

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Third Assembly (Third Session)

Wednesday, 26TH June 2024

Assembly Building

The House Met At 9:40 am

[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): In the Chair].

PRAYER

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Leader of Majority Party.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I stand on Standing Order 34 on the adjournment of the House. Standing Order 34 talks about any Member may, at any time, for reasons stated seek leave to move that this House do an adjournment.

Mr. Speaker, you are aware of the happenings across the Country. We have seen a lot of insecurity and more so, the riots that have been going on; on matters to do with the *Gen Z*, and we have seen many Honorable Members across the divide being targeted. We have also seen the Assemblies are being targeted and we are worried on the safety of our Members, even as they come to this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of Executive Orders, and as a County Assembly we are also living in uncertainty because we are not so sure of what will happen tomorrow, what happens today in the afternoon and what is going to happen even for the days to come.

Mr. Speaker, we know the Calendar of Assembly is well regulated and guided that our Sittings are on every Tuesday and Wednesday and my request as the Leader of this House is to move a Motion of Adjournment so that we may be able to adjourn for the afternoon session so that these Members can also rest and stay peacefully in secured zones; be it with their families or wherever they feel is safe.

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Mr. Speaker, when we came to the Assembly this morning, we found a lot of uniformed men and women, even along the town's streets. It is only fair that these Members can stay at their comfort zones because the Honorable Members (MCAs) are not provided with security by law. It is only fair that people stay where they feel is safe. I beg to request you in your wisdom that we adjourn for the afternoon session until the normal Plenary Sessions for this year.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Honorable Majority Leader. The same Standing Order 34 (3) anticipates that if there is going to be a Debate, then the Debate on Motion under this Standing Order shall be confined to the matter of the Motion. Possibly, you may need to invite someone to second and then we hear whether Members are of the same opinion.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I beg to request the Honorable Deputy Speaker of this House to second this Motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to second the Motion. Whatever is going on around the Country is not something that one can anticipate or contain and it is for this reason that we are requesting that the House be adjourned so that Members of this Honorable House can get to places where they feel safe, and so that we can go back to our homes and the regions that we were elected from so that we can consult and stay with the people and get to know what is happening on the ground. On this one, I rise to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Members, the Motion is properly seconded and the Motion is that according to Standing Order 34 that this House do now adjourn and that is the Motion. We are going to allow few Members and then we are going to proceed. The Member for Kivumbini Ward.

Hon. Neto Sakwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I also rise to support the Motion. It is known that yesterday, Members of Parliament (MPs) who are guaranteed with security had a hectic time to reach their homes and others were harassed by *Wananchi*. I support this Motion, we as Honorable Members and yesterday we were in this Assembly, we did the morning Business, and the afternoon Business but leaving this place to go to our homes was hectic for us. It now seems like it is a matter of national importance to all Honorable Members elected and it seems now this young generation is targeting elected leaders because they feel they are not doing them justice. I support the Motion that it will be good to adjourn the House maybe to the next day that we need to assemble here as a House so that we be safe with our families as we monitor every movement of the demonstrations. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Honorable Member for Kihingo.

Hon. Simon Karanja: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion that we adjourn until a later date because what is happening is like it is no longer an issue to do with the Finance Bill. This morning, I was going through the social media in my phone and of course yesterday some of these young men and women from my Ward went to Njoro and they are saying once they are done with Njoro they are coming for me as long as I am elected.

Mr. Speaker that is why am saying that this is no longer about the Finance Bill. There is more to it than meets the eye and I want to keep vigil for me and my family. I cannot keep vigil when my family is not nearby, that is why I am supporting this Motion so that every Honorable Member can keep safe wherever he or she is together with their families. Therefore, I support the Motion so that at least we can safeguard ourselves. Thank you I support the Motion.

Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Member for Barut and then the Member for Kaptembwo in that order.

Hon. Bernard Kirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion of Adjournment considering how things are going in our town, and even here in the Assembly. Things are not safe because we have those youths moving around the Assembly maybe they want to come in to cause mayhem. So we are in support that we just go for a short time and then come back. I have heard from the Majority Leader that we are not entitled to have security, and I was thinking if it is possible we can be given three Officers each to take care of us. One will be moving around with us and the two to guard our homes because we are not safe. As you can see even the MP for Molo KK's home was burned down because he is the Chair for Finance. I think Mheshimiwa from Kamara you are in trouble because you are our Chair Finance so I think you are next. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion of Adjournment.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honorable Member for Kaptembwa.

Hon. Peter Kajwang': Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support this Motion of Adjournment. It is a sad day for the Country and the Country is burning. We saw what happened to the National Assembly, The County Assembly of Machakos, the City Hall and the sporadic occurrences across the Country following the protests by Gen-Zs and Millennials on the issue of the Finance Bill. I want to say that it is important that Members also get some time to go and check on their constituents who yesterday showed their democratic right to go to the streets to make their valid demands.

