



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

First County Assembly – First Session

Thursday, 4th July, 2013

The House met at 2.30 p.m

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker (Mr. Alex Sanaika Ole Magelo): Hon Members, I have the following communication to make.

1) **SENSITIZATION OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY ON THE NAIROBI INTEGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN**

Hon. Members this is to inform you that you have all been invited by the County Department responsible for Physical Planning, Housing and Lands for a meeting to sensitize Members of the County Assembly on Friday 12th July, 2013 from 9.00 a.m to 12.30 p.m at Charter Hall. All Members are requested to attend since the Master Plan is key to the Planning of this City.

2) **ATTENDANCE TO THE PLENARY SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Hon. Members, and for those Hon. Members who have attended the last two (2) sittings of the County Assembly will agree with me; I have noted that we have encountered an embarrassing situation of lack of quorum.

Hon. Members I wish to remind you of the provisions of Standing Order No 230 (1) if, during any Session, a Member is absent from a sitting of the County Assembly without permission, in writing from the Speaker, the Speaker shall report the matter to the County Assembly and the matter shall stand referred to the committee of privileges for hearing and determination.

Therefore, Hon. Members I wish to inform you that hence forth the chair will be very vigilant and ensure that members attend the sittings. Hon. Members don't tempt me to instruct that you be signing the attendance register after the adjournment of the Assembly, as most of you requested yesterday.

3) **ATTENDANCE AND CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

Hon. Members I wish to remind you that the Committees of the Assembly are an extension of the Assembly and as such the following Committee guidelines shall apply during committee meetings:

1) **Dressing Code:**

Hon. Members must ensure that they are properly dressed in every committee meeting. So Hon. Members, I don't want to see a situation where a member attends a Committee meeting dressed in a T-shirt, sandals and open shoes or in any event without a tie.

Hon. Members it is embarrassing for a Committee to invite the Executive Committee Members or a Chief Officer to interrogate them on important matters only for the Members to turn up dressed in T-shirts. This will lower the dignity of the whole Assembly. I am instructing the respective Chairpersons to enforce this rule and reject Members who are not properly dressed.

2) **Signing Attendance Sheet:**

Hon. Members I wish to instruct the Chairpersons of various Committees to be firm on attendance by their Members. Standing Order No. 168 states that if a Member fails to attend four consecutive sittings of a Committee without written permission of the Chairperson of the Committee or the permission of the Speaker, the Member shall be suspended from the Membership of the Committee.

Hon. Members, this is what the Standing Orders provide and we shall be strict on the same. Similarly, I wish to instruct all the Chairpersons that at the end of every sitting, strike off with a red pen the name of a Member who did not turn up by the time the committee meeting is adjourned.

Hon. Members the Salaries and Remuneration Commission has allowed that Members can sit up to a maximum of 8 sittings per week and in this connection, the Plenary Shall be counted as a sitting.

The communication also indicates that the payment should be back-dated to the date of swearing-in of the Members. I direct the Clerk to reconcile the payments and effect the same at end of the month.

Due to the foregoing, I direct that Committees stop the practice whereby a committee starts a meeting at 10.00 a.m and ends the same at 11.00 a.m only to begin another one immediately. Hon. Members this is unacceptable and it will expose us to audit queries.

4) **INSPECTION OF WARD OFFICES**

Finally Hon. Members, as you all know, the budget for the Financial year 2013/14 has provided that each elected Member should have an office. In response to this the County Assembly Service Board, whose mandate under section 12 of the County Government Act is to provide service and facilities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the County Assembly, shall on Friday 5th July 2013 and Monday 8th July, 2013 visit all the Ward offices to inspect availability of office space. The Schedule of the visit is as follows:

DAY ONE – FRIDAY 5TH JULY, 2013

MORNING

- 1) Langata
- 2) Kibra
- 3) Dagoretti North
- 4) Dagoretti South

Those are the constituencies that shall be visited.

AFTERNOON

- 5) Westlands
- 6) Starehe
- 7) Kamukunji and
- 8) Makadara

DAYS TWO – MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013

MORNING

- 1) Kasarani
- 2) Roysambu
- 3) Mathare and
- 4) Ruaraka

AFTERNOON

- 5) Embakasi North
- 6) Embakasi South

- 7) Embakasi East
- 8) Embakasi Central and
- 9) Embakasi West

Hon Members, all Members are requested to be available at their respective Ward offices or areas on the dates and times indicated. Thereafter we shall communicate to the Members how we wish to proceed with the exercise of managing the Ward offices.

Hon. Members, it has come to my attention that in our Wards the Chiefs and Assistance Chiefs are on record for insinuating a programme of supervising the Wards development. I want to say this, from the on-set, that this will not be accepted and I will be issuing more statements in regard with the management of Wards by Hon Members of this Assembly. Thank you Members

(Consultations)

Interim Clerk (Mr. Jacob Ngwele): Order No. 3, Messages

MESSAGES

Hon. Speaker: Hon Members Order! Hon. Members, message from His Excellency the Governor of Nairobi with regard to nominees for membership to the Executive Committee. Hon. Members, there is a message from His Excellency the Governor. Standing order No. 39 (1) relating to messages from the Governor provides, *“The Speaker shall read to the County Assembly 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 Messages from His Excellency the Governor:

There is the first message whose subject is “Nomination of the Mr. Christopher Khaemba as a member of the Nairobi City County Executives Committee responsible for Education, Youth Affairs, Culture, Children and Social Service; submitted by way of a letter dated 3rd July, 2013 and the other message is on the “Nomination of Mr. Evans Ondieki as a Member of the Nairobi City County Executive Committee responsible for Public Works, Roads and Transport, addressed to the office of the Hon. Speaker for submission to the Assembly. It reads:

“Pursuant to the provisions of Article 179 (2) (b) and section 35 of the County Government Act, I hereby nominate Mr. Christopher Khaemba as a member of the Nairobi City County Executive Committee responsible for Education, Youth Affairs, Culture, Children and Social Service and Mr. Evans Ondieki as a Member of the Nairobi City County Executive Committee responsible for Public Works, Roads and Transport”.

