



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

First County Assembly – Second Session

Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)

PRAYERS

PAPERS

The following Papers were laid on the Table:

- a) The Public Finance Management, Nairobi City County Assembly Car Loan Scheme Fund Regulations 2014, and;
- b) The Public Finance Management, Nairobi City County Assembly Mortgage Scheme Fund Regulations 2014.
- c) The Second Report of the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the Assault of Hon. Clarence Muga by the City County Askari on 18th June, 2013;
- d) The Sixth Report of the Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs on the vetting of the nominee of the Chief Officer, Nairobi City County Information Communication and E-Government;
- e) The Special Report of the Committee of Planning and Housing on enquiry into the contested ownership of the Bowling Green Restaurant.

Hon. Speaker (Mr. Alex Sanaika Ole Magelo): The following business will be transacted today Wednesday 2nd 2014: Clerk, continue.

(The Interim Clerk calls out the Orders on the Order Paper for the day)

Hon. Leader of Majority (Mr. Elias Otieno Okumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday 2nd April, 2014:

1. The Public Finance Management, Nairobi City County Assembly Car Loan Scheme Fund Regulations 2014, and;
2. The Public Finance Management, Nairobi City County Assembly Mortgage Scheme Fund Regulations 2014.

I beg to lay the Papers.

Hon. Member for Parklands/HighRidge Ward (Mr. Jaffer Kassam): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 180(6); I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday 2nd April, 2014:

1. The Second Report of the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the Assault of Hon. Clarence Muga by the City County Askari on 18th June, 2013;
2. The Sixth Report of the Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs on the vetting of the nominee of the Chief Officer, Nairobi City County Information Communication and E-Government.

Hon. Member for Korogocho Ward (Mr. Maxwell Ochieng Ochar): Mr. Speaker sir, pursuant to Standing order Number 180(6); I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday 2nd April, 2014; the Special Report of the Committee of Planning and Housing on enquiry into the contested ownership of the Bowling Green Restaurant.

Mr. Speaker, number one; that this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on the enquiry into the contested ownership of the Bowling Green Restaurant laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday 2nd April, 2014.

Hon Speaker: Very well. Yes, Hon. Kareen, thank you. Order Hon. Wamari! Order! The criss-crossing is not allowed; you go up to the end of the seats, you turn and face the chair, then you can move to the other side. Very well.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICE – MOTION OF APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT, CAR LOAN SCHEME FUND REGULATIONS

Hon. Leader of Majority: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion that this Assembly approves the Public Finance Management Nairobi City County Assembly Car Loan Scheme Fund Regulations 2014 laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014.

NOTICE – MOTION OF APPROVAL OF PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT, MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND

Hon. Leader of Majority: Also, Mr. Speaker once again because there are two different Notices of motions; I give notice of Motion that this Assembly approves the Public Finance Management Nairobi City County Assembly Mortgage Scheme Fund Regulations 2014 laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well, Leader of Majority, Hon Otieno. Next?

NOTICE - MOTION OF ADOPTION OF REPORT ON THE ASSAULT OF HON. CLARENCE K. MUGA BY THE CITY COUNTY ASKARI ON 18TH JUNE, 2013

Hon. Jaffer Kassam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion; that this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Justice and legal Affairs on the Assault of Hon. Clarence K. Muga by the City County Askari on 18th June, 2013 laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 2nd April, 2014.

NOTICE – MOTION OF ADOPTION OF REPORT ON VETTING OF CHIEF OF STAFF NOMINEE FOR INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND E-GOVERNMENT

Hon. Jaffer Kassam: Mr. Speaker sir, I have another Notice of Motion. I beg to give notice of the following Motion; that this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the vetting of the Nominee of the Chief officer for Nairobi City County Information Communication and E-Government laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 2nd April, 2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon Speaker: Thank You, Hon. Jaffer. Thank you.

NOTICE – MOTION OF ADOPTION OF REPORT ON ENQUIRY INTO THE CONTESTED OWNERSHIP OF THE BOWLING GREEN RESTAURANT

Hon. Maxwell Ochar: Thank You, Mr. Speaker, I wish to give Notice of the following Motion; that this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on the enquiry into the contested ownership of the Bowling Green Restaurant, laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 2nd April, 2014. Mr. Speaker on 28th January, 2014 ---

Hon Speaker: Order! You are just giving a Notice of Motion.

