2012 Ref. MLG 1308/XII (79) to all town clerks and County clerks signed by the Permanent Secretary as per the attached copy.*

*We established that the letters of appointment of the 19 staff signed by the former Laikipia County clerk Joseph Mwangi Ndegwa were of temporary appointment as per the copy attached.*

*Names of the 19 irregularly temporary employed staff were as follows:- , I think the Members can go through the names.*

*The list of casuals of the former Laikipia County Council as per March 2013 were 55 as per the attached list.*

***Former Rumuruti Town Council***

*The council had an establishment of 78 officers but on examination of IPPD and staff files, it was revealed that 42 employees were employed after 27th September 2012. The names we as follows, you can read all the names as attached.*

***Cross- Examination of Senior Officials of Former Local Authorities***

***Josephine Njoki Kamau***

*Josephine Njoki Kamau appeared before the Ad Hoc Committee on the Illegal and Irregular Employment of Staff in Laikipia on the 27th September 2013 and informed the chair of the Committee that she was employed in 1999 at Rumuruti Town Council.*

*In April, 2012 she was appointed to act for the post of Town Council Treasurer; up to September 2013 when she was posted as Revenue Assistant Officer in Laikipia East.*

*She claimed she was not part of the employment malpractice and that administrator of the former Rumuruti town council Mr. Mureithi was doing the employment on acting capacity as the clerk. Josephine admitted that the recruitment was not genuine and that there was irregular employment in the former Rumuruti Town Council.*

***Shadrack Mwithali***

*Shadrack Mwithali appeared before the Ad Hoc Committee on the Illegal and Irregular Employment of Staff in Laikipia on the 27th September 2013 and informed the chair of the Committee that he was the senior administrative officer of the former Laikipia County council having been transferred from Isiolo County in the year 2012. He was expected to harmonise the payroll system for the former local authorities, he was sent a template by the transitional authority that could facilitate preparations of the payroll.*

| ***Local Authority*** | ***Total Number Of Employees*** | ***Number Of Employees Not In The IPPD Payroll/ Illegally recruited*** | ***Legal Employees Seconded To The County Government*** |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Nanyuki Municipal Council* | *237* | ***Nil*** | ***237*** |
| *Nyahururu Municipal Council* | *138* | ***Nil*** | ***138*** |
| *Laikipia County Council* | *110* | *19(irregularly recruited)* | ***91*** |
| *Rumuruti Town Council* | *157* | *121(irregularly recruited)* | ***36*** |
| ***Total*** | ***642*** | ***140*** | ***502*** |

*He visited Rumuruti on January 2013 and there were 78 permanent employees with another 42 being employed after the embargo monotorium not to employ or dispose any council property. He became concerned and therefore did not post the names of the 42 newly employed in the IPPD payroll system.*

*He wrote a letter to the Human Resource manager of the County and the County Secretary notifying them of these irregularities. Laikipia County Council had employed 19 new employees after September 2012 and had backdated their letters of employment. There was also duplication of new employees in the respective payrolls of Laikipia County Council and Rumuruti town council. The total number of duplicated names in the payroll was four.*

*Shadrack did not post the names of the new employees in the IPPD payroll system and this brought tension and he had to seek advice from his Excellency the Deputy Governor who resolved that:-*

- *The names should not appear in the IPPD as they remained illegally employed in his opinion*

- *That a process to sack them be initiated.*

*Shadrack informed the Committee that copies of his meetings with the Governor and Deputy Governor were available.*

***Richard Kimanga***

*Richard Kimanga appeared before the Ad Hoc Committee on the Illegal and Irregular Employment of Staff in Laikipia on the 27th September 2013 and informed the chair of the Committee that he was the former town clerk of Rumuruti town council and was interdicted Principal Finance Officer of Laikipia County.*

*In mitigation, he informed the chair of the Committee on the malpractices involved and gave a detailed handwritten submission of the illegal and irregular employment of staff in the former Rumuruti town council as per the attached copies. You can get it at the back of the report.*

***Ad Hoc Committee Observations***

*The Ad Hoc Committee on the illegal and irregular employment of staff had the following observations from its investigations:-*

***The following was observed:-***

1) *The posts were not advertised nor were the interviews done which contravenes the constitutional requirements.*

2) *Illegal employment continued even after the ministerial circular dated 27th September 2012 REF: MLG 3108/XII (79) from the former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government Prof. Karega Mutahi suspended employment.*

3) *Majority of the employees did not present copies their academic and professional certificates.*

4) *There were masses of illegal employees hidden within the trading centres of the Laikipia West sub County.*

5) *No official payslips were presented by most of the former Rumuruti town council employees in question.*

6) *Some of the staff did not submit the required documents as requested by the Committee which proved a major challenge.*

7) *Most of the illegal employees were posted to stations to collect revenue on behalf of the County ; hence the County Government is still losing revenue.*

8) *Most of the employees were given Ksh.10, 000 as transfer allowance to transport their Household items to the new station.*

9) *Most of the illegal employees were unskilled or semi-skilled thus not qualifying for the posts given.*

10) *Salary scales were not in harmony with the employees' positions.*

11) *There was surplus deployment to the revenue collection stations/points against the expected number, thus low revenue collection.*

12) *The staff did not have letters specifying their Job descriptions.*

13) *There was neither job analysis nor job evaluation done on their various posts.*

14) *The Committee observed that the former clerk to the defunct Laikipia County Council Mr. Joseph Mwangi signed 19 temporary appointment letters even after receiving the Ministerial circular dated 27th September 2012 REF: MLG 3108/XII (79) from the former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government Prof. Karega Mutahi suspending employment.*

15) *Mr. Mureithi, the former administrator to the former Rumuruti Town Council did employment on acting capacity as a clerk; this information was given by Josephine Njoki during cross examination by the Committee.*

***Recommendations***

*The following are the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee as per the findings and observations of the exercise.*

1) *The Committee was of the view that if there are existing vacancies, proper procedures should be followed in employment as per the constitutional requirements.*

2) *According to the County Government act 2012 which formed the County public service board which will abolish and establish new human resource structures, the Committee recommends that the recruitment exercise be handed over to the public service board.*

3) *The County public service should intensively scrutinize the authenticity of the academic and professional certificates in future recruitment processes to avoid a repeat of such irregularities.*

4) *The Ad Hoc Committee has proved there was illegal employment and it recommends that the County does a thorough human audit and gives recommendations to the Committee.*

5) *Only Authenticated and designated employees should handle revenue collections.*

6) *The concerned officer who employed after 21st September 2012 should take responsibility.*

7) *The Committee advices the County Public Service Board to observe professionalism when carrying out employment of County staff and not use favouritism or biasness.*

8) *The Committee recommends that both Mr. Mureithi and Mr. Joseph Mwangi be handed over to the County Public Service Board for further scrutiny and investigation into their malpractices.*

***Conclusion***

*The Ad Hoc Committee admits that it was a rigorous, tedious and an issue of great sensitivity since the whole process involved staff audit and vetting,*

*summoning former local authorities' officials and carrying out field audit to gather information and data.*

***Acknowledgement***

*The Ad Hoc Committee extends its gratitude to the Speaker of Laikipia County Assembly for his legal guidance, the office of the clerk and the staff of the County Assembly for their continuous support, assistance, and commitment.*

*The Committee also extends its appreciation to H.E the Governor of Laikipia County, H. E the Deputy Governor, the County Secretary, the respective Sub County administrators of Laikipia East, West, and North, and the entire Human Resource Office of the County for their support.*

*The Committee also wishes to thank and appreciate the firm support of the Members of the County Assembly for the successful conclusion and compilation of this report. Thank you and God bless you.*

Hon. Members, as we went round we realised there was illegal and irregular employment in the County and we further noted although it was not in the report, that some people had gone to court and we could not do any further investigation because the matter was in court. So I urge the House to approve this report and I beg the Hon. Kabaci to second the motion.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion that this House supports this Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Speaker it is clear that we went round the County and we came up with that report. The exercise was tense but we made it through the support of those who had been recommended by the mover.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that there was total irregularity in Rumuruti and as well as Nanyuki County Council where we noted that there were 19 people who had been employed irregularly. Mr. Speaker I.....

**Speaker**: Order member, I just want to remind the staff that as per the Standing Order you cannot be between the chair and the person speaking. If you want to come here, you have to go round and there should be no interruption. Those are the rules, Hon. Kabaci, please proceed. We keep on learning.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, we came to realise that many people in Rumuruti were not being issued with payslips as it has been indicated in the report Mr. Speaker.

We suspected that there was somebody who was taking those people's money. We also came to realise that a number of them had appointment letters dated October but they came to have their first payment in march or may implying that there was somebody behind that exercise who had been pocketing their salary Mr. Speaker.