Hon. Members, Article 179 (2) of the Constitution provides: The County Executive Committee shall consist of the County Governor and the Deputy Governor, and Members appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Assembly, from among persons who are not members of the Assembly.

Hon. Members, standing order No. 185 (4) provides as follows: *“The Committee on Appointments shall consider, for approval by the Assembly, appointments under Article 179 (2) of the Constitution, Members of the County Executive Committee”.*

In this regard, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 3 of Standing Order No. 39 which deals with Messages from the Governor, I hereby refer the message from His Excellency the Governor containing the names of the 2 (two) nominees together with their Curriculum Vitae to the Committee on Appointment to undertake the necessary approval and table its report before this Assembly soonest. Hon. Members.

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT ON PARKING SPACES BEHIND NYAYO HOUSE AND OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND MATATUS PARKED IN FRONT OF CITY HALL ANNEX

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Hashim Kamau, Chief Whip of Minority.

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority (Mr. Athman Hashim Kamau): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Indeed on Tuesday, you gave us time to go and study the report that was tabled by the chair of Transport and Public Works. Mr. Speaker, I did request for a statement on the Transport report; may I know from the Chair, when the report will be ready?

Secondly, that day I did congratulate the chair and members of the Transport committee on the comprehensive report on the parking behind the Deputy President’s Office, and I would appreciate if the Ndung’u report would be implemented as it clearly states that the allocation should be revoked. Turning to page two (2) of the report on the Nyayo House parking bay, the committee needs to shade more light. The committee has not indicated when the allocation was done with regard to this parking. Who are the owners of this parking bay? We also need a report on the documentations of the allotments and the memo instructing on the parking sections.

Hon. Speaker: Hon., is it a point of order?

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. Kennedy Ng’ondi): Mr. Speaker, I think the mover of the motion should read the motion first.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, Hon Hashim Kamau had requested to be allowed to read and he did not have time to reply, so I asked him to do it today Hon. Members.

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority: Thank you Mr. Speaker, in short the report was not adequate, what I was asking is; who are the people collecting the parking fees and the owner or in short is there a contracting agreement with regard to the collection of parking fees and other charges for the Nyayo house parking bay?

Lastly the response of the committee on page two (2) is wanting. The request was; who are the owners of the matatus and how much the County -

Hon. Speaker: I beg your Pardon

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority: In short what I was asking is; who are the owners of the matatus parked outside City Hall Annex? The committee has indicated that the matatus were outsourced.

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! Are we talking about parking spaces or parking of matatus?

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority: Mr. Speaker, I had requested for three statements and the report has captured the three statements. Unfortunately the information was not enough. That is why in my statement I had requested to know the owners of the matatus and how much the County is being charged for their services. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, if you can enlighten the House for the benefit of the Members, which matatus are you specifically referring to? Are they parked to collect passengers? I don't understand. Hon. Members are you with me?

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority: Okay, may I read the statement that I had requested so that members can be-

Hon. Speaker: Hon Member, can you tell us whether the matatus belong to the county?

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority: That's the information I wanted from the chair

Hon. Speaker: Okay

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority: In short, 'Bwana' Speaker, the statement is that I have seen Matatus parked in the morning outside the City Hall Annex. Sometimes parked with car park attendants and at times they ferry the Debt Collection Unit officers as well as eviction squads and licensing officers. I requested the statement from the Chair of Transport and Public works as to; who are the owners of Matatus? How much does the County pay for the hiring of the Matatus and are they contracted and if so, can we have the contracts tabled? That was my statement, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very enough. The Chairperson, Transport; it would be very interesting and I would like to know whose Matatus they are and why they park there as well as to whom they pay their parking fee. I think it is interesting to note this.

Hon. Member for South C Ward (Ms Diana Kapeen): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry, Hon. Kamau, that we did not put the names because the in-charge of the parking did not forward the names to us. He said he will do it, so I will report on this when we come back after the recess. Regarding the parking fees-

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member

Hon. Leader of Majority (Mr. Elias Otieno Okumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to bring to your attention that the Hon. Member is not properly dressed. That is not the dressing code of this House.

Hon. Speaker: Order Leader of Majority! Hon. Diana Kapeen

(Laughter)

Hon. Diana Kapeen: Mr. Speaker sir I take it on a light note; short is slightly above the thigh. *(Laughs)* Sorry, on the issue of the parking fees, the current owners as reported in the Ndungu report are the ones who are collecting the parking fees not the County.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chairlady, Diana Kapeen there is very vital answer that the Hon. Member required on the issue of the matatus-

Hon. Diana Kapeen: That is what I am saying. On the issue of the parking behind Nyayo House, the one in charge is Gichamu and they are the ones collecting parking fee while on the parking behind the former Prime Minister's Office is being collected by Wanjiku's Estates as it has been reported in the Ndung'u report. Regarding your request that we implement the Ndung'u report, I hope that we shall be able to implement. The parking behind Nyayo House is the one which is also called Gichamu.

Hon. Speaker: Hon., please can you furnish us with all the information?

Hon. Diana Kapeen: I wish to be given time to bring another report. Probably it was an oversight. I did not notice it, but we had compiled a report on the issues raised. So I beg to be allowed to table it as soon as the Assembly resumes from recess. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon., Chairperson for Transport and Public Works. You may give names of persons who own the Matatus and establish why they park outside City Hall Annex.
Hon. Nyang'wara

Hon. Member for Viwandani Ward (Mr. Samwel Nyaberi Nyang'wara): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to request you, Mr. Speaker, to refer this matter to the relevant committee to deal with this issue. Hon Hashim, is not asking why they are parking, we understand that they are working for this County. We want to know whether they are contracted to work for this County and if they are, can that particular Contract be tabled here. It could have been fair if the right Department can be also included so that they can do this investigation, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Which Department?