Hon. Maxwell Ochar: Thank You.

Hon Speaker: When you come back you will have to---

Hon. Maxwell Ochar: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES

Hon Speaker: The Hon. Chairman of Budget and Appropriation Committee.

Hon. Member for Embakasi Ward (Mr. Michael Ogada Okumu): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker sir, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 215; this Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Supplementary Budget Estimate for the County Government and the County Assembly. I think I am reading the wrong one, Mr. Speaker sir, I think I have taken the wrong one.

I beg to move the following Motion; that this County Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Supplementary Budget Estimate for the Nairobi City County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on Wednesday 2nd, April, 2014.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Constitution has placed a significant responsibility on Parliaments and indeed the County Assembly over the Management of Public Resources. The Legislature has enormous responsibilities with regard to resource mobilization, allocation, Monitoring and control. It is in this regard that a Committee of the Assembly to oversight budget process is contemplated in Article 221 of the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

The Supplementary Estimates for Nairobi City County for the Financial Year 2013/14 were tabled in the Assembly on Thursday 6th March 2014. Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and County Assembly Standing Orders Number 206, 207 and 215 the Estimates were committed to each Sectoral Committee for deliberations. Each Sectoral Committee was required to

consider, discuss and review the Estimates and submit its report and recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members will recall that the deliberations on the 2013/14 Budget Estimates were largely conceptual and experimental. The process of budget making was a new experience to Counties, which had been barely in office for less than two or so months. The challenge was made no easier by the lack of vital information such as the cost of devolved services. This necessitated a number of amendments to the budget to comply with the statutes including reducing deficit. The experiences gained by the Committee and indeed all Members of this Assembly will be harnessed in guiding the budget process. The supplementary budget under scrutiny of the Assembly is part of the larger process of ensuring that the planning process and allocation of resources in our County is as realistic as possible.

In the course of the deliberations on the Supplementary Estimates for FY 2013/14 the Budget Committee held a total of three (3) sittings, one of which was with the officers from the County Treasury who were invited to take members through the document. In addition, the Committee held discussions with the Clerk of the County Assembly represented by the Senior Finance Officer. Both arms were accorded the opportunity to explain to the Committee their proposed amendments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as earlier indicated, the Standing Orders require that Sectoral Committees consider the Supplementary Estimates and report to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. This was further emphasized with the Communication from the Chair on 6th March 2014, which directed the Sectoral Committees to do so within seven days. To this end the Committee is grateful to the various Sectoral Committees that appeared before it and whose submissions have formed an integral part of this report.

Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to thank Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee for their untiring commitment and valuable contributions. Indeed it is because of their dedication that we have been able to complete this demanding task.

The Committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and the Office of Clerk of County Assembly for the support received as it discharged its mandate of reviewing the Supplementary Estimates. Further, the Committee would wish to pay special recognition to the experts who helped the Committee digest the Paper as well as to Members of the County Assembly who participated in this process.

Mr. Speaker sir, the following are the recommendation of the Committee: The Committee noted various critical issues in the Supplementary Estimates that it would like addressed. The Committee therefore proposes the following policy measures:

- a) That the County Treasury must in future ensure that any future budget documents are accompanied with memoranda explaining the figures;

- b) That so as to ensure the County is in line with Section 12 of the Second Schedule of the PFM Act, 2012 which requires that Counties start implementing programme based budgets in 2014/15, Nairobi City County must put measures in place to ensure this provision of the law is fast-tracked;
- c) That all future Supplementary budgets must be restricted to funding only ongoing projects but must avoid the temptation of introducing any new projects; and
- d) That this Assembly insists on the Executive to ensure that all future budgets are itemized so as to enable the Committees and the Assembly to properly scrutinize them.

Mr. Speaker sir, as you may recall this Assembly allocated funds for bursaries and Ward Development Projects in the last budget so as to ensure that all electorates in the City feel the effects of devolution. The Committee put the County Treasury to task to explain the reasons why some of these projects had taken too long to implement. It is worth commenting that the issue of bursaries is now almost behind us.

