

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF UASIN GISHU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 6th October, 2021

The House met at Assembly Chambers at 11:25 am

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam) in the Chair]

PRAYER

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Ramadhan Member representing Kiplombe Ward.

Hon. Werambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to give a Notice of Motion:

Aware that, the Fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, transfers the function of fire fighting and disaster management to County governments; Further aware that Uasin Gishu County Assembly passed County Emergency Fund Regulations in 2015 which provides guideline on management of disasters among other emergencies; Cognizant that disasters are in form of catastrophes and calamities that arise from natural occurrences, manmade causes or accidents which results in substantial loss of life, human suffering and destruction of property; Further cognizant that, such happenings require immediate action hence, approval of payments before use may not be applicable; Noting that, section 11(1) of the Uasin Gishu County Emergency Fund regulations requires the County Executive Committee Member for Finance to seek approval of the County Assembly within two months after the payment is made from the Emergency Fund: This Honourable House urges the County government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Finance and Economic Planning to submit all payments made from the Emergency fund to County Assembly for approval within 21 days.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam) Thank you very much, Hon. Ramadhan. Clerk!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon Ramadhan.

Hon. Werambo: Excuse me, Mr Speaker Sir.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Yes.

Hon. Werambo: I thought when we reach number nine, we can tackle the substantial motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam) Clerk!

MOTION

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon Ramadhan.

1

Disclaimer: The electronic version of the Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor, with authority of the Clerk, Uasin Gishu County Assembly.

Hon. Werambo: Thank you, Sir.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the motion:

Aware that the Fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, transfers the function of fire fighting and disaster management to County governments; **Further aware** that Uasin Gishu County Assembly passed County Emergency Fund Regulations in 2015 which provides guideline on management of disasters among other emergencies; **Cognizant that** disasters are in form of catastrophes and calamities that arise from natural occurrences, manmade causes or accidents which results in substantial loss of life, human suffering and destruction of property; **Further cognizant** that, such happenings require immediate action hence, approval of payments before use may not be applicable; **Noting that**, section 11(1) of the Uasin Gishu County Emergency Fund regulations requires the County Executive Committee Member for Finance to seek approval of the County Assembly within two months after the payment is made from the Emergency Fund: This Honourable House urges the County government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Finance and Economic Planning to submit all payments made from the Emergency fund to County Assembly for approval within 21 days.

Mr. Speaker, we have read and actually established emergency fund and its regulations from 2015, but to date we have had a lot of emergencies but you can find this House is supposed to discuss---- even if the emergencies occur it is not supposed to take more than two months before it is reported to this House so that we can get to know how much was used and then, as it is required, we can approve after that time. However, Mr. Speaker, to date there is nothing forthcoming from the executive in terms of showing what emergencies they carried out, what they did, how it was done and how much was used. There was an audit query about the same and they actually went and that is when they gave what the auditors had asked but as far as this county Assembly is concerned, as per section 11 of the Emergency fund regulations 2015, the executive has actually neglected. Therefore, this is the prayer and I would wish Hon. Members to join hands in this and actually approve this motion so that we can get to know what has been happening with this emergency fund regulations. If any money has been used in terms of emergency, let it be reported to this House as per the regulation.

So, Mr Speaker, this motion actually is to ask the Finance and Economic Planning the CEC in charge to actually submit as he/she is supposed to do as per the regulations. There are many things that are neglected but at the end of the day, they cause audit queries and you realize that this is something that can be corrected today but nobody is taking care or following the regulations that we pass in this House.

Therefore, Mr. speaker, I would like to urge my colleagues that we pass this motion so that if somebody is on the slumber bed, he should be made to wake up and do what is he/she is supposed to do. I would wish to ask Hon. Malot to second me. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Leah Malot.

Hon. Malot: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

First of all, I want to congratulate the Hon. Member, Hon Ramadhan Ali, MCA Kiplombe, for the noble idea that has brought this motion.

I want to second this motion and say that it is good that this Hon House should know where the emergency fund has been used. It is quite in order that we get value for money. And after the money has been used, Hon. Speaker, it is good that we have been given how it has been used well and how the allocation has been distributed.

I know emergencies sometimes come in when we are not aware; it is something that comes in when we are not aware but at least the CEC, finance should submit to this honourable House how the money has been used, who the beneficiaries are, what the emergencies were and whether it was really a serious emergency. This is because this money has been set aside and we should really know where the money has been used.