Hon. Samwel Nyang'wara: The PAC, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon Manyala Elizabeth:

Hon. Member for Kayole South Ward (Ms Elizabeth Akinyi Manyala): Mr. Speaker, I stand as *amicus curiae* of the- (*Laughter*) of the Transport Committee and I think the recommendation highlighted here is exhaustive and it is that the County ownership status is-

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, it is a point of order.

Hon. Elizabeth Manyala: The ownership status is that the Matatu's normally parked outside the City Hall Annex are there due to shortage of motor vehicles. The matatus have been outsourced by the County to help them in ferrying of officers collecting revenue and are also used by debt collecting unit and license section. The details of the contacts are with the Department of Procurement. I think that is what Hon. Hashim was asking for. As the friend of the committee, I think this is why those matatus are there. They are for a worthy cause because the County doesn't have enough vehicles and they hired the matatus to help them carry out specific duties. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Diana Kapeen

Hon. Diana Kapeen: (*Laughs*) Mr. Speaker, thank you, Hon Elizabeth. I was not very prepared because my friend here told me that he will ask the same. I am going to read again the recommendation that the Transport and Public Works committee made. If you have our report, I am going to start right down from 'County'. The Matatus normally parked in front of City Hall Annex are outsourced due to shortage of motor vehicles by the County to help in picking and dropping revenue collection officers. They are used in the collection of revenue and details – Mr. Speaker sir, these members are interfering, sorry, Hon. Members (*laughs*)

Hon. Speaker: Order Hon Members! Order Hon. Otieno! *(Loud consultation)*

Hon. Elizabeth Manyala: Mr. Speaker sir, is it in order for the Majority Leader and Deputy Speaker to just scrutinize the legs of the Hon. Member?

(Loud laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! *(Laughing)* Order Members! At least, I know in my Assembly we have beautiful angels. Thank you. Hon. Kapeen, please.

Hon Diana Kapeen: Details are with the D.O.P.

Hon.Speaker: Whose office?

Hon Diana Kapeen: The DOP

Hon. Speaker: Who is the DOP?

Hon. Diana Kapen: Department of Procurement

Hon. Speaker: Department of Procurement?

Hon. Diana Kapeen: yes

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Bishop

Hon. Member for Kayole North Ward (Mr. Peter Migwi Gichohi): Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I don't know why the chairperson of that Committee is evading very critical questions asked by our leader here. The cost the County is paying for the use of the vehicles-

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, if you understood and heard her clearly, she said she would like to be given time to bring details of contracts and of payment and a rider to that Hon. Nyang'wara put across a suggestion that because we have now gone into procurement, we engage the PAC to move deeper into details of the procurements that is where I think we left it at. I was thinking after this session, we will engage the Chairman of PAC to make sure they coordinate with the Chairperson or the committee of Works and Transport to include all the details at once. Hon. Members it will be prudent to have both reports; one on the transport and another from the PAC. Are we agreeable to that? I order that, to be done. Next, Hon. Hashim Kamau.

Hon. Hashim Kamau: Mr. Speaker I propose that the Committee of Legal headed by Jeffer alias 'sheikh governor' also be included.

Hon. Speaker: So be it. Next, Hon. Hashim, I saw in your statement there were issues of other parking bays, we have only talked about two parking bays. A question, from Hon. Akuk.

Hon. Member for Highrise Ward (Mr. Akuk Maurice Omondi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I would like to find out from the Chair if you could probably clarify something for me because I am not quite sure this is the second day reports are being read in this House and we don't have the documents. We hardly know what is going on. Is it in order for Members to just sail in this ship without understanding if there is a Captain in it? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I don't know whether Hon. Akuk was in the House, because I remember we were all supplied with the report from the Transport department. Hon. Members, were you not supplied with copies of the report? Hon. Akuk and Hon. Leader of Majority were not in. Hon. Imwato Peter.

Hon. Member for Makongeni Ward (Mr. Peter Anyule Imwato): Mr. Speaker, I think 'Mheshimiwa' Akuk is very right. I raised this issue with the Majority leader a day before yesterday; that our cars are full of papers. I do understand the predicament in which 'Mheshimiwa' Akuk is in. He can't separate which paper was laid where and when and I would like to propose that we get Ipads for our use. It will be easier to accommodate this information, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! When you get your office ready, your office will come with those items. Hon. Alex Otieno.

Hon. Member for Mugumu-ini Ward (Mr. Alex Ouda Otieno): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On parking issues, I would like the chairperson to come up with a report on when this parking changed hands. Possibly earlier on, they were owned by the former City Council of Nairobi. We would like to know the owners of the parking and the plans the County has towards reverting the parking bays back to the Nairobi County. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chairlady and your committee, move with speed and table in the next meeting all the relevant documentation regarding the questions asked by Hon. Alex Otieno and I know by the close of the day we would make the recommendations as to what you want done. Thank you. Hon. Hashim Kamau

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Final, on the recommendations; Mr. Speaker, I propose that the two parking bays be taken by the County Government immediately before the report is tabled. Thank you. And I am calling Hon. Mwaura to second me.

Hon. Member for Zimmerman Ward (Mr. Pius Mwaura Mbono): Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, you cannot do that. Sit down. Next, Hon. Members. Hon. Hashim Kamau, that is still the property of the committee for Transport. It goes back to them, for them to come back with the recommendation as to what they want us do with our parking. Thank you, Members. Next order.