This Supplementary Budget aims to put to reality the Members' desire of developing their respective Wards. The Budget Committee indeed has attained that allocation of KShs 1.275 billion for Ward Development Projects and it is actually captured. *(Applause)* Further, and to ensure that the growth is sustainable, this Committee will recommend to the County Assembly in consultation with the County Treasury that the allocation for bursaries in the next financial year be raised to Ksh 2.5 million instead of Ksh 1.5 million per year.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Committee also realized that for us to ensure that we have got a sustainable development and taking into account that we have really lagged behind in terms of development, this Committee recommends that in the next financial year, the Ward Development Fund be raised to Ksh 20 million instead of the Ksh 15 million that we currently have. *(Applause)* Mr. Speaker sir, the Budget Committee received presentations from Chairs of Sectoral Committees on recommendations and proposed re-allocations in the 2013/14 Budget, in line with its mandate and so as to ensure that the County remains on track in delivering on the areas that are critical for growth of the County, the Committee made numerous recommendations. Mr. Speaker sir, the following are proposed reductions in expenditure:

- a) The Committee proposed to reduce Ksh 10 million allocated under Governor's Office for setting up a radio station. This will be allocated in the next financial year.
- b) To reduce Ksh 25 million allocated for tourism development under Trade and Development sector. It is important to note that the Supplementary Budget is not meant for introduction of new programs and this must be avoided at all costs.

Mr. Speaker sir, the above cuts are aimed at making resources available for spending in most of the priority areas. These were informed by the core needs identified by the Sectoral Committees in conjunction with the Budget Committee. The Committee therefore proposes the following as areas where increase should be effected:

- a) An additional allocation of Ksh 10 million be set aside for the construction of ablution block at Dagoretti Training School
- b) An additional amount of Ksh 25 million be maintained in the budget for the Water and Sanitation Sector for the two subheads sewer line construction at the Kayole GY and Lower Dandora through PPP and sewer line upgrade for the Mathare North phase 1 through PPP.

Mr. Speaker sir, in conclusion and pursuant to the provision of section 135 (2 and 4) of the Public Finance Management Act of 2012 and Standing Order 215, the County Budget and Appropriations Committee recommends that this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Nairobi City County Government and County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on 2nd April, 2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to call Petronilla Nafula to second the Motion. *(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Chairman.

Hon. Petronilla Achieng (Nominated Member from Dagoretti North): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, I want to second this Motion and I want to inform this House that this Supplementary Budget is long overdue because the Members are waiting for the money for the cars and the grants. I support the Motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members, I now propose the question that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 215; this Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Supplementary Budget Estimate for the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on Wednesday 2nd April, 2014. Hon. Members.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. Kennedy Ng'ondi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, with the magnitude and weight that this Motion stands on, I would kindly request the Hon. Members, that we just adopt the Motion in two seconds so that we can move to another---

Hon. Speaker: Very well, Hon. Deputy Speaker, Chairperson for Liaison Committee. The Hon. Thuo, Karura.

Hon. Member for Karura Ward (Mr. Stephen Thuo Kamau): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Thuo; were you a DJ at one time? *(Laughter)*

Hon. Stephen Thuo Kamau: It is one of my aspirations, Mr. Speaker. I would have loved to be a DJ, probably, in the next life because in this life I am a politician.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Thuo Kamau: Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier anything that benefits this Members also benefits our Wards. If you see me standing here or talking or walking, just know that that's Karura. That is why I am saying that anything that benefits the Members of this Assembly should be granted and I also want to support what our able Deputy Speaker has said that there is no negotiation over this issue. It is something we have deliberated on; we have also negotiated and the proposals provided here are agreeable to all Members. So, I am also urging the Members present here that we go ahead and pass this Motion so that things can start happening.

To conclude, Mr. Speaker, the only reason why you are seeing Members are so relaxed and so composed, is because they are in agreement with what we are doing this afternoon. With those few remarks I must say I am one happy person and very soon you might see me becoming taller by the day because of the things that are happening in this Assembly and in particular what has happened today. I must say that I commend the Chairman of the Budget Committee. This is a Wanjiku's Supplementary Budget, Mr. Speaker. So, I commend that Committee, that through this Supplementary Budget we can at least start initiating projects in our Wards, Mr. Speaker. With those few remarks I support this, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Leader of Majority, Hon. Otieno.