I was astonished to learn that as they came to deploy those people to the various stations, they were given Ksh.10, 000 to transport them from Rumuruti to their stations. To my surprise and I want this House to note that, we interviewed two ladies who said that their working place was in matwiku in Githiga ward. When we asked them of how much money they collected on daily basis, they claimed that each one of them collects a maximum of Ksh.500 per day and doing my calculations, I discovered that both of them collected Ksh.12, 000 per month. Their appointment letters show that they had been in scale no.18 and they were being paid Ksh.26, 000 per month making a total of Ksh.56, 000 for the two of them. When we subtract that amount, the County was going at a loss of Kshs. 44,000.

We were very much astonished to hear that and whoever did that as per our recommendations

should be responsible for this loss. There was restriction from the minister of local government that there should be no employment from September 2012.

Mr. Speaker we came to learn that even those who had appointment letters backdated to maybe September and august were not supposed to be employed during that time and putting in mind that the officer in charge of Rumuruti was aware of that restriction, we came to realise that he should be surcharged Mr. Speaker.

After that officer is scrutinized as per our recommendations and found guilty by the County Public Service Board Mr. Speaker, we suggest that he should be surcharged pay the losses this County has incurred due to that irregular employment. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I stand to second the motion.

**Speaker**: Thank you, I would like to propose the question which is;

> ***THAT,*** *this House approves the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on irregular employment read in the House on 10th December 2013.*

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the report that the Ad Hoc Committee has tabled. Mr. Speaker Sir, I am really happy that this matter is heading towards conclusion because it was a thorny issue in this County and as much as it was a very sensitive one.

We know the magnitude of the matter and we know that the County Executive has really tried to handle the matter and has taken it to some extent.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have raised that issue in this House repeatedly, I want to first thank the Committee for the great work they have done. I have gone through the report and I think it's really comprehensive, they really mentioned and tackled most of the issues that were of concern and I really like the recommendations and observation that have been made Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to do that by raising a number of issues.

Firstly is that most of the employees that we are talking about were victims of big people, the then big people in the government and some have been mentioned. As much as two wrongs don't make a right, Mr. Speaker Sir I agree with Mr. Kabaci that the senior officers who were involved in that scheme should be prosecuted so that they act as a lesson to other people because Mr. Speaker Sir Unemployment is an issue in this Country and in this County. The minute a senior government officer makes the public think that he can actually offer job opportunities, the public is likely to be cheated and misled and now here comes one or two senior government officers who mislead the public and exhaust money from them promising and illegal job.

They wasted their time, resources and energy and that person or maybe two or three, some still in the government while others like Mr. Kimanga have been interdicted but I think a serious action which in this case should be prosecution should actually be pursued. In my analysis and conclusion I think that was sheer pure economic sabotage for this County. Sheer economic sabotage and I do not think this should be left to go scot free Mr. Speaker Sir.

I know Mr. Kimanga has carried a huge burden of that but Mr. Speaker Sir I also agree with the recommendation of the Committee that further investigation should be carried by the County Public Service Board to see if there were other officials who were involved in this scheme.

If my memory serves me right, the one Mr. Kimanga was acting or rather was the chief finance officer in this County and he had nothing to do with employment. The people who were in-charge of running the County, the County secretaries and

other officers, where they were when all this was happening and what role were they playing. Either their omitted their roles or they committed something that was against what they were supposed to do so Mr. Speaker Sir I think more investigations need to be carried out and if anybody is found to have had a hand in all this the County should not keep them in their workforce.

Mr. Speaker Sir I want to revisit the issue of unemployment because all this was happening because young people in this County are desperate and looking for jobs. Mr. Speaker Sir we know the County Public Service Board has taken a step and has relieved those people off their duties but as much as we really wanted that mess sorted out we are not happy that our young people are without employment.

On that note Mr. Speaker Sir, this County Government should seriously come up with measure and ways of creating jobs for our young people so that we don't continue being victims of this. I know for this government to be in place, both the National and County promised employment. I know it has been said by the national leadership that they will relieve some people off their duties because of the wage bill and so is the County Government. We do not have enough money to employ people as we wish to, with that in mind we need to explore other areas to see how best we can create employment for our young people because it's not like we are happy seeing people being sacked.

I must mention at this point in my conclusion that I will soon be bringing a bill to this House to try and address some of those issues relating to creation of employment and supporting entrepreneurs so that can be a remedy to the issues that the County is facing. I stand to support the report.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Asante sana Bw. spika, langu kwanza ni kuwapongeza Ad Hoc Committee kwa kazi mzuri waliofanya na tumeona wamejitolea vilivyo ili waweze kupokea hii ripoti. Langu ni kusema kwamba kuna hatari katika kaunti kwa sababu hao watu wote ambao wamefanya hii kitendo ya kuandikana wakati ambao hawafai na bado wako kwa kazi na bado dakika hii ni hao wanategemewa waongoze kaunti. Utakuta wengi wako kwa ofisi na wamesimamia idara mbali mbali na ndio kwa sababu unaona kama sasa ukiangalia kama vile kodi ilivyo kuwa ikichuliwa wakati wa baraza ya jiji. Kodi ama pesa zimerudi chini sana kwa sababu ni hao watu wanategemewa kuchukua ushuru katika serikali ya kaunti.

Ukiangalia wale ambao wamewekwa mahali ya kuchukuliwa kodi katika masoko, wengine ni wale waliandikwa kinyume na sheria na pesa ambazo wanaokota na nusu ya ile pesa wanaokota haifiki kwa ofisi. Kwa hivyo mimi ninasema ya kwamba hao watu wanafaa wachukuliwa hatua na wapewe likizo ya lazima kwa sababu wakati tunaenda mashinani tunakuta kai imekuwa ngumu zaidi na kazi haikuwi ngumu lakini utakuta ni hawa watu wanakanyagia...

**Speaker**: Yes is it a point of order?

**Hon. Jacob**: Bw. Spika, nilikuwa ninauliza tu kama ni haki tuendelee na hii mswada kwa sababu hii kesi ya Rumuruti iko katika mahakama sasa hivi. Walipeleka katika mahakama na sasa hivi inaendelea.

**Speaker**: Very well, I think I don't know the particulars of the case that is ongoing and in any case this Ad Hoc Committee came much earlier and the report was supposed to be tabled some time back but it has been tabled now. I don't know the particulars of that case and I don't think we have been served as the Assembly. I have just seen it in the newspapers but I have no idea of the particulars and I think we should proceed. I don't know how the recommendations of this report relate to that court case. I that case I suggest that we actually proceed on this.

**Hon. Kinyua**: Asante sana Bw. Spika, mimi ningetaka kuongezea na kusema ya kwamba ingawa hata kama kesi iko kortini lakini hatuwezi kuangalia kwa sababu utakuta ya kwamba kabla kazi iishe , kaunti itakuwa imeanguka kwa hivyo ni vizuri hii bunge itoe sheria ambayo ni kali ili hao watu wachukuliwe hatua. Lazima wachukuliwe hatua ikiwa tunataka kuendelea. Tuliona kwamba wakati hii kamati ilikuwa inafanya kazi yake, katibu wa kaunti aliandika barua kwa wafanyikazi wote wa Rumuruti na wakapata kuhamishwa na wakati huo, uchunguzi ulikuwa unaendelea.

Kwa hivyo mimi naona ni kama wanataka kupoteza hii ushahidi. Sasa wengine wako Nanyuki na wengine wako Nyahururu na hata haijulikani mahali hao watu wako, ni vigumu sana kwa hiyo kamati ya Ad Hoc kupata watu. Mimi ningeomba hii bunge iweze kutoka na sheria na ni sheria ambayo itachukulia hao watu hatua ambao ni hatua kali kwa sababu wakiendelea hivyo wataanguka. Kwa mfano siku ya leo ukiweka nyumba ya kuuza nyama na umwandike fisi akiwa ni yeye atapima nyama. Mbwa ndio atafungia wanunuzi naye paka ndio ataMr.udishia mnunuzi pesa, ninataka kukuhakikishia ya kuwa hakuna kitu utapata kwa hio duka hata mifupa. Na hao watu ndio bado wanasimamia ofisi na ndio tunatarajia wafanye kazi na kupeleka kaunti mbele lakini ninakuhakikishia ya kuwa mwishowe tutakuja kuanguka na mahali tutaanguka itakuwa ni vigumu kuamka. Asante sana Bw. Spika na ninaunga mkono huu mjadala.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Mukuria and then Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to recognise the Committee for the good work they have done. They have given us a good comprehensive report to show us that we need to show the people of this County that surely we are the ones to act as a foresight.

