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(Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker- Hon. James Chege Mwaura in the Chair)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. James Chege Mwaura): Hon. Members, due to some unavoidable circumstances, the Hon. Speaker is not available and as such, I know there are various pending Notices of Motions and Motions that were supposed to be before this House today but they have not been signed by the Speaker. So, I want to beg for pardon from all those Members who were expecting them to come today and we have agreed that they will be pushed until tomorrow.

Hon. Chief Whip of Minority (Mr. Athman Hashim Kamau): What about those that have been signed by the Speaker?

Hon. Temporary Speaker: The ones that have already been signed of course they are in the programme today.

NOTICE OF MOTION

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE DOWN CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING UNTIL REPAIR FOR LIFTS AND OTHER PUBLIC AMENITIES IS DONE

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Hon. Leader of the Majority (Mr. Elias Otieno): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order number 41(2c); I beg to give notice of the following Motion, Mr. Speaker; **THAT AWARE** that the operation of a multistoried 14 floors building without a properly functioning lift is a breach of the building code and places lives at risk; further **AWARE** that lifts and escalators are often essential for disabled people to carry out their everyday activities such as reaching their workplace, shopping or using a multistoried car park; deeply **CONCERNED** that City Hall Annex building poses a serious risk to residents of Nairobi who use the building as recently evidenced by mechanical failure of a lift that caused injury to 9 people, this Assembly resolves that the Nairobi City County Government closes down City Hall Annex building until repair for lifts and other public amenities within the building are done to avoid further injury to innocent Kenyans who regularly use the building.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Okay. This one is a Notice of Motion so the Motion might be scheduled for tomorrow or any other appointed time. I have seen that you have been very radical in your proposals. Proceed. Is there another Notice?

(Consultations between the Temporary Deputy Speaker and the Clerk)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I am informed that Hon. Nancy Luchiri had a Motion that was already approved and proposed, so I do order that we proceed with it after the 8th Order. Is that fair?

Hon. Members: Yes.

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT ON THE INSTALLATION AND SUBSEQUENT USE OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Chair of Transport.

Hon. Member for South C Ward (Ms. Dianah Kapeen): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I have a Statement in response to a question asked by Hon. Jackie Nyang'ala regarding street lighting. On Wednesday, 5th March, 2014, the Hon. Jacqueline Nyang'ala rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order number 41(2c) and requested the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee for a Statement regarding installation and subsequent use of traffic lights in the Nairobi City County. She further asked the Chairperson to enquire into;

1. The installation of traffic lights and who is responsible for their management, monitoring and evaluation;

2. The plans that the County has underway for roads that do not have traffic lights especially at the junctions;
3. If they still intend to use the traffic lights solely in future.

Mr. Speaker, sir, the Committee wrote to the County Secretary, copied to the CEC member responsible for Works and Transport on 4th April requesting to be furnished with a written response. The County Secretary responded through letter reference, CE1218/KW dated 9th June, 2014. Mr. Speaker, in this regard I wish to respond to the question.

On the installation of traffic lights and who is responsible for their management, monitoring and evaluation:

(Hon. Chief Whip of Minority on his phone)

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Mr. Speaker, I beg that you request Hon. Hashim to please switch off his phone.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: You are protected. Hon. Chief Whip of Minority, I hope that you are asking Members to come and become part of this Assembly. Aren't you?

Hon. Leader of Minority: That is exactly what I am doing, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: It is not fair.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Mr. Speaker, the County Secretary stated the installation of traffic signals at junctions is one of the tools of traffic management. The County Government has a responsibility to install, maintain and manage the traffic signals within the County. She also added that the current signalized junctions are being rehabilitated by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development in conjunction with the County Government she stated that the project entails the following;

1. Installation of new traffic signals controllers,
2. Installation of lead traffic and pedestrian signal heads,
3. Installation of countdown timers,
4. Construction of two control centers, main and redundant,
5. Installation of vehicle number plates recognition camera,
6. Installation of surveillance camera,
7. Synchronization of traffic signals for adjusted junctions,
8. Training officers to operate and maintain the system.