Interim Clerk: Order No. 8 Motions

MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this afternoon I received a note withdrawing the motion on Ward development funds. The note from Hon. Hashim Kamau, the Chief Whip says; *“this is pursuant to sections 48 (1) I gave notice for withdrawal of the above motion as it is on today’s order paper. It has already been captured in the Appropriation Bill that was passed by the Assembly on Friday, 28th June, 2013”*. Thank you very much, Hon. Members. Next.

Interim Clerk: Order No. 9, Procedural Motion

PROCEDURAL MOTION- ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Leader of Majority: Mr. Speaker, I need your protection before I start reading because people are consulting a lot in this House. It seems they missed me a lot. Let me proceed with the procedural motion number nine (9); that this Assembly be adjourned until Tuesday, 20th August, 2013. Mr. Speaker, it is very important to us as a House to attend to our electorates at least for a month. I don’t see the reason why we should just continue sitting in this House and we don’t spare time to attend to our people. I call on the Members to support the adjournment as we discuss and contribute to the motion. I know trouble- shooters are here. Therefore I request Mr. Chege and Imwatok, please don’t debate too much on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! Who is seconding? (*Loud Consultation*) Order Members!

Hon. Leader of Minority: Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to second the motion (*Consultation*)

Hon. Speaker: Hon Members, I now propose the question that the Assembly be adjourned Until Tuesday, 20th August, 2013.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to oppose the motion (*Applause*) because I don’t see the reasons why we should go back to our people empty handed. What are we going to serve them?

(Loud laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! Can you clarify what you mean by 'empty handed'?

(Loud laughter)

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker what I wanted to say or mean is that I don't see the reason why I should go back to my people and try to serve them with nothing. I should go to those people with something like a bursary or something like development cash so that-

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! Hon. Members, I just want to take you back to your needs. Hon Members, we had a House Business Committee meeting where we deliberated on this. It was resolved that the House goes on recess from today to 20th August, 2013. Hon. Members, when a Member stands and says that you don't want to go on recess because you have nothing I am in a state of shock, because you just passed the budget one week ago and it is only prudent as one Member, the Hon. Peter Imwatok, stood here saying, that your cars have become temporary offices, that we get time to provide the prerequisite facilities.

Secondly, we need time to have your Ward offices working. So, Members, that is why whether you are opposing the motion or not it is up to you. You may reject or pass it. Hon. Elias Otieno.

Hon. Leader of Majority: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to bring to the attention of this Hon. Members that they are honourable. I don't think that you are like the others. Okay, on Wednesday, 24th April, 2013, the following Members were present during the House business committee; and I stand to read the names:

1. Hon. Ole Magelo the Speaker and Chairman,
2. Hon. Elias Otieno, Leader of Majority,
3. Hon. Abdi Hassan, Leader of Minority,
4. Hon. Pius Owino Otieno,
5. Hon. Peter Imwatok,
6. Hon. Jeffer Kassam,
7. Hon. Michael Ogada,
8. Hon. Elizabeth Manyara,
9. Hon. David Mberia,
10. Hon. Beatrice Kwamboka,
11. Hon. Paul N. Kamau,
12. Hon. Paul M. Kados,
13. Hon. Michael W. Wanjiku,
14. Hon. James N. Chege,

15. Hon. George N. Njoroge, and

16. Hon. Peter M. Warutere,

Those were the people who were present during that meeting. The minute number five (5) of House Business Committee meeting was as follows:

The Clerk of the County Assembly reported that the first session was supposed to run from February, 2013 to the 1st Thursday of December 2013 which would then be the 5th December, 2013. He further reported that three recesses were allowed in between and the first recess was to be in June, 2013. After the budget is read, he however, clarified that only the plenary breaks but the committees continue with their sittings.

The Speaker proposed that a two months recess be given to allow Members to oversee their projects at Ward levels. A member proposed that they may be taken from 27th June, 2013. That is what was discussed in the House business committee on April, 27th Wednesday and 24th of April. Hon. Peter Imwatok was present, right now he is the one who is moving around telling people that we should oppose the motion. Hon. Peter Imwatok, please why do you want to be a trouble shooter all the time? Mr. Speaker let the Members who are in the House Business Committee not oppose because they were part and parcel of this adjournment. Let those who were not in the committee oppose. I don't want Hon. Peter Imwatok to come here and oppose the motion, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Imwatok

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, I don't believe that this House is a House of threats and name calling, because the motion is placed on the floor for discussion regarding whether the Assembly should adjourn or not. It is not about personality. It is not about the constitution of the House Business Committee. To put the record straight, Mr. Speaker, on that purported day I was at City Stadium properly training the whole day and I was not in the House Business Committee. So, there is a challenge and it is really a calculated move to tarnish my name in the House Business Committee and in this House. I beg that my name be expunged from that day, because I was not in that meeting, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I think I want to say something here. Hon. Members, let us be honest to each other, whether there is an adjournment or no adjournment. Hon. Members, I signed the attendance that day and Hon. Imwatok was there. You don't have a twin in this House and Hon. Imwatok we are not playing to the gallery. I was there and this is my signature which I signed and you cannot come and stand here and say you were not there. Just say you are opposing the motion but leave out shenanigans, Hon. Members. Next.

Hon. Member for Mukuru kwa Reuben Ward (Mr. Elkana Mauti): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. *(Interruption by Hon. Peter Imwatok)*

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker I signed my name and left the same day.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Imwatok, move out! Go out of the Assembly. Serjeant-At-Arms, can you ensure that Hon. Imwatok, moves out?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Elkana Mauti: Yeah, I think it is my time, we have seen that this House should go for a recess, but to me it is negative, we are not going for a recess *(Loud laughter)* First, we had a kamukunji here where we proposed Ksh35,000 to be given to the Ward offices so that Members can employ their people to serve in the Ward offices. I have seen that, Parliament gave forms to be filled for those people to be employed and up to now nothing has been done. Secondly, give me time to defend my- *(Loud consultations)*

Hon. Speaker: Order Members!