Mr. Speaker, I was also concerned about how these people were employed and I thank God because that Committee has concluded. My concern was about how much money we have lost because of these irregularities because of the report by the Committee , we need to know between the time of September to date, how much money has been lost through these irregularities in the this County .

Mr. Speaker I also realised that some officers who are mentioned here by the Committee like on number 8, the Committee recommends both Muriithi and Joseph Mwangi. I think Joseph Mwangi is the sub County administrator of Dol Dol and he's holding a high position in this County . we need to take quick action so that we don't have any problems continuing in that sub County.

Mr. Speaker I also recommended that the investigations should be done quickly so that we do not have more losses in that County because it seems like this Mr. Joseph Mwangi has a cartel in this County. He has been involved in other activities concerning land in my docket and I can see he has also been mentioned here. I request that this man should be investigated and report be brought to this House and I have seen he has been mentioned in this Committee.

Mr. Speaker I would also request that when these people were being paid, there were some people who were employed and when the payroll was stopped there were some who were affected and I don't know if the Committee noted that. There were some who had been employed for the last 5 years and their payroll was stopped for the last 6 months due to this investigation. I don't know why they payroll was stopped and that's why I think the Committee must consider that because when the Committee was doing its investigations, I had some complaints showing that there were some people for instance in my ward of Marmanet I have some people who have not been paid for the last six months. Because the Committee has got the report concerning these people we should be given the names of these people but surely they need to be investigated.

There is also something that I will request the Committee to do, we should have this integrated payroll being scrutinized properly because through my investigation I realised that when this payroll was being formulated, it was the same officers mentioned here who were doing this integrated the payroll. So we need to be careful because in that integrated payroll you may find a lot of irregularities because the officers dealing with that payroll, it seems they are backdating issue in this payroll. We need to be very careful because we need to do a headcount so that we know how many workers we have in this County. We may be told that we have 130 on the report but when we go to the ground we find maybe there are 100 people.

We need to do a thorough investigation because I am worried because I can see the some officers brought that book of integrated payroll. I can smell rat somewhere because it is the same officers who made that payroll.

I would also want to thank the Members for supporting this Motion because we need to show the integrity of this House and to make sure that whatever is done in this County abides by the law and the Public Service Board should give a report of all the workers employed in the previous regime and also in the current regime. I can see a lot of workers here and so we need that list so that we are able to address the problem we have in this County. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I stand to support this motion.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker first is to congratulate the Committee that undertook this hard task to come up with this report and I support the Motion.

Before I contribute Mr. Speaker, in page one you get to see that the report says that the former local authority staff employed irregularly and the public were expected to provide information on the irregularities involved in the employment of the 157 employees in question. They say 157 employees in question while on page 15 Mr. Speaker, we have only 19 irregularly recruited from Laikipia County council and 121 irregularly recruited from Rumuruti town council and that makes a total of 140.

Therefore, it is good to balance the total; those irregularly should be either 140 or 157 for the report to be correct. It is high time that the Committee that came up with report because this is what we were pushing for since we came to this House Mr. Speaker and it is sad to note that the people who are being mentioned in this report are still working in this County Mr. Speaker.

A person like Joseph Mwangi has been mentioned in this House severally together with Josephine Njoki Kamau. They have been culprits in several discussions in this House Mr. Speaker and it is high time we took action on such officers who are going against the Constitution. Therefore, this House should come up with a recommendation that these two persons be investigated because it is risky to give them positions in this County while we are still suspecting them. Mr. Speaker, Njoki has been the town clerk to Rumuruti and recently she was the assistant revenue officer.

Mr. Speaker, as I was going through another report which had come from Rumuruti, that same person who was a town council clerk had only a D+ in form four exams and she only undertook a secretarial course and here we are. We have given her the position of town clerk and now she is an assistant revenue officer. Mr. Speaker I recommend that we verify academic qualification and their curriculum vitae...

**Speaker**: What is it Hon. Maitai?

**Hon. Maitai**: It is a point of order or rather information.

**Speaker**: Information, Hon. Dann do you need the information?

**Hon. Dann**: No.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker**: Okay, he doesn't need it Hon. Maitai. Hon. Dann, you can proceed.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think as a County Mr. Speaker we should recommend that all employees who were being employed by the Laikipia County should be cleared by the anti-corruption commission to avoid such workers who have been in involved in corrupt dealings earlier. I also recommend that casual workers who had been employed before the September deadline be paid immediately because they have gone for six months without pay.

In Olmoran ward, I have a person who was employed 10 years ago, the man is still a casual which is against the law because Mr. Speaker we know very well because you are not supposed to go more than three months as a casual and therefore I urge this House to recommend that those who had been employed earlier be paid immediately.

I would also request that we have a balanced division of County workers Mr. Speaker because some regions in this County have excess workers Mr. Speaker. If you walk around Nanyuki Mr. Speaker, you will find ten men following a single truck loading trash, Mr. Speaker they are too many to load one truck while I only have two workers in the whole of Sipili town and one worker in Olmoran town therefore a Ward cannot have three workers employed by the County while a place like Nanyuki has more than ten people collecting revenue in a single street when it can be done by five people. With that Mr. Speaker, I support the motion, thank you.

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Jacob, Hon. Suge then... I don't know why Hon. Catherine is raising her hand. I have no explanation for that. Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Bw. Spika, ya kwanza ni kuunga hii mswada na ninashukuru wale walioweza kufanya hio kazi na kuelekeza mwangaza. Bw. Spika, katika eneo ya Rumuruti vile iliangaliwa ni mzuri sana kwa sababu hao watu walianjiriwa katika hilo eneo na walikuwa wanafanya biashara isiyo ya haki.

Hii ni kwa sababu wakati tulikuwa katika baraza, kulikuwa na barua iliyosema ya kuwa kutoka tarehe ya 27 Mwezi wa Septemba mwaka wa 2012, hakuna kuajiri watu. Kwa hivyo hio ilikuwa ni biashara ya kuwadanganya wananchi lakini ile hatua imechukuliwa ni hatua mzuri kabisa kwa sababu kusema ukweli wale walioajiriwa hawangeweza kulipwa katika Kaunti kwa sababu hakukuwa na pesa. Lakini bado wale walitenda hii bado wako katika sehemu hii sasa. Kweli hao watu wanastahili waangaliwe na wachunguzwe kabisa kwa sababu Kimanga alitolewa na hao walibaki na walikuwa na kimanga. Hao pia waende nyumbani kama kimanga kwa sababu walikuwa wanafanya kazi pamoja.

Bw. Spika, ukiangalia wakati huu katika Rumuruti, wananchi wa Rumuruti wamefurahi kwa sababu wameona ile dhuluma iliyokuwa na hata walipeleka hio kesi kwa mahakama kwa sababu walikuwa wanaambiwa leta watu wako wawili. Kama wewe ni OCS leta mtu mmoja, kama wewe ni County rep leta watu tano ndio waajiriwe. Hao waliajiriwa juzi tukiwa katika bunge hii kwa hivyo hao watu wanafaa wachukuliwe hatua kali ili wasiwahi kufanya kitu kama hio katika Kaunti hii. Hii ni kwa sababu sisi tunataka kufanya kazi ya haki kwa wananchi wote. Asante Bw. Spika na ninaunga hii mswada.

**Hon. Suge**: Asante sana Bw. Spika, nafikiri kwanza ningependa kuwajulisha mwenye kiti na wanakamati ya kuwa jana hatungeweza kuwa pamoja. Nilikuwa kule sehemu za Eldoret kwa mazishi ndiposa nikaweza kusafiri jioni na asubuhi nikaamkia hapa.

Ya pili ni shukrani kwa sababu nimekuwa katika baraza la Rumuruti kama diwani kwa kipindi cha miaka mitano iliyopita na tulikuwa na viongozi

ambao walikuwa wanaheshimu sheria na yale mambo ambayo yaliweza kuendelea pale ninafahamu. Lakini Bw. spika, nimeangalia ripoti iliyotolewa na Ad Hoc na nimewashukuru kwa kazi waliyofanya. Wamejaribu kufanya kazi kikamilifu ambayo sisemi ya kwamba uchunguzi ilikuwa kikamilifu lakini walijaribu kwa kuwa wale ambao waliweza kuitwa na wakaweza kujibu maswali mbele ya Kaunti ni wachache na ninafahamu ya kwamba hao vijana walioweza kuajiriwa, wengi wao waliajiriwa mpaka mwezi wa nne mwaka huu. Hio ni kumaanisha ya kwamba kuna wale ambao wamejificha na hawakuweza kufika mbele ya kamati.