Otherwise, I do second the Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Thank you very much, Hon. Malot. Honourable Members, the Motion has been appropriately seconded and I therefore propose a question.

(Question proposed)

Ensuing debate, Honourable Members! Hon. Muya?

Hon. Muya: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

from the onset, I want to thank and congratulate the leader of minority – Hon. Ali Ramadhan Werambo for coming up with such a noble Motion. This reminds us that we need to carry out checks and balance so that whatever is not being done in the rightful way can be streamlined. This will ensure that we do not find ourselves in the wrong side of the law.

The Motion is timely because there have been many emergencies that have been successfully handled and implemented in Uasin Gishu by concerned departments especially the Roads department. This has been necessitated because of different things. For example, due to the long rains, many roads are impassable and some footbridges washed away by floods. Therefore, this necessitated the emergency funds to be used and as the Motion clearly states that, the money should be approved by this Honourable House.

Sometimes this money is used before approval is made but the Emergency Fund Act is very clear that it can be used but immediately after usage, it should be declared and be passed by this House. This has not been done for long and it is good to follow the Law because sometimes you may do a good deed but find yourself in the wrong side of the Law and get surcharged yet the works were done. The only thing that needs to be done is a document needs to be brought to this House and we pass it. For example after the long rains and I can see that it has subsided ; currently there are several impassable roads in Langas ward, wananchi are raising the issue but I have informed them that nothing can be done now but once the rains subside, we shall swiftly work whether with emergency funds or whichever way to make these roads passable.

It will not be wise for us to spend County money yet the first arm of government, which is the County Assembly, has not passed. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, this Motion is timely and I urge other honourable colleagues... I congratulate the leadership of this Honourable House for the facelift of this House, congratulations to the management as we have gone high tech like other Assemblies but they ought to have considered that we have plus size women around and other are also very short.

Having said all that this Motion is timely. I urge other honourable colleagues to pass it with maximum speed and minimum delay so that the concerned department can be asked to provide relevant documents to this House so that it can be passed as it was an audit query and we would not want a repeat. This is because money was wisely spent but there is the issue of prudent management of public resources in the Finance Act. It will be prudent if this House passes that the concerned department used the money as per the approval of this House.

I support this Motion and request other Honourable Members to do the same for the sake of all of us .

Mr. Speaker, I do support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Thank you very much, Hon. Muya-Member for Langas. Hon. Goretti?

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to appreciate the management of this Assembly for installing these good seats but they are not comfortable for honourable women. This is because when you stand it sweeps away your skirt; I think something should be done...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Order! Order, Members! Allow Hon. Goretti to contribute.

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. something should be done because even when I stood, my skirt was taken off and since he is a man he should want to know how it happened but it is private and confidential. Allow me to contribute on the Motion...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): What is your point of order, Hon. Ramadhan?

Hon. Werambo: Mr. Speaker, maybe the Member on the Floor should substantiate her concerns because if she says that a seat can remove a skirt yet a skirt cannot be removed by a seat, how does a seat affect a skirt? We do not understand as someone out there listening to today's business may take it wrong, as it would be perceived as if we are hiding something on pretence of saying that so and so is removing my skirt. It has to be substantiated.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Thank you very much, Hon. Ramadhan. Hon. Goretti, this is a House of rules and procedures and whatever we say here should match what we are discussing. This is an august House, therefore, come clear with Hon. Ramadhan's issue.

Hon. Boroswa: Mr. Speaker, I need to be even more careful when standing up. What I really meant is that, when you stand, it lifts your skirt. That is what I could say, yeah. It takes it up. No, it does not stick but you know when you are seated-this is something that goes back. The seat goes back with your skirt. So when it goes back actually it is taking it up. And at the end of the day; what we want to say is that if there is something to make them at least-they bit permanently lying.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Honourable Mary Goretti, I think since it is our first time to sit on these chairs, you have realized that probably when you are standing up, you have to be careful probably to hold our dress, to fit you so that you can continue with the business of the day. Because you have to adjust to this. This is the new sitting pattern and you have to go by that and adjust. Continue contributing.