Mr. Speaker, I represent a big number of protestors who came from my Ward and showed their might in the streets of Nakuru and several of them were injured, others still in Police Cells and my phone is very busy because people want me to go and check on them in hospitals, and see if the others can get released from the Police Cells. It is valid that we give attention to that, and also stand

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with them in solidarity. The reason why the National Assembly was raided is because some adamant MPs thought that it was a walk in the park. We cannot take it for granted because politics are local, even though we are discussing an issue that is being handled at the National Assembly, eventually all these people come from the Wards and they want to hear the opinion of their local leaders, and if their local leaders stand with them in solidarity.

Mr. Speaker, it is sad that in Nakuru all the MPs voted ‘Yes’ , including my own MP who could be in trouble right now. So Mr. Speaker allow us to go and address these local issues so that we are in a position also to help and guide our constituents to understand better and also to focus on a better way to get resolve on these issues and to move forward. Thank you Mr. Speaker I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Member for Kaptembwa; the Hon. Chairperson Finance you will get your time because you have been mentioned but for now The Hon. Member for Njoro.

Hon. Hezzy Kariuki: *Asante sana Bwana Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono huu Mswada tuairishe hii Bunge sababu maisha yetu yako hatarini. Jana Bwana Spika, wakati tuliondoka hapa Mheshimiwa Mwangi wa Turi, unamuona amenyamaza hapa alikuwa kwa shida. Mimi nilimpatia askari wangu, alikuwa anaenda kuchukua mtoto wake shuleni pale Lare na alipofika Egerton kulikuwa kubaya sana. Nilimpatia askari wangu na pikipiki karibu 20 ndio akapita pale Egerton. Kwa hivyo kusema ya kwamba twende tupumzike kwanza sababu hao watu baada ya kumalizana na wale Wabunge watakuja kwetu.*

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, ni muhimu sana tuairishe ili twende tupumzike mpaka wakati haya maandamano yatakwisha kwa sababu “Mkikuyu husema ya kwamba ikimaliza kula mzeee inakula mtoto”. Kwa hivyo wale wakimalizwa sasa itakuwa ni sisi. Kwa hivyo ningomba Bwana Spika tuairishe hii Bunge mpaka huu mgomo uishe. Asante sana, naunga mkono.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the Hon. Member for Kamara

Hon. John Maritim: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir; I rise to support the Adjournment Motion and echo what my colleague has said that we are the next victims to be slaughtered, and I believe they are looking for people like me in Finance. Yesterday as I was going home, I passed by Molo which is usually a quiet town and I entered Total Filling Stations. Within a short period, some guys were passing by chanting “*next ni wewe*” when we are through with KK *hata wewe ni wa Finance tutakufuata.*

Mr. Speaker, you know when I heard that, I flew to Kericho where I slept and today I came very early but they did not come looking for me. Mr. Speaker, if there is a way you can protect us

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because you know what these people are saying is not a joke. They aim to burn down our houses arguing that this is the money that we have been collecting from them.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge the Members to be more vigilant; these people are after us. Once they are through with the elected MPS, they will come for us. What I usually say is that, as long as they see you with a small or a big car, clean man *kidogo umechanua nywele* they are up for you. So I urge that we be vigilant, stay indoors and restrict our movements. Thank Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the Hon. Member, for Elementaita and lastly the Member for Flamingo.

Hon. George Nene: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I did not want to comment today but I am quite impressed by the Honorable Member for Njoro. Since I was elected I have never seen him debating in this House apart from one day he seconded a Motion. I have seen it is not business as usual because when we sat at the cafeteria today in the morning, we had a short discussion with the Hon. Member from Turi and he was telling us how he ended up in his home at Turi but he did not mention that he was helped by Hon. Hezzy.

Mr. Speaker, it is very hard to tell when Hon. John Mwangi is telling the truth and when he is lying. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I want to support this Motion because we need to be safe; we cannot sit here and go on with the business of this House when things are burning out there. So I support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Member for Flamingo.

Hon. David Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I would also like to support this Motion. Yesterday when I went home I found some boys surrounding my area. They were demanding to know whether I was supporting them or not. Mr. Speaker, the security of the Members of this House is not guaranteed. So when they finish with the MPs it can also escalate to the MCAs and you can read the mood of this House that the Members fear coming to this House because of their security. I support this Motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; Hon. Members I now want to put it to question.

(Question proposed that according to Standing Order No. 34 1, 2 and 3, this House adjourns to Tuesday, 2nd July, which is next week at 9.30 am).

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

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The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Sorry for that, this House is adjourned to Tuesday next week at 9.30 am

(The House rose at 12.20 pm)

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