Bw. Spika ninapoangalia hapa kuna ripoti ambayo imetolewa na mwenyekiti na kuna nyingine iliyotolewa na aliyekuwa katibu wa baraza ya Rumuruti Bw. Kimanga ambapo ninaona ya kwamba baadhi ya wale walioajiriwa, kila mtu aliyekuwa diwani pale ameweza kupewa idadi kiasi fulani.

Ningeweza kuwaeleza wajumbe katika Kaunti ya Laikipia ya kuwa hakuna diwani ambaye alihusika kwa sababu mambo haya yalifanyika wakati tulikuwa siasa. Rumuruti kulikuwa na watu ambao walipewa kazi ya kandarasi ya miaka mitatu ya kulikuwa na barua kutoka wizara na hao vijana walikuwa watu saba Bw. Spika na baadaye kuna watu ambao walitumwa na wizara wakaja kufanya kitu kinachoitwa *staff rationalization* ambayo ilipelekwa huko Nairobi na ikapitia. Ilipo rudishwa katika baraza ya Rumuruti tuliketi kama viongozi na tukapitisha lakini baadaye Bw. Spika hao vijana saba hawakuweza kuajiriwa kama tulivyopitisha na ningeomba wabunge wanapojadili waweze kuangalia hao vijana na kwa sababu waliweza kufanya kazi miaka saba iliyopita na tulikuwa tumewaajiri.

Ile nyingine Bw. Spika ni kuwa kulikuwa na wale wengine waliokuwa wanafanya kazi kwa siku na tulikuwa tukiwabadilisha baada ya miezi tatu na baada ya sisi kutoka hao vijana walikuwa ishirini na mbili walipewa barua ya kwamba wamepata kazi rasmi na kuajiriwa, lakini wakati huo wengi wetu tulikuwa katika siasa. Kwa hivyo Bw. Spika ningependa vilevile tuweze kufikiria kuhusu hao vijana ambao wameumia. Wengi wao walifanya kazi kwa muda wa miezi minane bila malipo yeyote.

Kwa ninapounga mjadala huu mkono, ningependa vilevile kamati na wajumbe waangalie jinsi hao vijana wanaweza kupata malipo yao kwa sababu walifanya kazi ya usafi na kusaidia Kaunti ya Laikipia.

Bw. Spika nikimalizia, baada ya mambo kuwa magumu najua ya kwamba wengine wanajaribu njia ya kurusha wengine kwa hivyo ninakanusha barua iliyoandikwa na katibu mkuu ya kwamba madiwani waliweza kuhusika na vile vile Bw. spika ninaomba kwa sababu uchunguzi bado inaendelea. Kuna County Public Service Board ambayo inafanya uchunguzi wao, ningeonelea kamati vilevile wapewe nafasi ama muda kidogo ili waweze kulinganisha na kuweza kuwahoji wale wengine ambao waliweza kubaki.

Nafikiri wakati payroll zilikuwa zikitengenezwa kuna majina ambazo yalikuwa yameingia pale kumaanisha ya kwamba kuna wale walihusika lakini hawakuweza kufika mbele ya kamati. Kwa hivyo bwana spika ningesema kamati wapewe muda na kwa leo sitaunga mjadala na kamati wapewe muda ili wafanye uchunguzi kamilifu. Nafikiri mimi nilililalamika kwa sababu niliona hao vijana wanaumia kwa sababu mara kwa mara walikuwa katika ofisi yangu wakiuliza malipo. Asante

**Speaker**: Let us start with Hon. Wangu then Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this report of the Ad Hoc Committee. They have really done good work and I congratulate them. I know Hon. Suge does not support the report but at the end of the day the truth must be known. So it's high time the County Government starts

speeding up the staff and vetting them because at the end of the day we will have to sack some of them. We cannot be able to maintain them whether we like it or not.

As far as we are claiming some of them are crying or doing what, what we need to do as the County Government and the leadership of Laikipia is to think of coming up with a way or a policy that will enable the young generation and the jobless to get jobs. We need to think of other ways of getting employment because even if we think of employing all of them we won't be going anywhere. It is also high time that the County Government and the leadership did a head count of all the staff because there is a lot of tension in the ground and there is no work that I s going on because the employees are having fears that they may be victimized and that they are not there to say. So it is high time that they are vetted and confirmed so it is high time as we look at the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee , we should put into consideration that there were those who were employed long before that PS' s letter, if they are to be sent home we should consider giving them a package.

We don't just send them home without anything, in real sense they may end up being victims of circumstances but at the end of the day they are still human beings. So we need to come up with a small package so that they are able to go and settle down. When we do our head count it is good to come up with a clear picture on how many employees the County Government has.

We know we are also human beings even the County Government, the Assembly, and the MCA's would like to bring a few people to be employed. If that is done let us do it in a good way because we may be thinking that the former councillors did a wrong thing and at the end of the day we end up doing the same thing. So it is good when we do employment, we need to advertise and have transparency so that we are not faced in situation where we will be blaming each other. So I stand to support the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to congratulate this Committee for the good work they have done.

I recall the first Committee which I had an encounter with when I joined this Assembly was on this Kimanga issue. My concern is just one because the Hon. Members have really contributed on this Motion and I want to stand on the gap and talk on behalf of the voice of those who are employed in Rumuruti before that 27th of the year 2012 because it was not everybody who was employed before that date who was employed illegally. There are some people who are genuinely in those offices, there are some people who have worked in that County council for a number of years, and I would kindly urge that that matter be looked into. This is because there are so many arrears in the month of September last year but I also wish to request for the attention of this House that the Mr. Kimanga managed to run that County council for quite some time without paying wages to those casual workers and in this case I have always kept wondering how you could wake up every morning for consecutive six months without being paid and the interesting fact is that these people are collecting revenue every day and they are expected to submit that money to the County council.

To my understanding I tend to believe that corruption started with those at the top and it came down to the people collecting revenue and that I why they have the guts to say they have not been paid all this time. I don't want to say that I don't want these people to be paid, when I talk of payment I don't want to be misquoted I want to talk about payment of the people who were working with that former County council dated up to the month of September 27th. I would kindly appreciate if the issue could be looked into. We are very happy for the Committee that did this work and we look

forward that this would be forwarded to the public service board so that they do their work.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, firstly I stand to congratulate the work done by the Ad Hoc Committee on the irregular employment. Mr. Speaker, as per the directive by the ministry in the former government, it clearly stated that no further employment should be done because of the realignment of the new government.

As per the report of the Committee, it was very clear that no employment was supposed to be done after the 27th of September 2012. All that has been done and those employees who have been employed since then are illegal and irregularly employed. So as I support this report, I stand by what they have written and the House should stand by it. Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Governor in his opinion from the report he has stated that the already illegally employed employees need to have plan initiated so that they are sacked. I don't know how far the County Public service board has gone in upholding this. Mr. Speaker, though the case is in court, I propose that these people be sacked so that we can reduce the wage bill...

**Hon. Mukuria**: Point of order

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Wakahiu has said that the Deputy Governor has given a report here. I cannot see it, can you clarify.

**Speaker**: Okay, Hon. Wakahiu you probably made a mistake. Why don't you...

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is in this report. In the recommendations, let me just go to where it is written because I am not a member of that Committee but it is in that report. If I am not wrong and I believe I am not wrong.

*(Consultation)*

Mr. Speaker, just give me two minutes.

**Speaker**: What we will do Hon. Wakahiu is that let us give Hon. Maruga as you consult on that part.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the report by the Ad Hoc Committee and I would like to remind my brother Hon. Wakahiu that whatever he is talking about on the Deputy Governor is on page 17 so he can rush there. Mr. Speaker...

**Speaker**: Order, order, we will have Hon. Maruga then we can come back to you Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I happen to be privileged to be in this Committee and at some time we even hired police men for our own security so would like to plead with Hon. Suge, *'wooi tafadhali'* please do not give us more time on this Committee.

*(Several Members stood in their place)*

**Speaker**: What is it Hon. Members, Hon. Daisy what is it?

**Hon. Daisy**: Is it in order for the Hon. Member to mix both languages of English and Kiswahili, I don't know which other language that he used?

**Speaker**: Hon. Maruga is known for raising points of order, why is it that you are the hunted today. Please follow the rules.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think they have been hunting for me for so many days but today I have given them a chance to catch me. We hired security men for our own security as the Committee and during that day the Nyahururu town hall was full of these employees and most of them were drunkards and it seems like they were already alerted that they were being sacked. They were even prepared to fight, we had to hire security and had to postpone for some of these Members. This means

they know all the business that was transacted by the mentioned officers and as we continue, I managed to scrutinize one worker's document that she presented to us. That girl was 17 years old by the time she was being employed. I had to ask for a pin number and she produced a pin number which was given a month before from that day I asked for it.