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Chairperson. I really want to appreciate what you have said as the Speaker. But still, it is a concern and when a concern has been brought forward, it is upon the management to look into that Because I will not always be checking on my dress when I want to speak. It is taking away my concentration from this House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Honourable Mary Goretti.

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Go back to the Motion.

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you. Mr. Speaker I want to support the Motion and say that this is a good Motion.

Hon. Muya: Point of order, Hon. Speaker!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): What is your point of order, Hon. Muya?

Hon. Muya: Mr. Speaker, though you have ruled that she goes back to the substantive Motion, but as our honourable colleague, the point is very valid. Because sometimes the public relations team might be zooming whatever is happening here and visitors are watching out there. And you know we care for these beautiful women.

Therefore that needs to be looked into. We need not to discuss much but the point is very valid. Personally a man, it cannot affect me. But because it matters most for them and that gadget might be receiving what is happening, it might not go well.

Therefore, something needs to be done by the management.

thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Thank you very much, Hon. Muya. I think the leadership is here and they have heard. Are you through?

Hon. Boroswa: Not yet.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Please stick to the Motion now.

Hon. Boroswa: Okay thank you. But before I stand I have to look back.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that I really support the Motion and I want to say first of all, there was an audit query over the emergency fund Simply because they were not able to follow the regulations as required.

Mr. Speaker, there were claims that during the audit inquiry, that they had brought the report to this House. Yet as we stand today, we have never received any report.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, this is a caution to the executive to ensure that they follow the regulations as stipulated clearly.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that the emergency fund regulations in 11 (i), require that before you spend money on emergency, it has to be approved by this House. And if the House is not sitting, then immediately the House resumes, you are given 14 days to present the same report to the House.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we want to say that this emergency fund is there to support during times of emergency. And for it to be efficiently and effectively used, then it has to come through this House.

So, this Motion, Mr. Speaker, is actually requesting the executive to give the report to this House for approval. And by giving that report, it will actually show where and what the emergency was, and if it is equivalent to the payments that have been made.

Mr. Speaker, again, this also will help most of the honourable Members in their Wards. Whenever they have an emergency, they should always be able to know that we have an emergency fund that is run under regulations. And they are able to maybe, seek that support from it. But still it has to come through the House.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we want to say that Chairperson for Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Hon. Werambo has really brought a very sensitive Motion that the entire House needs to give the support. Because we do not want to have it again coming up as an audit query, and

yet we are advising the executive right now that they should actually be able to seek approval of the honourable House So that there will be no any other audit query over the same.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I really want to support this.

We have said they have not submitted any to the House and they should actually do so for approval.

Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I really want to say that I support the Motion.

thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Honourable David Keitany, Member for Sergoit Ward!

Hon. Keitany: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am sorry. I have taken time; it is because even I have to be careful the way honourable Mary Goretti has said. It is not only them, but us also. But I know we will get used to that is not an issue.

Honourable Speaker, I support the Motion though with amendments or with amendment. The Motion is good and I want to thank the mover of the Motion, that is, Hon. Ramadhan who is the Chairperson PAC.

Mr. Speaker, my issue why I am requesting for an amendment is the regulation is very clear: Section 11 (i) of the Uasin Gishu County Emergency fund is very clear unless otherwise the person who is in charge of that department is not aware or maybe he or she does not understand that section. And if they all understand that section, I cannot see the need of using the word, "...that we urge the department..." I want to request that we amend and replace it with the word 'demand.'

Hon. Speaker, this thing-I have been here for the last four years, we are now going for the fifth year and I have never seen any report or anything being brought by that department for approval. And what I know is that millions of money has already been spent.

To me, if we continue this way, then it means our work will be just be reminding these people of what they are supposed to be doing. The other time we were reminding them of something; was it supplementary budget or something to be done. Sincerely that is not our work. Our work is just to do oversight.

Honourable Speaker, if we continue requesting this department or the County Government, then to me, there is no need of passing laws or regulations.

Because it needs ... the best is just to assume and may be just keeping on remanding them of what they are supposed to be doing. To me, Hon. Speaker, is just a waste of time, just waste of resources. By the time we are passing the laws, by the time we are coming up by the regulations, we have gone to the ground for public participation.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Tallam): What is the point of order, Hon. Goretti?