Hon. Leader of Majority: Mr. Speaker, I don't think we should take too much time because we knew very well this Supplementary Budget was going to become the Motion of the day. So, I don't really see the reason why we should belabor it because people are very tired as you can see. Just call the mover to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. I would like to call the Chairperson or the mover of the Motion to reply. Order, Hon. Ochola!

Hon. Michael Ogada: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker sir, we are glad because everybody has seen the sense in the document we have presented. They know it actually takes the interest of the Members on board and some Members were just raising the fact that they heard the Majority Leader present a Paper but they are wondering whether we actually factored in whatever he was presenting a Paper about. So, I can confirm to them that this Committee was very alive to that fact and actually we have set aside in that which I have just presented the Ksh 380 million for the start and in the next one month the

balance of around Ksh 200 million is going to be taken care of. So, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and we really thank the Members for really supporting this document.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I now put the question that pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 215, this Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Supplementary Budget estimates for the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on Wednesday April 2nd 2014. And as many of the opinion say 'yes', and as many of the contrary opinion say 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it.

(Question put for adoption of the report on Supplementary Budget estimates and agreed to)

Interim Clerk (Mr. Jacob Ngwele): Order number 9; Motion.

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Michael Ogada.

MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR FY 2014/15

Hon. Michael Ogada: Thank you, once again, Mr. Speaker sir. I am really alive to the fact that Members of this Assembly are really gearing to move out of the place and that is why my documents today are a bit brief. So, Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move the following Motion that this County Assembly adopts the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2014/15 with amendments as contained in the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Speaker sir, as you are aware the County Fiscal Strategy Paper was laid in this Assembly on March 14th, 2014. Mr. Speaker sir, as per the PFM Act 2012 and the Standing Order 206 (4) the Budget and Appropriation Committee has the onus to consider the Strategy Paper and table a report to the County Assembly given the significance of the Paper on the budget process. The Assembly's resolutions on it will guide preparation of the 2014/15 budget estimates.

On behalf of the Members of the Committee, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 206, it is my pleasant duty to present to the Assembly the Committee's report on the considerations of the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper. Mr. Speaker sir, processing of the Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2014/15 has been a special historic undertaking because it was the first of its kind. Indeed Hon. Members will recall that processing the current Fiscal, Financial Year Budget was experimental. This is what we will avoid as an Assembly. Despite this being a new process we cannot continue to gamble on the public finances.

The Committee has taken a lot of due diligence to scrutinize the submitted Paper and in making its report. In reviewing the 2014/15 County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the Committee held a total of 4 sittings. Two of which the officers from the County Treasury were in attendance. The Executive was accorded the

opportunity to take Members through the document in addition to shedding light on the grey areas identified by the Committee.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Standing Order requires that the Sectoral Committee consider the strategy paper and report to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. This was further emphasized by Communications from the Chair on the 5th March, 2014 which directed Sectoral Committees to do so within seven days. However it should be noted that the Sectoral Committees did not make their recommendations to this Committee as required by law.

Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to thank Members of the Budget and Appropriation Committee for their dedication, untiring commitment and valuable contributions. It is because of their dedication that we have been able to complete this demanding task. Mr. Speaker sir, the Committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the Assembly for support that we received in order to complete our assignment. Further the Committee would wish to pay special recognition to the experts who helped the Committee to digest the Paper.

Recommendations

Mr. Speaker sir, during the scrutiny of the document as has been mentioned, the Committee noted various gaps that it would wish addressed as follows:

- a) That notwithstanding the provisions of section 117(1) of the PFM Act 2012, the Committee recommends that the County Treasury should in future submit the Strategy Paper to the Assembly here, earlier than the statutory deadline;
- b) The document must in future contain detailed analysis of sector sailings, revenue and expenditure projections;
- c) The County Treasury should undertake a thorough study to establish the exact revenue potential, economic growth rate and Gross Domestic Product of the County. Further this should be related to the debt figures for the coming years;
- d) The County Treasury should consult with the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury to determine exact amounts which constitutes Nairobi County's share of National Revenue;
- e) Future documents must contain a detailed analysis of debt management within the County;
- f) The national treasury in subsequent reports should aim to furnish this Assembly with a breakdown of fiscal performance; that is the County Treasury in subsequent report

should aim to furnish this Assembly with the breakdown of fiscal performance for any financial year in progress;

- g) The Strategy Paper should focus on the National objectives only as far as they can be related to the County Development agenda and priorities.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Committee recommends that the Paper be amended by inserting the attached schedule as annexed as 1 and 2. This schedule was arrived at after due consultations with the County Treasury which pointed out to the Committee the resource requirements that would ensure an efficient and responsive budget going forward.