The County Secretary stated that the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development is responsible for the rehabilitation project. On the plan that the County has underway for roads that do not

have traffic lights especially at junctions, if they still intend to use the traffic lights, the Secretary stated the contractor undertaking the rehabilitation is in the process of synchronizing of all rehabilitated junctions; training officers before the hand-over of the project to the client to operate and manage.

Once the synchronization process is complete there will be a phased withdrawal of traffic police officers from the intersection. This will ensure a smooth transition and give the contractor time to improve on the signal plan. The County Secretary added that the contractor was still working on the system and he is going to maintain the same for the next 18 months.

The County Secretary further stated that in order to regulate the flow of traffic into and within the CBD, the County Government in conjunction with the other State agencies responsible for roads development and maintenance intend to install more traffic signals at major intersections and within the CBD. She added that the European Union has hired a consultant to prepare documents for an intelligent transport system for the Nairobi City County and that the project will be financed by the World Bank and the New Trip Programme. The County Secretary listed the following signalized junctions of which most are located in the CBD.

1. Junction 1 – Kenyatta/Uhuru Highway
2. Kenyatta Avenue/State House Avenue
3. Uhuru Highway/University
4. Uhuru Highway/Haile Selassie Avenue
5. Moi Avenue/Mama Ngina Street
6. Moi Avenue/Ronald Ngala Street
7. Moi Avenue/Haile Selassie Avenue
8. Moi Avenue/Harambee Avenue
9. Harambee Avenue/Landhies Road and Haile Selassie/Pumwani
10. Moi Avenue/Muranga Rd/Dakar
11. Kenyatta Avenue/Koinange
12. Kenyatta Avenue/Muindi Mbingu
13. Kenyatta Avenue/Muindi Mbingu
14. Kenyatta Avenue/Kimathi Street
15. Kenyatta Avenue/Moi Avenue
16. Tom Mboya/Cabral/Mondlane
17. Ngong Rd/Valley Rd/Mbagathi Way
18. Rabai Rd/Jogoo Rd
19. Uhuru Highway/Bunyala
20. Uhuru Highway/Lusaka/Pangani/Juja
21. Westlands Roundabout

Mr. Speaker, sir, I beg to lay this response. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Fair enough. It looks like a comprehensive one but let me ask, Hon. Jackie Nyang'ala, did you first of all get the response in good time and please also give your comments also.

Hon. Jacquiline Nyang'ala (Nominated Member from Kileleshwa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I did get the response, I think about an hour ago but I have gone through it. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make some comments on the paper that the Chairperson has given to me. On (b) on page 3; *"the County Secretary stated that the contractor undertaking the rehabilitation is in the process of synchronizing the traffic signals of all the rehabilitated junctions and training officers"*. As far as I am concerned, the synchronizing of the traffic signals had already been done, if I am remembering correctly. I think it is the Governor who had said early this year that the synchronizing of the traffic lights had been done. So, I am just wondering if they are being re-done or what? Then, the training of officers; from my understanding again, the Traffic Marshalls are not yet trained and they are supposed to be trained and the training has not been undertaken. So, I am wondering if we have another parallel group that is being trained by these people. I would like to get the answer to that. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Alright, Hon. Chair of Transport, please respond to the issue of the process of synchronizing the traffic signals and the training of officers before the handing over of the project.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Mr. Speaker, on the issue of synchronizing, probably I will get further directions from the County Secretary and on the issue of Traffic Marshalls, we do not have a parallel group that is being trained and neither are they undergoing training. Recently in our budget meeting in Nakuru we realized that there was no budget for the Traffic Marshalls, the ones who were shortlisted. I think there is none, Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Member of Karura Ward (Mr. Kamau Thuo): There is no money.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Yes, there is no money.

Hon. William Abuka (Nominated Member from Kibra): Point of information.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Reverend, what is your Point of Information?

Hon. William Abuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I am slightly embarrassed to bring my Chairperson back to explain some details. As far as I am concerned, I am a member of the Trust Fund Committee, Mr. Speaker, you are aware that the House has always been in an uproar about delayed

responses, and I knew very well as at yesterday and the day before that there was a resolution to bring before the Assembly five reports. I just want to know, because I do not want her to whisper to me because she sits besides me, why she is only bringing one today? I do not want to be part of the bashing from the Members of the Hon. Assembly.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Alright, those are very good sentiments from the Member. Hon. Chair?