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. the Honourable Member on the Floor is not in order to say that we are wasting our time. This is part of oversight. when we were actually with the auditors as PAC Committee, this is what we saw. therefore, right now we are exercising oversight, because this is what comes up, during auditing report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Tallam): Hon. Keitany, kindly come clear on that.

Hon. Keitany: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I think unless Hon. Goretti is not getting what is saying. However, I have not said that the committee or this honourable House is wasting

time. I have said if we continue this way, if we continue urging, then this is just waste of time. This is Because the policy is very clear on what will happen In case these people will not respond to this one, then shall come and remind them of the same thing. we need to be serious, Hon. Speaker.

for that reason, Hon. Speaker, I want to request that, we amend and have ...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Tallam): Order, Hon. Member! I think this is the procedure: we write our motions to the other arm of government and if the same will not responded or if they are not going to take any step, we have our tracker of which we wrote the motions. I will follow that to make sure that they respond to this motion.

Therefore, Hon. Keitany, I think there is a procedure. this Motion will go the way it is because it is parliamentary. we are using parliamentary procedure and language and if they will not respond, we should revert to the next step. proceed .

Hon. Keitany: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

maybe to remind or alert honourable Members that is not only when we are standing up or when we are sitting, is also an issue so you know it is our first time. it is good to alert each other. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

I will just go as you have said but still if that is the language I know this one is also part of the language, not the other I was requesting. But let us also have it, let have dateline; let us have a timeframe of say 21 days so that after 21 days we need to have the report or even before the lapse of 21 days.

So, Hon. Speaker, I want to request that we amend to read, ‘this honourable House urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Finance and Economic Planning to submit all payments within 21 days after the passing of this resolution.’

if we going to agree on that I want to said thank you, Hon. Speaker, for the opportunity.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Who is seconding your amendment?

Hon. Keitany: I want to request the Leader of Majority to second the amendment.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Leader of Government Business.

Hon. Lowoi: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the amendment move by honourable David Keitany on this substantive motion.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it a very good motion but without ...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Tallam): What is point of order, Hon. Malel?

Hon. Malel: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to seek your direction. Many a time when we stand to move the amendments in the floor of the House, we have needed to have done it two hour before. So we seek your direction if is your discretion you are giving it now or it if is a tradition then we move.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): As per the Standing Order No. 1, Hon. Members, the Speaker has the right to give the direction depending on how weighty the matter on the Floor of the House is.

Therefore, i have put into the consideration this matter of the audit, which concerns the entire County of Uasin Gishu. this should be brought into conclusion and we are saying we should give it timeline so that, depending on the time he has taken, all the all processes can be concluded within the specific period of time for it to save the County from the audit query. Kindly understand Standing Order No. 1. I do give room for amendment.

Hon Lowoi: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker, also the Standing Order No. 52 (2) gives you as the Speaker, so long us amendment does not change the structure of the motion, the permission to accept the amendment in Standing Order No. 52 (2).

Mr . Speaker Sir, why am I supporting this? if we just leave open then they can stay without bringing back the report up to next year after elections. if we have timeline, Mr. Speaker, they work on it and make sure we have the report as requested by the mover in next 21 days.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I support this and tell the Members that this is good Motion but we need to tie the note .so the we make sure they comply and they do what it require by law as earlier as required by this House Mr Speaker sir, I stand to support .

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Thank you very much, Leader of Government Business. Ensuing debate on the same.

Hon. Members, the same Motion will come like this, “This honourable House urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through County Government of Uasin Gishu through Department of Finance of Economic Planning to submit all payments made within 21 days from the emergency fund to County Assembly of Uasin Gishu for approval.”

I think it is clear, Hon. Members . Ensuing debate, Hon. Malel.

Hon. Malel: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. i also rise to support the amended Motion before the House this afternoon, Hon. Speaker. Indeed accountability is the core responsibility in this County Assembly on this County Assembly to make sure that the little resources that we have for development in this County should be put into efficient use.

Another mandate, Hon. Speaker, is that we must make sure that the laws are being followed to the letter. If there is any department that does not follow certain guidelines as stipulated; these are some of the departments with government officers that need to be put on notice, so that they can do what the law requires them to do.

Mr. Speaker, if we do not account for the little resources that we have to ensure they are put into proper use, then we are likely to find out later that the funds are spent wrongfully. I like what the Hon. Keitany has just said; that we should give timelines for this Motion to be acted upon. This is to ensure we put things in order and guarantee that at any time when a person wants to visit our accounts, there will be nothing that will raise an alarm.