In conclusion and pursuant to the provisions of the Act section 117(6) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and Standing Order 206(7), the County Budget and Appropriations Committee recommends that this County Assembly adopts the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2014/15 with amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, I will once again call upon *Mheshimiwa* Petronilla to second.

Hon. Petronilla Achieng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir. I will second this Motion and I would like to raise some concerns with the Members; that even though the Committees did not present their findings, we managed to sit with the experts and we want to advise the Members to look at their papers critically when handling the budget process. We also implore your office and the office of the Clerk to take the other Committees for training especially on the Public Management Finance Act 2012. I second this Motion with honour. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Petronilla. Hon. Members, I now propose that pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 206(7); this Assembly adopts the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2014/2015 and over the Medium Term with amendments as contained in the report of the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriation laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 2nd April, 2014. Hon. Members, I now call the Hon. Majority.

Hon. Leader of Majority: Mr. Speaker, I think you are also dozing wherever you are sitting because I can see that you are also very tired and if you can read the mood of the House, I do not think these people want any debate on this. So, it is high time we passed this Motion without sideshows; just call the mover to reply.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Leader of the Majority.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Speaker, I concur with my colleague that you call the mover to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I call the Mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Michael Ogada: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, sir. I think that is an appreciation and acknowledgement of the good job that the Budget and Appropriations Committee is doing in this County Assembly because once we bring a document and it is not opposed by even a single person, it shows that we are working well. Besides that, I really want to appreciate those who did contribute, particularly the Members of this Assembly who gave a lot of contributions, because actually the Strategy Paper is what we call the pre-budget.

The budget that you are going to be preparing in the next two months is actually based on the Paper that we have worked on today. So if we would have not done a thorough consultation then our budget for the next financial year would have been affected greatly so I am really appreciating those who gave us as a Committee a lot of support. I also want to thank the Speaker's office and the office of the Clerk; you have been very, very positive whenever we are working on these Papers and it has really made our work to be quite easy and lovable. Thank you very much for the good work.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chairman of the Appropriation Committee. Hon. Members, I now put the question **that** pursuant to provision of Standing Order 206(7); this Assembly adopts the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2014/2015 and over the Medium Term with amendments as contained in the report of the select Committee on Budget and Appropriation laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 2nd April, 2014. And as many of the opinion say 'aye' and as many as are of the contrary opinion say 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it.

*(Question put for the adoption of the Nairobi City County
Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2014/2015 and agreed to)*

Interim Clerk: Order number 10; Motion.

Hon. Member: Point of Order.

Hon. Speaker: Sit down. Hon. Members, I now call the Leader of Majority Party to move a Motion of Adjournment of the Assembly to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the calendar of the Assembly's regular sessions. The Hon. Leader of Majority Party.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Leader of Majority: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to take too much time because I can see the Member's hearts are at the Coast, it is only their bodies which are here with us because they are going to refresh themselves in the salty water.

Hon. Speaker, I rise to move the Motion of Adjournment, **that** pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order number 25; this Assembly adjourns until April 15th, 2014 in accordance with the calendar of the County Assembly regular sessions.

Mr. Speaker, due to our tight schedule we must give these people two weeks because, if I am not wrong, right now they have bursary forms which they are going to give their electorates. So, these two weeks is enough for them to go and give the bursary forms.

As you go to Mombasa, I do not know whether you are all going to stay at the conference Hotel or you will be commuting to the Conference from other Hotels of your choice. I would like to urge you to just go and do the business that you have been invited to attend to even if you will be commuting to the Conference from elsewhere. So, Mr. Speaker, I beg to call upon Hon. Warutere to come and second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Leader of the Majority.