Another case that I intervened was here in the County Assembly at the Committee room. There was a character who came and she said that she doesn't know a certain officer, she clearly she did not know that officer. Through technology, I asked for her pHon.e and then I dialled the number of that officer. Can you guess what happened? It read daddy and that is what I was hunting from that character.

Mr. Speaker all these workers who claimed to be employed as per what the report said, they were all illegally employed, and there is a letter from Prof. Karega Mutahi the then PS. Of local government and he stated clearly that from the date of 27th September 2012 there's should be no more employment but since officers are kind enough to employ their relatives, family Members and friends. Even for those who are not qualified and later backdate their appointment letters, when we have a person who has been working for 10 years without being employed.

Mr. Speaker, this report should be adopted. I interviewed another person and asked for his payslip, the man was 24 years old and he was employed. That man was aged 24, in the payslip he was aged 25 years old. What does that mean? Does it mean that even the payroll people are involved in this? There is a lot of mess in our County administration and therefore it needs to be cleaned. Sad enough, some documents were found and some were missing, why? Because the officers could not submit the documents. There was a time we asked for account statements and there was none which was submitted and you could even ask a person how much they earned. That person fails to know how much they earn and they have been working for more than six months. They do not know their pay yet they are paid monthly and when you ask them whether they could identify the amount that was added to their balance, they said they have some money in their account. Who is that very irresponsible worker who can get a salary and a fail to know how much was sent. Someone coached them all because they were presenting similar information.

At some point, one lady almost made us laugh when she said that she normally losses her memory and that she did not even remember her name. In fact we had to release her and send her back home; the officers who were being mentioned in this report were the same who were connected with most of the things that happened in this County.

Right now, we have some kiosks in Nanyuki, which cannot be opened simply because there was some stealing of money during their era and even by now the kiosk s are still locked. I was provided with a cheque by Hon. Michael Gichangi, a cheque that was dated 5th April 2013. The relevant officer signed the document after the vehicle was done and still, the mechanic who supplied the spares is here to be paid. He keeps on coming from Nairobi to Nanyuki every now and then.

Mr. Speaker, there is a very great need to wash our system and it need to be very clean. You may not understand when I say that even in this Assembly's administration, there are some casualties and we had a very difficult time to keep this document. At some time, we felt that some of the documents needed to be kept by us. There was some lobbying being done that when that report came to the Assembly, do not pass it. Someone used to do that but I think time has been in our great favour but it did not come to that. Now that it has come in the right time, I urge the House to pass this report and I again reiterate that Hon. Suge, don't add us some more time because it was a security hazard to the three Members of this

County Assembly and the Secretary. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support the motion.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have seen and I advice Hon. Members to be sparing some times in the evening to read reports. It is in page 14 where the Committee was cross examining Shadrack Mwaithali, page 14 paragraph 3 states;

*Shadrack did not post the names of the new employees in the IPPD payroll system and this brought tension and he had to seek advice from his Excellency the Deputy Governor who resolved that:-*

- *The names should not appear in the IPPD as they remained illegally employed in his opinion*
- *That a process to sack them be initiated.*

It was like that Mr. Speaker, so it is something that was quoted or said by somebody in his opinion that the process of sacking the illegally employed staff be initiated.

So Mr. Speaker, I don't want to speak much but I want to support this document and say that it should be followed and request the House to support it and even to add on that, there is the issue of the nursery school teachers who were employed in the back pages whereby a certain speech was made and said that nursery school teachers be employed. I would request that in line to what is being done to other staff. If nursery teachers were employed even before the budget was made, they should be put in line with all the other teachers in the County. if their salaries will be backdated from July, all of them should appear in that particular register Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the report.

**Speaker**: Let us have the mover reply.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to most sincerely thank the Hon. Members for contributing in this motion and supporting it. I would like to make some few clarifications on what the Hon. Dann asked.

The reasons that the figures are not in line is that the 140 are those who are on record while the 17 had fake letters and were still roaming in the compounds of the former councils. There were others, which we did not include, there were about 73 of them who were in Rumuruti and they had these letters but they had not reported in the former local authority. So the numbers were varying but the actual number you see was as per the record. Therefore, thank you Hon. Members for supporting the report and may God bless you.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much, Members I would like to put the question;

> **THAT,** this House approves the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on irregular employment read in the House on 10th December 2013.

***(Motion agreed)***

**Speaker**: I just want to give direction in light of that passing by the House and this applies to all other reports that we have had. I would like to recommend that the relevant Committees pick up all these recommendations and apply directly. We don't want the House to waste its time, if the House approves a report and recommendations those recommendation should be taken seriously and there should be reports back to this House to show that there is progress. Otherwise we would be wasting time making recommendations and approving them.

From the office of the Clerk, if there is another office that needs to communicated to on this decision that should be done immediately so that the resolution of the House is taken seriously and the particular Committees like the Committee on

implementation should make a serious follow up on this recommendation.

**MOTION**

**[Hon. Kabaci]**

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> **That,** this House approves the report of the finance planning and County Development Committee Report on the County Integrated Development Plan laid in the House on 10th December 2013.

**Speaker**: Mr. Speaker I beg to read the report of that Committee.

*On behalf of the Members, the County Assembly adopts the report of the finance and planning Committee on the fiscal year 2013/2017 County Integrated Development Plan for the County Government tabled in the County Assembly on December 10th 2013...*

**Speaker**: Order member, its good practice, and I have seen a few of you do that. It's not good practice to read the whole report, which is why we gave the Members the report in time so that they can jog their minds. Hon. Member you can read for them your recommendation.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker for clarification. We will go to page five where there is the findings and recommendations Mr. Speaker.

*From all the sittings and public forums, the Committee made the following observation, findings, and comments:*

1. *All the ministries had factored in all what is needed to be done in five years.*
2. *Some of the programs appear too broad for realisation within five years and the executive must engage among others private actors and development partners to deliver the programme.*
3. *There is need for the County Government to embark on elaborate financial strategy aimed at creating sustainable results for implementing the development plan.*
4. *There is need for the County Government to proactively enhance internal and external revenue resources.*
5. *The County Government should also establish or initiate joint funding mechanisms with the national government for capital projects or other sector based programmes.*
6. *The County Government must strengthen the relationship and partnership with the document partners and other non-state actors for supporting some of the core programmes.*
7. *The County Assembly must develop public private partnership models for providing core public services.*

Mr. Speaker, I would wish to read the acknowledgement with your permission.

> *The Committee of finance and planning would sincerely wish to thank the office of the Speaker and the clerk of the Laikipia County Assembly for the necessary support provided in the execution of the mandate. As the chairperson I take this opportunity to thank all the Members for their commitment, sacrifice, and hard work during the long sitting hours under tight schedule which enable us to complete the task. The Committee also wishes to recognise the efforts of the staff of the*

*County Assembly working with the Committee who are Mr. Kihanda, veronica and carol. Their efforts made the work of the Committee easier in making this possible. It my pleasure and duty on behalf of the finance and planning Committee to present and commend this report to the House pursuant to the provision of the Standing Orders of the County Assembly.*

On behalf of the Committee, I request the House to adopt the report. Mr. Speaker, it is true that this document is the blueprint of the County. It is clear that the document, the ministries have brought all their inputs and factored all what is needed to be done in the County within the five years and above in this County of Laikipia. It is my sincere hope that this House thinks of how to approve this document and adopt it so that we may go ahead in this County.

It is clear that there is no investment which can be made in this County with the approval of this document as required by the law Mr. Speaker. In the document we have prioritized all what is needed that can better the lives of the people of Laikipia. So it is my humble request to the Members to think of how to approve the document so that good road can be done. Proper housing and renovation of the Houses we have in the County can be done; we have also suggested that the dispensaries will be upgraded to reach the level of health centres for efficient services to our people in our wards Mr. Speaker.

The document being passed will also give way to investors to come into the County to invest. I would like to remind the Members that there was a delegation that went to Zambia a week ago together with his Excellency the Governor to woo the investors. It is clear that hose people...

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Maitai. What is it, yes please?

**Hon. Maitai**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am wondering whether it's in order for the Hon. Member to give false information to this House saying that there was a delegation to Zambia. To the best of my knowledge it was not Zambia.

**Speaker**: Why are you lying to this House Hon.estly Hon. Kabaci?

**Hon. Kabaci**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will clarify it is Namibia. I am sorry for that Mr. Speaker. The delegate assured us that the investors or the people from Namibia are willing to come and invest in this County and set up a meat factory. So it is my sincere hope that embers will support the document for it to be upheld. In the document, there are those projects, which cannot be done within five years, and it is the reason why the Committee has recommended that the government think of establishing a joint fund mechanism with the national government for the capital projects so that they can be funded by the national government. With hose few remarks, I beg the Members of support the motion and I propose that Hon. Catherine seconds the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion this afternoon and I wish to thank all the Hon. Members for the great support they have accorded to the Committee since...