Mr. Speaker, if the law mandates that within a certain timeframe, where monies have been spent and approval should be sought from the County Assembly, then that should be adhered to. However, if we do not have an emergency and approval can be sought before the monies have been spent then approval should be sought. This will ensure that we are seen to be reading from the same script.

Hon. Speaker, it is an honest opinion where we can even agree with the auditors. If this was an audit query, then it needs to be looked in to so that we follow the law. We should also not appear to have failed in our oversight role in following proper utilization of funds. I therefore support the Motion, Hon. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Yego, Member representing Segero/Barsombe.

Hon. Yego: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for this opportunity.

From the onset, I stand to support the amendment. However, I also have some other amendments to be included. This is because in 2015, this County Assembly passed regulations indicating the timeframes where these emergency funds are to be paid.

Mr. Speaker, there are some amendments that have been made to this Motion, giving the timelines in which the emergency fund payments are supposed to be made; that being 21 days. However, I think the prayer of this Motion is not about approval for payments, but to submit the documentation of the payments. When we talk of payments within the 21 days, it will still mean that it will not be treated as an emergency. The reason it will be classified as an emergency means that there was no initial approval.

Hon. Speaker, I request inclusion of that amendment to read; 'to submit all payment documents within twenty-one days.' When you leave it the way it is, it means that payment will never be made unless approval is sought from this House, yet from the initial definition of emergency. it reads, "there is no approval..."

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Yego, under Section 11(1), it is very clear. It says that under these emergencies, the other arm of Government has a mandate to respond to these emergencies by spending the monies that are there. The law also requires that they submit all the payments reports to this County Assembly for approval. I think that is what we are discussing.

Hon. Yego: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. You have put it in correct terminologies. That is, 'payment reports for approval in this House'. That was part of my amendment. It was only a matter of language. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Dr. Barmao.

Hon. Dr. Barmao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity.

First, I want to support the amendment and propose an amendment. Hon. Speaker, when you look at the prayer, it says, 'this Honourable House urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Finance and Economic Planning, to submit all records of all payments made from the emergency fund to the County Assembly for approval'. I request that we amend as follows, 'submit records of all payments made from the emergency'. Mr. Speaker, in case of an emergency, it is always good to have the records on the need for the emergencies so that there is transparency and accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support but with that amendment. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): I hope you are through, Hon. Barmao?

Hon. Dr. Barmao: Yes, I am through but with the amendment of records there.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Members, I think we have amended the crucial part about the twenty-one days. The department is fully aware of what is required of them. They will be able to give us a clear report on all the monies spent for approval. I think we are not going to allow further amendments.

There being no other contributor, I therefore put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): The ayes have it, Hon. Members. I think this was a weighty discussion before this Honourable House, and we are sure it will go through the required procedure for implementation. We seek the intervention of our leadership to ensure that the same reports reach this House in the stipulated time. Thank you.

Clerk.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Leader of Government Business.

Hon. Lowoi: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to move the following Motion:

That, pursuant to Uasin Gishu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 25 (3), this House do adjourn its sittings until Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021 to attend to urgent official business outside the station and proceed for short recess as per Uasin Gishu County Assembly House Calendar which begins on 21st October 2021 and ends on 1st November 2021.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this House is a House formed As the House first was brought up by the Constitution of Kenya 2010 that gave devolution. Every County created a County assembly that it is here to oversight the County executive.

Coming to the County assembly itself being the first term of the government, we have committees that do a lot of work so that the County assembly plenary runs.

This County assembly has some quite a number of Bills to be discussed by the committees. i have a quite a number of reports and petitions that the committees need to discuss so that when we resume this House, we will have enough business.

This is the last financial year that we have and we need to push the executive to make sure that the money is spent in time and our people get services. so through the committees, i ask we adjourn this House so that the committees will get enough time outside here to interrogate all the documents and make sure that the reports coming back on second to this House will be reports that can be approved and help the County executive to run its businesses.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the short recess is a time for us as the Members of the County Assembly to interact with our people, know the priority and the problems that they have in our Wards. This is because sometimes when we are busy in the County assembly, we do not even get time to move around our Wards to know any emerging problems like the ones we were discussing of the emergencies. However, when that time comes, every Member will make sure that he or she has traversed the Ward and actually interact with Wananchi and know what is required of us.