Hon. Member for Roysambu Ward (Mr. Peter Warutere): Mr. Speaker, I am here to second this very important Motion of Adjournment. I am happy because at least as we go home we have something to show our electorate; we have goodies that we can share with them and maybe for the first time I will look at 2017 with a lot of anticipation knowing too well that if I use my money prudently, come 2017 I will be a force to reckon with at Roysambu Constituency. With those few words, I beg to support the Motion of Adjournment; I think the Leader of the Majority has said much. I second the Motion of Adjournment and you do not have to put so many words on the same. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chairperson for Trade. Hon. Members, I now propose the question **that** pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 25; this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday, April 15th, 2014 in accordance with the calendar of the County Assembly regular sessions. Hon. Members, the Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Speaker, I have noticed that Members are totally in a rush but we must exercise our role as elected leaders. Mr. Speaker, I think it is in order. It is not only by way of representation in the Plenary that Members come to contribute to the agenda of this County but also it is necessary that these Hon. Members find time to go and interact with the electorate and again, family members. Mr. Speaker, it is always known by the public out there, that politicians never have quality time with their families. So, I hope it is in good light that this Hon. Members are going to find quality time with their families and when they come back their brains will be refreshed. For that reason I wish to concur with our Members here that this House adjourns until Tuesday 15th, 2014.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngaruiya and Hon. Karen then we close.

Hon. Member for Kahawa West Ward (Mr. Patrick Ngaruiya): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the mood in the House is that they support the Motion. I too support the adjournment. However, Mr. Speaker, we have issues to do with the travelling arrangement. We are just about to go, but we have an issue with the Per Diems, whereby we are being given Ksh 24,000---

Hon. Speaker: Order!

Hon. Patrick Ngaruiya: ---and Mr. Speaker, the Ksh 5,000 is not enough for the transport---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngaruiya, order! That is not part of the Motion. Hon. Karen.

Hon. Karen Githaiga (Nominated Member from Njiru): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion of Adjournment. As you know, we have been working hard and we need time to relax and also to have a good time with our electorates. In addition, the elected Members who have Wards need to disburse the bursary funds and I hope they will also contribute some to us. Mr. Speaker sir, I hope this time round the Hon. Members will not waste this time by extending their days in Mombasa but they will also go to their Wards. I also want to concur with my friend, Ngaruiya, that the money given to the Members is not enough for the trip to Mombasa.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Member, order! One more, Hon. Ochar.

Hon. Member for Korogocho Ward (Mr. Maxwell Ochar): Thank you, Mr. Speaker--

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Members, order!

Hon. Maxwell Ochar: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I support the Motion and while supporting the Motion I want to say that this Assembly, and it should also be on record, should congratulate our brothers, the Doctors, who managed to do a successful operation on the boy who was shot while we were in Mombasa, Mr. Speaker. Again, the thing is still fresh in our minds. We were in Mombasa when the terrorist act was happening and we are going back to Mombasa but this time very joyful people because the boy's life has been saved by our good doctors in this County. *(Applause)* Mr. Speaker, we want to be on record as the Assembly of this city, that we also--- *(Consultations)* ---that we also as the Assembly of this beautiful city, are together with our brothers and sisters outside there, by congratulating these brilliant minds of this County. Thank you.

(The Speaker consults with the Clerk)

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Leader of Majority, the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Leader of Majority: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know what the kindergarten teacher wants me to say, because what he is talking about is that the money is not enough for four days in Mombasa. So, Mr. Speaker, you as the Chairman of welfare in this House; I think you will talk about it. That is very important.

I also think it is high time that the Hon. Members of the Nairobi County Assembly visited the young boy who is in the hospital and who was operated on yesterday, next week when they come back from Mombasa. We will at the same time pay a courtesy call on that hospital.

So, Mr. Speaker, I must thank the Members of this Assembly and also I must thank you because you have moved the agenda very fast. It is a record that we were able to pass two Motions without any hitches because Elizabeth Manyala was not around. I must thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, because---

(Applause and laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Order! Members, order!

Hon. Leader of Majority: When we have something which is important like passing the Motions, Mr. Speaker, we can tie Elizabeth Manyala somewhere or we can delay her, for us to pass the Motions without the sideshows. *(Laughter)* So, Mr. Speaker, I beg to thank Members and as I sit down you can just stand up and adjourn until Tuesday 15th without giving her any Point of Order, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members--- Hon. Janet, you will be required to report to the Speaker's Chamber as soon as we leave this Assembly. Hon. Members, I now put the question **that** pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order number 25; this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday, April 15th, 2014 in accordance with the calendar of the County Assembly regular sessions. Good afternoon and have a safe journey.

(The Assembly Rose at 3.50 p.m.)