Hon. Elkana Mauti: Secondly, we have not seen that function taking place and that is why I don't want to go for the recess because our offices in the Wards have not yet been fully established. Thirdly, some of the Wards do not have offices, whereby we said we were going to rent offices and up to now we have not seen any action. So, where are we going to sit and serve our people?

Fourthly, when we go to our Wards, we will be asked questions; what have you brought to our people? There is not even a single project we have implemented or we will sit to oversee without offices. Therefore, through you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to be given the forms, which we had prepared for employing people who will be working in our offices. In addition enact the renting of offices within the Wards that do not have offices. We had discussed about granting Ksh500, 000 for maintenance and construction of our Ward offices. Let it be enacted so that when we get to the Wards, we will go to our offices and not sit in our houses.

Finally, I have been receiving visitors in my Ward, without proper notice. We are imploring you, Mr. Speaker, to enable us have access to the schedule of visits and knowledge of what is taking place because we cannot be taken blind-folded like that.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Alex Otieno

Hon. Alex Otieno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am here to support the motion that we go on recess starting from today up to 20th of August, 2013. The reason being that, as we are all aware, we have our shortage of Clerks and the four Clerks that are available have been clerking four or five committees at a go. These Clerks are human beings, and they also need to rest. Most of the committees do not have their write-ups up to date, simply because these Clerks are busy from morning up to evening in meetings.

Surely, Members, when will they have time to sort their papers? If we want to proceed as planned; I think this is the time when we need to adjourn. The last time we adjourned when we were on a go slow. This is the time when Members can plan their diaries. Those who are saying that they are not going back to their Wards surprise me because those people in the Wards elected them as their representatives. Why do the elected Members fear to face their electorate? We should face our electorate and talk to them and tell them what is happening and what we are doing at the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I am supporting the adjournment from today up to 20th August, 2013. Thank you.

Hon. Member: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise here to oppose the motion on the basis that the issue has just been brought without our knowledge. We are not aware as to why we are in a hurry to go on this recess. We don't have anything to show in our Wards. First we don't have offices and we don't have money to open these offices. We don't even have money to go round these Ward offices. We need proper arrangements to be done prior to the recess so that we can be in a position to prepare ourselves even physiologically. Going up to 20th of August, 2013 without proper plans will make us resemble an abnormal village elder trying to solve the problems of the Wards when in reality he is not able to do so. Mr. Speaker, we hope that this particular motion should be deferred so that we can have ample time to discuss this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Wahinya

Hon. Member for Ngando Ward (Mr. Peter Wahinya Kimuhu): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the motion with certain conditions. Due to my understanding of the Members of this Assembly, I really agree that it could be unfair for us to return back to our Wards; because, as many of the Members have already said, we don't have offices. Perhaps we are not exactly prepared to face our electorate. Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, you could allow us to continue with our committee meetings. I do understand that even the committees are going for recess for a couple of weeks or thereabout. Mr. Speaker, we seek your ruling so that we can get busy with the committee meetings and the committees' trips that had already been planned.

There are certain retreats that have been planned; if you could give us that provision then we can be busy engaged in our committees for the period that is being described. (*Loud consultations*) I do have ten minutes Members and allow me to complete my session.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am supporting the motion. I am supporting the recess on condition that the committees be allowed to continue and if there is any break to be taken by committees I do propose that the break be taken after the Assembly resume. I propose that we go for this break, so that the people who are able to go back to their Wards can do so and we in the committees can continue with our business. Those who are ready to proceed to their Wards can proceed to do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kennedy Ngondi

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi): I think we need to be serious in this House. Mr. Speaker, we know that there is a back log of minutes of all committee deliberations and scarcity of committee Clerks. I rise to support the motion for the House to go on recess. I also want to remind the Members about the County Government Act. One of the key roles of a Member is to maintain close contact with the electorate and consult them on issues under discussion by the County Assembly. It is now a quarter year, since we were elected and we have never had an opportunity to go and consult with our electorate and maybe spent some time with them. We have to carry out our duties as pertains to the Constitution of this land.

For this reason, I am humbly requesting the Hon. Members to see the need for us to take leave from the Assembly so that we can give the Clerks time to compile reports of the Committees and also have time to consult with the electorate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mheshimiwa Kutoka Mugumu-Ini

Hon. Alex Otieno: Mr. Speaker, naendelea kupinga huu mswada, (*Applause*) kwa sababu tangu tuchaguliwe tulikuwa tukikutana na watu wetu na tukiwaeleza ya kwamba kuna mipango ambayo tunaendelea kuwapangia katika Kaunti. Kwa sasa, iwapo nitaenda kule kukaa nao na hakuna jambo tutafanya nao itakuwaje? Bwana Sipika, laiti tungelikuwa na kitu ambacho tungeweza kuwaonyesha ya kwamba wakati huo wote tumekuwa hapa 'at least' tumefanya jambo.

Ingekuwa bora pia kama tungekuwa na pesa kama za 'development' ama hiyo 'development' ingekuwa ikiendelea mashinani ingekuwa vyema. Saa hii tukiendelea kukaa nao huko, tutaendelea kuwaeleza ya kwamba kuna mipango tunaendelea kupanga na hakuna kitu ambacho wataona ili kudhibitisha ahadi yetu. Kwa hivyo, Bwana Sipika, ningepomba ya kwamba tufunguliwe afisi kwanza ili tukienda 'recess' tutakuwa na mahali pa kukaa na hawa watu, kukutana nao na hata wakija kwa afisi tutawaonyesha ya kwamba tuko na mikakati na mambo mazuri ambayo tumewapangia. Saa hii ni vigumu kuenda kusubiri tukiwa pale mashinani eti afisi zifunguliwe. Bwana Sipika, naendelea kuupinga mswada.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mutiso

Hon. Member for Ngei Ward (Mr. Daniel Kithama Mutiso): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand to oppose this motion (*Applause*) because everyone is aware that some of us were elected and we are in the newly established Wards where there are no offices. As we go back there, we have no venue for meeting and consulting with our electorates. We don't want our houses to be converted into offices, because definitely the electorates will come to our houses. So we need offices first so that when we go on recess we will only introduce our staff who will be operating in those offices, to the electorates. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: On the other side; Hon. Member, Hon. Millicent then Hon. Warutere

Hon. Member for Ziwani/Kariokor Ward (Ms Millicent Wambui Mugadi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise, but not to support or oppose. But the question we should be really asking ourselves is; why are we going on recess when we have achieved not much in the few months we have been here since our election? Apart from that, before we decide to go on a recess, we should actually sit down and come up with our own informal kamukunji and decide how we are going to be allocated offices and how we are going to operate when we go back to our people.