**Speaker**: Hon. Maruga, why are you standing?

**Hon. Maruga**: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rose on a point of order. The last time I saw this document we were in Naivasha and we rejected it and I have come across it today. I was not served so please Mr. Speaker with all your indulgence, I kindly request you to suspend the business of today concerning this document until we go through it.

**Speaker**: Order Hon. Maruga, let us not interrupt the seconding and I am sure you will have an opportunity to raise that particular matter when I propose the question and please be referring to the

Standing Orders on what options we have. I would like to remind you that the chair may not be at liberty to do what you are proposing but I am sure there are options and because I know you know the Standing Orders I would encourage you to be reading them. Proceed Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Hon. Members like I stated because when this Committee went to the ground, you were there to support us to meet the Members of the public. I wish to also thank our ward representatives for making it possible for us to meet the Members of the public and I acknowledge that the Members of the executive have been very supportive to this Committee. I kindly beseech this House to consider passing this motion today and I know Members will agree with me that we had a deadline which as the 1st of this month. I know we are all well exposed to the need and importance of this document in this County and we very well understand the key area where we are lagging behind.

I also wish to acknowledge that this document is going to be the mirror that we're going to look up to benchmark ourselves and in this case I acknowledge that we have been guided by the vision 2013, the public finance management act 2012, the millennium development goals and in this case I know very well that the every Hon. member of this House will want to see their areas well captured and interests reflected. I know every year we will table a budget and this will clearly look upon the issues clearly spelt in this document.

I also wish to encourage the Members to go through the document; it is clearly spelt, written on how much money has been allocated in millions concerning the given sectors that were highlighted. In this case I am quick to notice that agriculture has been given the first priority and are the biggest beneficiaries and when I talk of agriculture I know a big fraction of the County are practicing agriculture and the others are doing livestock.

In this case, with the budget Committee, it will be very possible for us to notice the key areas that we need to look into bearing in mind these are the thoughts of the Members of the public and the executive. In this case, I also wish to highlight that the Members of the private sector and development partners will look at this document to know which County they will invest in. Without this document, may I quote what his Excellency the Governor said in a certain meeting they didn't have anything to quote or to refer from amongst the things they are giving priority to allow them to get donor support in the County for us to progress.

I highly beseech this House and its Members to consider the period we are working with and to also consider that we need donors and support of other countries and the national government and without the CIDP we are not in a good position to state the level this County is at. Kindly Members, I beseech you to consider passing this motion because this document and motion is of high importance to this County and the good will of the people of Laikipia that is very well highlighted is at the mercy of the Members this afternoon. Thank you very much and I second the motion.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much; I would like to propose the question which is;

> ***THAT**, this House approves the report of the finance planning and County development Committee report on the County Integrated Development Plan laid in the House on 10th December 2013.*

**Speaker**: Yes Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to support this motion. Before I proceed I would like to tell the Hon. Maruga that what we rejected last time was the finance bill and not the integrated plan. Mr. Speaker I would like to thank

you and all the Members here because this is the reflection of the County Assembly of Laikipia...

**Speaker**: What is it Hon. Dann?

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, is it in order for this House to discuss this report while some of the Members have not signed especially the vice chair Hon. Joseph Suge has not signed the report and another member Hon. Jennifer Koinante has not signed the report Mr. Speaker?

**Speaker**: Hon. Dann, of course a report can be signed by everyone but can also be signed by the chair but just for consistency, why it is not signed Hon. Kabaci.

**Hon. Kabaci**: Mr. Speaker as you have heard from the vice chair, he was in Eldoret yesterday while we were signing the document and he should not make it by then but the document being signed by the chairman is a genuine one in this Assembly Mr. Speaker. Thank you

**Speaker**: That is true, if the document is signed by the chair that is good enough. At least it shows more of authenticity if all the Members can sign unless those who don't sign actually have an objection or have a minority report which we can always see on the floor of the House. Yes Hon. Kimondo, is it a point of order.

**Hon. Kimondo**: Point of clarification, in the mandate of the Committee I wanted to be clarified on whether they were mandated to prepare because they have said they were mandated to prepare. I want to get it clear as to whether they prepared it or to was the executive.

**Speaker**: Okay, let the mover note that. At the point of reply you will have to respond to some of these issues as to whether you are the one who prepared or it was to be approved in the House as per the law. Hon. Mukuria.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion on the County Integrated Plan because this is a very important document for this County. I urge Members to please support this motion because if you don't approve this motion it means you are going t hold the County for the next six months because without this document, we cannot collect revenue or we cannot be able to allow the investors to come to this County . Mr. Speaker I want to say that...

**Speaker**: What are you doing with the micropHon.e...Hon... You seem to be in a point of order.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Mr. Speaker is the Hon. Members for Marmanet in order to say that the County cannot collect revenue if we don't approve this CIDP?

**Speaker**: Certainly he is not in order because we are collecting revenue and we haven't passed it yet. Hon. Mukuria I think you are guided.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Mr. Speaker, I think we are collecting according to the law. We are collecting revenue illegally...

**Speaker**: Proceed Hon...

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Point of order Mr. Speaker, he said...

**Speaker**: Order, order Hon. Wakahiu, you can't proceed. Order, order, order Members, order Hon. Maitai. I suggest that you go beyond that point Hon. Mukuria; I don't think there is any correlation between the CIPD at present and the revenue collection. You probably meant the finance bill and not the CIDP. Please proceed.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand corrected. Mr. Speaker it is very important because these Members were given this information since yesterday when the chairman laid the report and I

have come to realise that this document has covered all areas of this sector.

Mr. Speaker, I kindly requests the Members to look forward because before we go on recess, the County requests the Members to see that they scrutinize the document very well. If there any amendment that you want to be done you can say it before the House. Since this document has been there for the last four months, we have gone round trying to search for all information that can be needed. Since budgeting, all Members have had the opportunity to present their views; the executive also had the opportunity to present its views. As you have heard, this document is like a roadmap showing where we are going and maybe Mr. Speaker this document is a document of its nature and one that we have to see with purpose of the promises that we made to our people.

This CIDP involves the first year to last year of this term and it is covered very well and the plans and the future of this County. Mr. Speaker, I support this motion.

**Hon. Dann**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support his motion since we are behind schedule according to the development plan of the County although I would urge the Members of this Committee to be more conversant with what is going on.

It is worrying to hear that a member of this Committee namely Hon. Mukuria to tell this House that we are collecting revenue illegally, I don't know what we are doing; therefore Mr. Speaker I urge the Members to attend Committee meetings so as to be conversant with what the Committee is doing and you will not call the finance bill the CIDP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Wangu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, mine is a request. If it is possible for us to be given time because the last time to see this document was in Naivasha and it was issued to us yesterday evening....

**Speaker**: Order, what is it Hon. Dann.

**Hon. Dann**: Mr. Speaker is it in order for....

**Speaker**: Hon. Wangu please have your seat.

**Hon. Dann**: I think when we were in Naivasha we were issued with the finance bill and not the integrated plan.

**Speaker**: As far as I can remember, you were issued with both. Hon. Wangu just proceed...

**Hon. Wangu**: Okay it is not like we are opposing the document but we are asking for enough time. We don't want to come here and endorse the report of the CIDP , this document will remain with us for so many years, five years down the line so I dont see the need to rush. So please if you don't mind please give us more time. I even heard the Members saying yesterday that they did not affect their input. So we are requesting that if it's possible you give us time to go through the document and it's not like we are rejecting the document. The document is ours and we are requesting for more time.

**Speaker**: Yes, let's listen to a few Members before we come to a conclusion. Hon. Jennifer, Hon. Jacob, Hon. thomi and then Hon. Wakahiu and then Hon. Maruga.

**Hon. Jennifer**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the report saying that we were given this document on the CIDP at Naivasha. We were also given some messages asking us to give our input so that they are factored in the development plan. So if we continue taking more time we are playing ourselves because if we don't do it today then we will have to count another six months. If you have an interest of a place i think its enough for you to take an hour and go through the particular areas that you had an interest in so as to adopt the document.

Even if we are given more time we will still need more time because it is like we are not taking seriousness in reading and bringing up those things. I will request the Members to adopt this and move faster because we want to move as a County and don't want to be left behind because if we don't adopt this document then we shall be left behind so I urge you to be serious and to adopt the document.

