REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 12th February, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.41 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Deputy Speaker: I therefore direct the serjeant-at-arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for 4 minutes)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Samuel Parleto?

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think there is quorum now.

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm the same?

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Deputy Speaker: I therefore direct the Serjeant at Arms to stop ringing the bell.

STATEMENT

DIRTY TOWNS IN LAIKIPIA AND EMERGENCE OF STREET CHILDREN IN TOWNS

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am reading a statement on behalf of Hon. Salim. It is a statement on dirty towns and emergence of street children in towns.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 45 (2) c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairpersons, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee regarding the above-mentioned subject matter.

Hon. Speaker, Article 26(1) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that every person has the right to life. Article 42 further states that every person has the right to a clean and healthy environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through legislative and other measures, particularly those contemplated in Article 69.

Hon. Speaker, the towns in Laikipia have a lot of litter with little to no aesthetic appeal. The consequences of littering are far reaching, impacting on wildlife, ecosystems, public health and the overall aesthetic appeal of our surroundings. Further, there has been an emergence of street children in the towns in Laikipia. This has caused a security threat to tourists and Laikipia residents since this street children are out here seeking for cash handouts for survival or for drug abuse.

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Hon. Speaker, I hereby request the Chairpersons, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee to inform this Assembly on;

1. What the department of Environment is doing to ensure cleanliness in towns. This includes unclogging of drainages and erecting of dustbins in designated areas to curb the menace of littering.
2. Measures the department of Environment is considering to ensure that towns regain the aesthetic appeal which includes but is not limited to planting of flowers, pruning of overgrown branches on trees and frequent street clean up.
3. Measures the department of Social Services is undertaking to ensure that street children have been adequately rehabilitated and that they do not go back to the streets.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Do we have the Chair for Labour and Social Services Committee? If not, I will ask Hon. Leila who I understand is a member of the same committee… Not Agriculture, we are speaking about the Labour Committee. So, who is its member? Do we have any member here? So, Hon. Mwaniki, this report lies squarely on your committee. I would like you to tell the House how much time you need to respond to the same.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request that we be given two weeks to respond to this.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwaniki, you have two weeks. Through the Office of the Speaker, we will allow you two weeks to provide an answer on the same.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until next week on Tuesday, 18th February, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.52 p.m.

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