Personally I would have been excited knowing that I am going on a recess and I have got my Ward fund and bursary. I was looking forward to going back to my people and telling them things that need to be done with regard to development. But apparently so many things are left hanging. So, for me it is quite confusing and I am scared of going back because I don't have a conversation line to drop for my people. So as I rise here I need to encourage each and every one of you; we should not be afraid to go back to our Wards. At the end of the day we have to be able to go back to our Wards, but with a reason and purpose. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nyang'wara

Hon. Member for Viwandani Ward (Mr. Samwel Nyang'wara): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, Mr. Speaker, I just want to request your office to take note that some words that were used in this House verge on un-parliamentary language. The Leader of Majority claimed that the House has trouble shooters. We don't have any trouble shooters here; we have Hon. Members who are representing their respective Wards. I am requesting through your office, Mr. Speaker, that that particular word be expunged from the records of this House. Secondly-

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! It is not from the office of the Speaker.

Hon. Samwel Nyang'wara: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry

Hon. Speaker: Point of order, order Member!

Hon Member for Dandora Area III Ward (Mr. Charles Thuo): Mr. Speaker, I think before the Hon. Member, Hon. Nyang'wara can bring any accusation in that regard, it is important that we understand the meaning of a "trouble shooter." The meaning of a trouble shooter is a problem solver not a person who causes problems, alright. So, the Leader of Majority is calling us, solution providers and he is therefore in order. A trouble shooter is not a person who brings trouble he is a person who solves problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! Point of order?

Hon. Leader of Majority: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I know only two people who qualify to be called trouble shooters. Hon. Nyang'wara cannot even much the standard of these trouble shooters. It is only Hon. Chege and Hon. Imwatok but not him.

Hon. Samwel Nyangwara: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the Leader of Majority. I did not mean it was a bad name but I was only saying that the House is made up of Hon. Members who are representatives of their respective Wards. As my good friend you missed some content in that particular name you gave to Members because we don't have such a name in the dictionary. The term problem solver is not there. I don't want to dwell much on what the Members have said but I have realized why some Hon. Members are supporting our going on recess. Actually, I realized that our Clerks are having a lot of work to do and they should be given time to do that particular work. However, Mr. speaker, that is an indication that the Clerks are being over-worked and they might even go to court to accuse this particular Assembly for giving them heavy work load.

Mr. Speaker, let the Assembly advertise for the positions of Clerks so that we solve this problem by employing more people. We have quite a number of people in our Wards who can perform this kind of work. Going on recess, will not actually solve this particular problem.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, we just came from home last week and we resumed our plenary sittings last week. Sincerely speaking, I fail to understand when people support our going back to the electorate. I come from that particular Ward and I am with the electorate on a daily basis. It could be, actually fair, if we were going to those Wards to distribute, maybe, bursary money to the people and inform them of the kind of projects we intend to initiate so that they can contribute. However, there is no project being undertaken in all the Wards to warrant the electorates' input. With those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I beg to oppose this motion in the strongest terms possible. Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Chairman of Labour order!

Hon. Whip of Majority (Mr. David Njilithia Mberia): Mr. Speaker I rise on Order No. 25; I want to know whether the Member has the right to oppose a motion and he is a product of it. Mr. Speaker, the Member is a member of the House Business Committee and he did not raise a finger when we agreed unanimously to the adjournment of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Warutere

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Member for Roysambu Ward (Mr. Peter Muriithi Warutere): Mr. Speaker, I pray for your protection.

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! Order!

Hon. Peter Warutere: I pray for your protection because it is not a must that we agree on an opinion and as an elected leader what I think people should do is to respect my opinion and I am standing here in support of the motion (*Applause*) with reasons. I don't want to be part of the chorus of the choir opposing the motion for the sake of opposing but I will support with my conscience and with my reasons. I strongly know for the last two days, I have consistently been in this House and not once and not twice did we try in vain to raise the quorum.

Therefore it is for these very same reasons that I want to follow my conscience and be alive to the fact that we have a business to do and it is only when we have this business that we need to come into this House. Amongst many other reasons that are going to persuade me to support this motion is the issue of quorum. A member stood here yesterday and said that they have been bored by the business of this House and that again attests to the mood that has been depicted for some time in this particular House. Therefore, let us be sincere to ourselves and for the first time I think, I will have to follow the river as it flows down stream.

Let's look at the issues of Clerks. I want to confess here that for the last one week my committee on Trade has been working quite hard because we don't have a substantive Clerk Assistant. We were told this morning by the Clerk of the Assembly that amongst other things that they will be doing when we will be away will be to make sure that we have the right people and enough people to take care of our meetings.

The third reason, why I want to stand and support the motion is the business that we come here every day to do. When we went to the House Business Committee, I think for a day or two we didn't have any business to transact and therefore I am one person who will not come here to be whipped to follow the masses to do a choir and to be part of the majority.

Fourthly, for this very reason I come here because I am principled; I am my own man and therefore I need to go through situations with an open mind. We will not come here just to make sure that we have spent time. I have issues that bring me here. One; is to represent the people of Roysambu, where I come from. The second one is to legislate and particularly more so that is why I come here more every single day. I cannot just come here to be part of the crowd when there is no legislative agenda.