This is a call for this adjournment and i ask this House to support it so that we can actually sit down and make sure that we discuss matters relating to our people in an enclosed place so that we will come out with solutions that will be beneficial to this County.

i move this Motion and call upon the Leader of Minority to second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Leader of Minority, Hon. Werambo.

Hon. Werambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. i stand to second the Motion that was moved by the Leader of Majority.

Sometimes when you have a very big backlog of work, it is necessary for you to work outside your office so that we can have ample time to clear and make sure that the backlog is cleared. it is just the way you can do something from here and the small, small disturbances, that is allowed.

While we are doing the same in terms of clearing the backlog, we shall also have ample time to go and deal with the issues of oversight, so that we are totally sure when we come back and you know that our time clock is ticking and we only have few months to clear up what we started.

Mr. Speaker, with this issue of recess and also going to clear some little issues outside the station, i feel that it is totally in order and it gives ample time to these honourable Members

to be somewhere and do something with concentration for the betterment of our people that we are representing in this House.

I stand to second the adjournment. thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Thank you very much, Leader of Minority. since this is not in calendar of our events in this House, i will subject this ... and because it has been properly seconded by Hon. Ramadhan, i will put the question.

(Question put)

Ensuing Debate!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Muya.

Hon. Muya: Hon. Speaker, i stand from the onset to oppose this Motion from the Leader of Majority that we do adjourn this House on some important matter outside this assembly. i think if it is very important, it can be attended by a few and the rest of us because, as i was contributing to the earlier Motion, many at times we have a lot of emergencies and some of us were really roaring to go and address them. but if it is an emergency, we ought to have been given a given number of Members to attend and address this matter but if it is a whole House, it ought to have been clear so that it does not take only a few to go and attend the said urgent matter and the rest of us not attending the business of this House.

Therefore, because the Motion to me looks very casual and it can be handled maybe by the management alone, i stand to oppose because i feel i have the energy. this is the time i am seeing all the committees, Honourable Members are coming timely, sitting full House and this is the time i was feeling like going like never before. Therefore, to be halted i was not taking it lightly.

Therefore, i stand to oppose that this House be adjourned for the said urgent matter to be attended outside the station.

I stand to oppose. thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Thank you, Hon. Muya. any other contributor? Hon. Pius Kigen Member for Tembelio.

Hon. Kigen: Hon. Speaker, i stand to support the Motion moved by Leader of Majority and the Government Business. Indeed this is the tradition of this House and it is this same, same House, which approved the calendar of the House and the short recess from the calendar. if we check, we approved from 21st October to 1st November. this is in our calendar, so it only coincides with the businesses that the Leader of Majority has asked in his desk because of the committees businesses that have been outstanding because of Covid issues.

I would urge Members that this is your document; it is you who approved the calendar and if you do not respect the calendar indeed then we need to make amendments, because we approved the calendar and because there is urgency.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): What is your point of order, Hon. Muya?

Hon. Muya: Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of order. the honourable Member I find him, who is a senior Member of this honourable House, to be out of order because he is concentrating on the last part, which is not the subject matter. 21st is not tomorrow, where the calendar i know is not amendable. That one I am not in dispute, but i am in dispute from now to 21st. Therefore, he needs to be guided.

I find him to be out of order because he is concentrating most on that part. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): Hon. Pius Kigen.

Hon. Kigen: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. the Hon. Member is now coming clear and he is a senior Member. he needs to move a Motion of amendment from the day indicated 21st to 1st October because he understands.

I do support the Motion that we adjourn to address the business that has been raised by the Leader of Majority. thank you so much.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): There being no any other contributor, i therefore propose a question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): The adjournment has been approved by the House and we will go by that. i want also to register my observation from what i have seen from the new sitting, all Members are not comfortable.

I thought that it was the other lady, but when Hon. Pius stood, i saw he was in pain. the leadership should take up the matter.

Hon. Members, i want to wish you all the best as we engage in other meetings outside the station. i want to wish you well and i hope when we come, we will be energetic enough to transact our normal business in this Honourable House.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Nicholas Talam): The House is adjourned until 1st November, 2021.

The House rose at 12.30 pm