**Hon. Jacob**: Asante Sana Bw. Spika. Langu ni kuomba tu kwa sababu hii hati ni yetu na ni ye miaka tano ambayo inawakilisha hii kaunti mzima. Kwa hivyo mimi ningeomba tupewe muda ya kuiangalia kwa sababu ninapoangalia ninaona makosa mingi sana. Kwa hivyo tupewe muda ya kuangalia kwa sababu ni hati inayowakilisha kaunti yote. Kwa hivyo ningeomba tupewe muda ya kuangalia. Asante.

**Hon. Thomi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mine is just a little but Mr. Speaker I wanted some clarification from the chair because of how they are going to correct some of these errors on this CIDP for example in the area of water. Mr. Speaker Ngarachi community project is in Karandi and that is Marmanet ward but it says here that it is in Githiga ward and they have allocated 18 million. Mr. Speaker I cannot able to explain to the people of Githiga Ward how 18 million is in Githiga while the project being carried out is in Marmanet area. Still on this, some errors need to be corrected before we approve it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Wakahiu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to concur with the Hon. Members who are suggesting that we need to go through this document. Mr. Speaker, I remember when we were making the County budget we made more than 10 copies trying to come up with what was better for the County and Mr. Speaker though some received SMS, there are many things that we feel may not be included in the CIDP. If I mention that Salama has a lot that has not been mentioned, if I remember there was public participation in the month of May with the district development officers whereby our people who elected us gave their priorities whereby they were very many and many are not captured in this CIDP. So Mr. Speaker I will support this document in a position that you we will be given room to come up with those projects and they revisit the CIDP. There are many that are left in that condition that the chair of this Committee should explain to us the ways that are available for us to come with other projects to include in this CIDP. So I support in that condition.

**Hon. Maruga**: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, according to Standing Order number 5, after the question has been proposed on a motion the motion shall be deemed to be in the possession of the County Assembly and shall not be withdrawn without the support of the County Assembly. Mr. Speaker, the last time I saw this document was in Naivasha and we scrutinized both the CIDP and the finance bill and we rejected all. Later I feel like I have been arm twisted to find a document on the table discussing the document which if passed today, the County will start to implement it when I have not gone through. Even if we go as per the report that was tabled here yesterday Mr. Speaker, the document is a volume of papers and a Hon. Member cannot go through it overnight. I kindly request the House to postpone this issue as Members go through the document and make developments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you very much, allows me to actually...that is why I was saying... order Hon. Maitai. That's is why I was saying it is good to have time to read the Standing Orders and Hon. Maruga you are on target. The Members can say that we do not proceed but if you refer to the Standing Orders and consider the question but Hon. Maruga has put it on target. Actually Standing Order number 55 provides that if the motion has been proposed and seconded that becomes the property of the Assembly and so no one can actually withdraw it unless this House decides to withdraw it and on that case I would consider that Hon. Maruga's proposal is a motion which I would like to propose. A supplemented motion; that the motion which is

***THAT**,the House approves a report of the finance planning and County development report on the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) laid in the House on 10th December 2013 be withdrawn.*

Let us get some intervention from the Members that we withdraw this motion. This is not a defeat of the motion but it is just withdrawn to be reintroduced later. Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai:** Mr. Speaker Sir I thank Hon. Maruga because I think he has brought in what I really needed. I really identify with the Members the issues that they are raising. We are talking about County Development Integrated Plan, very important document. I am really bothered because I made recommendations to several ministries to put in some inputs that I thought were really important I have gone through this document and I cannot see them included anywhere .

I am particularly bothered about the sector on youth development and under the topic labelled causes, issues and proposed interventions, they list many challenges that face young people, I will not go through them but they are well stipulated under that angle, but Mr. Speaker Sir, you come to the project that have been outlined there literally nothing just some ambiguous words like empowerment, office equipment but nothing for the young people at all with the many issues that face the young people but when it comes to the project and solutions, there is literally nothing.

I have made some good recommendations to the ministry and other ministries on the issues I thought that they were really relevant and should be included in the District Development Plan but they have not been included. I support that we withdrawal this motion it is not a defeat so that we relook into it, so that we come up with a document, an exemplary document if we need to achieve a Model County we keep talking about. I support the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Kinyua

**Hon. Kinyua:** Asante Bw. Spika, langu ni kuomba huu mjadala usimamishwe kwa sababu tukipitisha ikiwa hivyo, ile mambo ambayo iko hapo kwa Wadi yangu ndio nitakuwa nikipangia pesa kwa miaka tano ijayo. Kwa hivyo ikiwa kuna kitu sijaweka hapo sitatenga pesa yake kwa Bajeti na kwa hivyo tusimamishe kwanza ni uangalie ili nihakikishe yale mambo hayajawekwa, yamewekwa kwa sababu miaka mitano mimi ndiye niko na sijui kama miaka hiyo mingine mitano watanipea ama watanitema nje na pia ili kila mtu aridhike kwa hivyo tusipitishe ili tuiangalie vizuri.

**Speaker:** Lets only have those three and then we put it in to a vote. Hon. Jacob, Hon. Dann, and Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante sana Bw. Spika, langu ni kusema kwamba nikiangalia hii stakabadhi kidogo kama mambo ya maji kama Laikipia North ni Wadi moja pekee imezingatiwa zingine hakuna kitu. Ningeomba kwa sababu hii stakabadhi ni yetu na sisi ndio tunaangalia vile tunaweza jisaidia nayo, ningeomba tupatiwe muda wakuangaliana tutaunga mkono. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Dann

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I stand I support the Motion of the withdrawal of this report because about one month ago the chairperson text every member and asked us to bring our inputs. I brought mine, I have seen them in the Integrated Plan, I have also read Integrated Plan, and therefore I oppose it because we cannot oppose it because of the refusal of Members refusing to read. Members should learn to read, books Mr. Speaker

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Wangu, what is it.

**Hon. Wangu**: It is a point of order to Hon. Dann; Hon. Members do not refuse to read. Hon. Members are busy and this why we did not have time to read this document. Thank you

**Speaker:** Hon. Dann, you are well guided.

**Hon. Dann:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, even though everybody is busy and we get a few hours at least to read 3-4 pages to read the integrated plan and therefore I oppose the motion.

**Mr. Speaker**: We would not raise a point of order because he has sat down. Hon. Mukuria, don't raise a point of order as he has sat down. Are you hijacking Hon. Suge, he was to speak but continue.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to oppose the withdrawal of this motion. Members I kindly request, like now Hon. Maitai has said there is nothing that has been done to the youth. Let us go to the Youth and see if there is anything that has been done for them. Mr. Speaker let us scrutinise the document a bit…

**Hon. Speaker:** What is it Hon. Maruga? Hon. Mukuria please have your sit.

**Hon. Maruga:** Is it in order for a member to refer us to the report when we are discussing about withdrawing of the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** What Hon. Mukuria is trying to do is to add meat to his argument and I am sure he is not going take long.

**Hon. Mukuria**: Thank you Mr. Speaker for protecting me. I have come to realise that Members are not conscious of what they are saying here because when an Hon. Member stands in the House and say that nothing has been done for the youth, while there is more than 400 million shillings set aside for the youth, let's not just oppose. I rise to say that …

**Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai:** Mr. Speaker Sir, the word nothing is relative. When I say, I do not see anything, you can even put a billion shillings or even two but what is in this document is not tangible. There is no deliverables as far as the youth projects are put there. Even though they were to put 10 billion, but there is no indication of what results ….

**Speaker:** What is your Point of Order Hon. Maitai?

**Hon. Maitai:** Is Hon. Mukuria in order to say that when I said nothing I did not know what I was saying.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria, let us not have a cross fire, I suggest you get to the next point.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I was just trying to clarify that when a Hon. Member stands, we should say the areas that have errors. We should have an opportunity to say that an amendment…

**Speaker:** It seems like Hon. Mukuria is attracting quite a number of points of order.

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Mr. Speaker is it in order for Hon. Mukuria to tell us where the error is whereas we received the books yesterday and it is made up of 292 pages.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria, do not engage the Members. Make your point of either accepting or refusing the motion.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Mr. Speaker, I was just trying to support my point where I am opposing. When I say that Members when you oppose, we should oppose on reasons because I am sure that even though you go through the document and come back in February, the same Members will say that they don't have time to read. Mr. Speaker. Please protect me from the member.