Therefore, I think it is important that we sit down; come up with Bills; come up with motions. (*Loud consultations*) I am seeking your protection, Mr. Speaker, I think I still have my four minutes, Hon. Ogeto. It is imperative that we sit down and take our stock. I do take my business quite seriously, and therefore let's bring motions, legislations and that is the only time when we will come back here and say we have a job to

do. For this same purpose I support that we adjourn; my people need me and am not scared to go back to them. Thank you, very much.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ochola

Hon. Member for Utalii Ward (Mr. Wilson Ongele Ochola): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support this motion. You know most of these Members are not staying in their Wards, they are staying very far away and they fear 'wananchi'. *(Laughter)* We must agree to go back to 'wananchi' and that is why I am supporting this motion. Let me tell you, Members, remember that you are here for a contract of only five years and after those five years you will need those people. So let us go back to 'wananchi'.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Karega Mboku

Hon. Member for Nairobi South Ward (Mr. Manoah Karega Mboku): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. Mr. Speaker, I am wondering why Hon. Members are afraid to go back to their Wards given the fact that we spent most of the time here and we have no time to meet our electorates. This is because even if we meet them it is usually very late in the evening. We have very little time to chat and discuss issues and therefore, Mr. Speaker, I support that we go for a recess so that we can meet our Ward members to discuss our issues.

Secondly, I am supporting this motion so that the Clerk of the Assembly can have time to repair this public address system that keeps failing us every now and then. You can acknowledge that these gadgets are going on and off all the time. We therefore want the Clerk to repair them and when we come back they will be in good condition.

Another issue is that, Hon. Nyang'wara is a member of my committee on Public Health and he really attends meetings. I want us to go for a recess so that he can have time to do his business *(Laughter)* so that next time when he comes he is fully equipped. *(Laughs)* Mr. Speaker Sir, several committees have also lacked agenda to discuss in their several meetings and I would like to suggest that we go for this recess so that Members will come back with agenda to discuss in their various committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I need two Members and then we finish. Hon. Hashim, followed by 'Mheshimiwa' Chege.

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority (Mr. Hashim Kamau): Mr. Speaker, apart from being Members of the Assembly, we all belong to different religions, for example, I am a Muslim and from next week on Monday, we will be observing a whole month of 'Ramadhani' up to 10th August 2013. Mr. Speaker, *(Laughs)* I am kindly begging my Christian brothers and sisters to support this motion. I am supporting the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Member for Kasarani Ward (Mr. Martin Gichuhi): Ahsante Bwana Spika, kwa kunipa fursa hii. Napinga mswada huu na si kwa sababu nimeshawishiwa na Bwana Imwatoke, jinsi 'Leader of Majority' anavyosema. Mimi sijashawishiwa, nimeletwa hapa na watu wa Kasarani na niko hapa kupinga mswada huu. 'Reason' yangu ni kwamba mimi si muisilamu kwa hivyo siendi- *(Interruption by the Speaker)*

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! Withdraw those remarks.

Hon Martin Gichuhi: Nime 'withdraw, Mr. Speaker'. Bwana Spika tunapoenda kwa 'recess' ambayo tunaambiwa nilazima tupewe- *(Interruption by the Speaker)*

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, let's give the Member time to speak. Okay, point of information.

Hon. Member: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, for such a good opportunity. I congratulate the Hon. Member for trying to speak good Kiswahili in this Assembly. But 'reason' is not a Kiswahili word and the same applies to 'recess'.

Hon. Speaker: What is your information?

Hon. Members: Speaker sir, I would like him to use the proper language in this Assembly.

Hon. Speaker: Endelea Mheshimiwa.

Hon Martin Gichuhi: Bwana Spika, Ahsante, Kisungu na Kiswahili zote ni lugha za taifa. Kile nasema ni kwamba tupewe afisi. Tunapoenda mapumziko lazima tujue tunaenda wapi. Tusiende kukaa, kama 'County representatives' wa Kiambu, chini ya miti. Sisi sio watu wa Kiambu.

'This is Nairobi County Assembly' na nilazima tupewe mahali pazuri pa afisi ambapo pako 'prepared'; pahali ambapo tunaweza kuhudumia wananchi. Wengine wetu tunaishi kwa Wodi ambapo tunaonana na watu waliotupigia kura kila siku kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, lazima tutengenezewe afisi na tupewe mahali tutakapohudumia wananchi. Ahsante Bwana Spika. Ninapinga mswada huu.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chege. Order Member! Order!

Hon. Member for Ngara Ward (James Mwaura Chege): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been- *(Loud consultations)*

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! Order Members!

Hon. James Mwaura Chege: Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I stand here because- (*Loud consultations*)

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! Order!

Hon. James Chege: Mr. Speaker, thank you very much for your protection and I can see that you are enjoying your job because you are having a very lively House. I want to remind Members that I am a Member of the House Business Committee and we had consultations with the Leader of Minority's side and Leader of Majority's side, because sometimes we are in disagreement but one is bound to have a position that is acceptable by the committee.

I am not known to hide my head under the sand because of a hot debate. It is important that you come out and explain to the House the reasons for adjournment, Mr. Speaker. If you give me a few minutes I will explain what I have been able to gather.

Mr. Speaker, when we were on the go-slow, we did it effectively and we were away for two or three weeks, almost a month; Members have not understood the basis of us coming back only to decide to go on recess.

Secondly, you have heard the Hon. Members talk about the Wards. It is important that, if we are going on recess for a month, Members are made to understand clearly, probably through a Kamukunji, what is going to happen in the course of the month. We hope that within this month we will have our offices in the Wards operational and that we will have our own budget for developments in the Wards.

We are also going to be employing some people. If somebody has not employed probably it is during this time that they can employ. However, most of the Members are not sure of whether they will be contracting the personnel for the Wards within this month or the next.

Lastly, with regard to the House business, we are going on recess for a month yet our in-house issues that we talk about in camera have not been addressed. Our issues have not been discussed and by the way when we go for recess even the committees will be on recess for a while for may be a week or two. This means that they will be over worked when we return from recess.

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! The committees will continue. Order Members! Hon. Members, as we come to the closure of this motion of adjournment, I want to bring to your attention that the motion on adjournment springs from the unanimous agreement by Members during the House Business Committee meeting. Further to this committee meeting, the liaison committee met your Chairmen and Chairladies yesterday and they were also in agreement on the issue of a recess for Members. Subsequently Members

of staff from the Clerk's office took two weeks break as a result of our House Business Committee meeting and the liaison committee resolutions. But what I want to tell you is that the committees will immediately start meeting as soon as the Clerks are back to the County Assembly.

Therefore, Hon. Chege, it is a fact that the committees will roll on even if the County Assembly will be on recess. We will also take a break of two weeks and come back. So I just wanted to make you aware. There are issues that Members have continuously referred to; these are to do with the Ward offices and the bursaries that we just passed in the budget. Hon. Members as a result of what we discussed in our House Business Committee, I summoned the County Assembly Service Board to immediately start rolling out the establishment of offices as from tomorrow. I have just read to you the programme. So, the issue of Ward offices has been catered for because the money allocated for the exercise must be used as quickly as possible.

Hon. Members, my take is that immediately after our visit to the constituencies for the next two days, you Members together with our offices; office of the Speaker and Clerk, will now start disbursing the money for employment of staff in Ward offices and for those who do not have Ward offices we will start construction arrangements with the landlords and landladies.

Secondly, those who needed office refurbishment will start renovations immediately. So when you say you don't know what you are going to do; that is what you are going to do in the next one month. When we come back we will have our offices ready. We will have our pigeon holes ready as well, so that you will no longer move about the streets with your confidential documents.

Hon. Members, that is why we thought that we needed to take a break so that we can be able to chase the money from the County Government with regard to Ward funds and also use our funds to organize our office. This is the reason I have for the Assembly to go on recess. Thank you, Members.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Millicent, sorry Hon. Member, let him finish

Hon. Elizabeth Manyala: Ladies first, Hon. Chege be a gentleman, thank you. *(Laughter)* It just shows that he has courtesy. Sorry, Mr. Speaker, I am failing to understand and I have a question; are people opposing going on a recess or are people opposing their offices being refurbished without them being contacted? I think, whatever; the English language came by boat. I am sorry. There are two things that I am trying to pick from people. It is like people somehow want to go on a break but second- Hon. Sorry, I take that back. There is an issue here, Mr. Speaker, if you haven't noticed the issue is that; are the Hon. Members opposed to their offices being refurbished without them being involved or are they opposing going on a break? It is quite confusing, so we need to understand so that we cannot deny some of the Hon. Members who want to go on a recess chance to do so by failing to involve them in the refurbishing of their offices. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chege

Hon. James Mwaura Chege: Mr. Speaker I will not try to answer that very hard question. But I will finish by saying that in the event that the motion materializes I will just propose that we have a session of a Kamukunji whereby we will sort out all this issues and then probably as I was trying to lobby Majority Leader that we try and see that we are not going to bring the motion of adjournment and cause a split among Members. We may as well push it over to Tuesday so that on Monday you try and get us a Kamukunji because as you have spoken people have partly understood the reason of the recess. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Hon members, I now call the mover to move the motion that the Assembly adjourns until Tuesday 20th August, 2013.

Hon. Leader of Majority: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I reply, let me say that Members, it is very important that you support this motion so that you can be involved in the Ward tour and be part and parcel of everything we are going to do in the Wards. So I think it is very important for us also to understand their argument because they are saying, they want to be part and parcel of everything which is going to take place in their Wards for example they would like to be involved in purchasing of their office furniture in their Wards among other issues. *(Applause)*

I think that this is the main problem here, so it is very important. If it is something which is open and I don't think we are hiding anything, let us just involve them and when we go to the Wards I just want to urge you to be part and parcel of that Ward visit. I think that is the only problem we are facing here. Let us just involve Members, wherever we will go in those Wards, the Clerk should call each and everyone and provide details of the visit to the Member's Ward to make the Members know what is going on in their Wards. Let us not just take them blindly.

Mr. Speaker, because I want to reply now, I would like to congratulate Mr. Warutere for his support of the motion. I witnessed for the last one week the House had issues of quorum. I don't see the reason why we should continue coming here and yet we know very well that on many occasions we don't have quorum. So let us go on recess and have time to visit our Ward offices. Let us visit the Hon. Members' Wards and give them chance to participate in whatever developments that are anticipated in their Wards. And this recess period will be spend on this. We have not had agenda for this House for the last few days and we also have quorum issues. We can't cheat ourselves, today, that we can continue simply because we do not want to adjourn. Yesterday we didn't have a quorum and the day before yesterday. So let us involve our Members, Mr. Speaker, and let us have democracy because these Members are representatives of their people. In any case it is good to take this issue seriously because we do not want the electorates to think that Members squandered the Ward development funds and bursary allocations. So it is good to involve them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I now put the question that as many as are of the same opinion say 'yes' and as many of the contrary opinion say 'nay'. The 'yes' have it.

(Loud consultations)

Hon Members, order! Members, you all heard it very clearly and here we go by democracy and you only heard the 'yes' have it. Order Members! Hon. Members, the motion of adjournment has been approved by this House and Hon. Members I want to tell you this; you should have listened, and I am sure you have heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, I wish you good recess and we meet on 20th August, 2013 at 2.30pm. Hon. Members.

(House rose at 5.15 p.m.)