**Speaker:** Order Hon. Jacob, Let him conclude. Hon. Mukuria please concludes.

**Hon. Mukuria:** Mr. Speaker, let's take this document seriously because if we go for recess to, we are going to take another two months before we get this document. If we don't take this matter serious, we will be taking the County hostage because of our own negligence of not reading the document. For the last 5-6 months, we have be asked to bring the input. We cannot say that we have not read or we have not gone through the document but Mr. Speaker Sir when it comes February they will be saying the document is another 90 pages, Mr. Speaker I would like to oppose the amendments.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria, I would like to remind you that Members are never negligent. Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Suge:** I stand to oppose the withdrawal of this motion Mr. Speaker because of some few reasons. It has been a long period since the beginning of this process and all Members are aware that we held several meetings on the ground whereby all the stakeholders were involved and even Hon. Members from various places were also invited and whatever was given a priority, everything was captured in this document. I would like to inform the Members that if we defer this motion today, we risk going for another six months without the County Integrated Development Plan.

We are all aware that passing this document is like opening a door of development to this County and all the Members have a vision that they want Laikipia County to be a developed County. We want to leave Laikipia County better than we found it. Members, I request that we pass this motion as there is another since this is not the last process as there is still another chance where the document will be published. There is still time to read the document and provide what had been left as no one is perfect in the world. Hon. Members, we got messages from the Chair requesting submission of proposals in writing of which all Members did. The omission could result from typing errors…

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu what is it?

**Hon. Wakahiu:** Point of order. Is it in order Mr. Speaker for Hon. Member to say that we received messages and yet there is nothing to prove how I received the message…

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, although Hon. Wakahiu is denying to receive the message when we were in Naivasha every member was told to submit their proposal in writing and I know Mr. Waithaka you cannot deny that you were not in Naivasha.

**Speaker:** Precede Hon. Suge. Hon. Kinyua what is it? Hon. Suge please have your sit.

**Hon. Kinyua:** Ni kweli ya kwamba Hon. Suge anatuambia tupitishe hii ripoti na anaelewa ya kwamba kuna makosa kwa uandikaji na kwa hivyo lake ni kupitisha tu.

**Speaker:** What is the point of order?

**Hon. Kinyua:** Kuna haja gani tupitishe ikiwa na makosa na hata yeye anaona kuna makosa ya uandikaji?

**Speaker:** Don't engage on this issue but please take note on what the Members are saying.

**Hon. Suge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, may be according to some Members are seeing there are a few mistakes but according to me as the Committee member I see the document was done professionally we even involved district development officers who assisted in the process so I will request the Members to pass this Motion today to allow this County to move forward. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I had said I will be concluding at Hon. Suge but Hon. Wangu I have a feeling that you will be extremely free and Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Wangu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine I want to address this Committee of finance they don't have that feeling like we want the motion to fail but this is a document. I want to highlight to Hon. Mukuria, he told us we tell him the areas that we feel they are not well catered of. When we went to Namibia, we were on a finding tour on Agriculture and we were talking on ways we can bring the tannery industry because of some three, four thing we found DolDol cannot provide for the raw material. In this document, our tannery industry is actually in DolDol and if we pass this Document I don't how you will convince the Doldol people about the transfer while its written here and that's why we are requesting the Finance Committee to give us time so that we can rectify the mistakes the Members are complaining about, they do not want the document to fail, in fact we have really worked all of us for this Document and we are looking forward to come up with a very perfect document, not just to pass because Mukuria is supporting or the Committee , thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Catherine please proceed…

**Hon. Catherine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the withdrawal of this Motion. I just want to speak closely with my colleagues Hon. Members, if you are very Hon.est with each other all of you were invited to submit your contributing, I agree member will say they busy and that they dint have time to peruse through this document but for the sake of this County , the amount of money that we have spent on this Document even trying to engage these Hon. Member telling them we want to go again to the public for another public forum, I know some of you do not have even time to go and engage in those activities and I agree with you if you feel there is something that is lacking in that document, this Committee will always give that room for your recommendations and anything else that you want to be added in that document but kindly pass this document and before the publishing.

I can promise you as a member of that Committee that your input will be put in place but for this time Hon. Members let's not withdraw this Motion for the sake and future of the County kindly consider passing CIDP when that particular time comes. Thank you.

**Speaker:** As indicated, I have to put the question;

> ***THAT,*** *In accordance with the Standing Order No. 55, the Motion which is that this House approves a report the of Finance, planning and County Development Committee report and County Integrated Plan laid in the House on 10th December 2013 be withdrawn.*

***(Motion agreed)***

Effectively what that means Hon. Members is that the Motion is withdrawn and the Committee will now take this seriously under the leadership of the Committee that they will get time to fine tune the issues in that report so that as soon as we can we can pass the County Integrated plan. The motion will come when the House Business Committee schedules it sooner. Thank you.

**MOTION**

**[Leader of Majority through Hon. Wakahiu]**

Mr. Speaker, Sir I beg to move the following Motion;

> ***THAT****, this House approves the exemption of Standing Order No 24 (1) to allow the House to proceed on recess from 11th December 2013 and resume on 4th February 2014.*

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I move this Motion I will request the House to support that we go recess since these are Christmas holidays and many of our people are waiting us down there and we also want to have a break in this festive season. I request Hon. Peter Thomi to second the Motion.

*(Hon. Thomi bowed)*

**Speaker:** I will like to propose the question;

**THAT,** this House approves the exemption of Standing Order No 24 (1) to allow the House to proceed on recess from 11th December 2013 and resume on 4th February 2014.

**Hon. Dann:** I congratulate Hon. Wakahiu for bringing the Motion for it has been long overdue, we have been very busy and exhausted and we want go and meet our people in fact they have been complaining that we have been away for many days and this is the time as Hon. Members we shall go there and meet our people and receive their input and bring it to the CIDP which has just been withdrawn. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Jacob.

**Hon. Jacob:** Asante Sana Bw. Spika nashukuru Bw. Wakahiu vile ameleta huo mjadala wake. Naunga mkono sababu wananchi wanasema tumepotea wale ambao tunawakilisha na ili tuweze kuwaona na vile vile wajue tuko kwa sababu saa yote wanasema tulipotea na pia tuko na 'Graders' katika maeneo yetu ndio tunataka kwenda kufuatilia ili kazi ionekane. Asante.

**Speaker:** Hon. Maitai.

**Hon. Maitai:** Asante Bw. Spika mimi ninasimama kuunga mkono, siku kadhaa zimepita tumekuwa tukipokea mafunzo na mojawapo ya mambo ambayo tumekuwa tukifunzwa ni kwamba ni vizuri sisi tukiwa waheshimiwa tuweze kujihusisha na mambo ya kibinafsi ambayo yanatuhusu sisi kama waheshimiwa tusiwe tunafanyia umma kazi na tujisahau sisi na familia zetu. Kwa hivyo mimi naona tutapata wakati mzuri wa kwenda nyumbani kwetu tuone familia zetu, watoto wetu na yale mengine yana tuhusu. Naunga mjadala huu mkono.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mukuria

**Hon. Mukuria**: Mr. Speaker ours we need to be guided, I don't know what some Committee will do once we go on recess, like now the Committee of infrastructure, there are machines on the ground, as we close how are we going to oversight for those graders which are on the ground. Is there a way that we can be able to go and scrutinize the way things are done in the ground?

**Speaker:** Hon. Kimondo

**Hon. Kimondo:** Asante sana Bw. Spika nasimama kuunga mkono twende kwa mapumziko na lile swali mwenzangu anauliza ni kwamba kamati haziendi mapumziko zitaendelea na ile siku zitakuwa hazifanyi kazi ni wakati wafanyikazi wetu watakuwa wameenda masomo. Asante Bw. Spika.

**Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Maruga and then the mover to reply.

**Hon. Mwangi**: Thank you Mr. Speaker I want to thank Hon. Wakahiu for bringing this motion. Mr. Speaker when Hon. Wakahiu was moving this Motion I looked around and through my observation the whole House was smiling with relaxed faces and it seems that they have already agreed that we go on recess and as we know Hon. Members don't sleep but they want to rest I will propose that we continue with the recess to rest our minds as we continue with the work of Committee.

**Speaker:** Hon. Wakahiu.

**Hon. Wakahiu: S**omebody said, 'Stop and kiss the roses', I don't know whether it was like that. I think is Dr. Julius Kones during our seminar, so I want to

thank Hon. Members for supporting this Motion, because this is our time now to stop and kiss the roses, we have families, electorates, graders are there on the ground and we also need time with all the people at our place so Mr. Speaker am grateful and happy and I want to wish Hon. Member Merry Christmas and Happy new year.

**Speaker:** I will like to put the question;

**THAT**, this House approves the exemption of Standing Order No 24 (1) to allow the House to proceed on recess from 11th December, 2013 and resume on 4th February, 2014.

*(Motion agreed)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all the Members of Laikipia County Assembly and even to the extention the staff, a Merry Christmas and happy New Year and I wish them well as they do consultation later today with the fellow staff. We go on recess until 4th of February, 2014.

The House rose at 5:05p.m.

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