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Mr. Speaker, I have just gotten information from one of the Members of the Budget Committee although it is not documented, that they have allocated money for the Traffic Marshalls. So in regard to what Hon. Nyang'ala had asked, probably we will need to find out more and then give a comprehensive answer.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Yes, because in the first instance you mentioned that there were problems with the budget.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Yes, I sat in that Committee---

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I think we need to get a very clear answer.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Yes, I sat in the Committee of Budget in Nakuru and I can state for a fact that there were no funds at that time.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: And they could not have just gotten the funds because somebody somewhere---

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: In City Hall you get funds depending on how you work, so probably they worked their own ways, Mr. Speaker.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Can I go ahead?

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: No, just sit, let us get as many responses and then we will compile them and then have a ruling on it.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: The, can I go back to the County Secretary? I beg that I go to the County.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: That is okay, but let us hear what other Members are saying so that when you go back to the person who is supposed to answer he is more comprehensive.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: The Hon. Nyang'wara.

Hon. Member for Viwandani (Mr. Samuel Nyang'wara): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am wondering about the kind of information or the kind of answers that we get from the Executive on the floor of this House. Mr. Speaker, we cannot be told here 'I think'. I do not think you heard clearly what the Hon. Chair for Transport said when she was giving an answer to this House; she said she 'thinks' there is no money. Are we getting answers as per wishes of the Chairman or we want answers from the Executive? Mr. Speaker, this is a very serious issue, the Hon. Members here went all over their Wards in the County of Nairobi and they gave out names and people are waiting outside there. We want to know exactly what is going on and what is happening. Mr. Speaker, this is a serious thing and it is high time we get a proper answer to this particular issue.

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: *(Inaudible)*

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Wait, Hon. Chair, that is a very emotive issue because I know Members have already presented their lists and there is a question that even the Hon. Chairperson has said that she would want some more time to go back to it, but the reason why I opened up to Members responses, or a small critiquing of the report is so that when she is going back to the Executive she goes back with more. I have not even given the person who has asked the question a chance to even say if she is satisfied so far. So I just wanted to hear some views from the floor and then we now close it up. I had seen the Hon. Chair, Mbatia.

Hon. Member for Embakasi West (Mr. Robert Mbatia): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Public Accounts Committee, I as the Chair would like to take this opportunity to first give my gratitude on behalf of the Committee for the assistance---

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Order. Chair, are you responding to this issue?

Hon. Robert Mbatia: No, actually I had a Statement to make.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I thought it was on the same issue. Kindly let us finish with this first.

Hon. Robert Mbatia: Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Maurice.

Hon. Member for Nairobi West Ward (Mr. Maurice Gari): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want a clarification from the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriation Committee. He is here and the House is confused because we are getting two answers at a go. One is that we do not have money and then again, in a twinkling of an eye they have money and the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriation Committee has just stepped in. So, please can we know from him authentically, do we or do we not have money for the Marshalls? Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I hear you, Hon. Member, but then again I said let us just open it up because the Chair of Transport has already reiterated that she wants to go back to the Executive for a comprehensive answer. I also know the Budget person is here, what we will do is try and give that response hopefully by tomorrow, but let me hear what the one who requested for the Statement has to say and then we finish up so that I give a ruling on that issue. Hon. Jackie.

Hon. Jacqueline Nyang'ala: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you can see, the Executive did not bring an appropriate answer because again they said that everything is in the process of--- so that means that it is being worked on and it is not true. So, can the Chairperson go and get the real story and come back with everything.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: So you are okay with her going back to the Executive?

Hon. Jacqueline Nyang'ala: Yes, no problem.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chair, if we give you until--- Tomorrow is Thursday. If we give you until next week on Tuesday, is that comfortable enough to have gotten all the answers?

Hon. Dianah Kapeen: Yes.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: You are okay with that. So, Tuesday next week we will have a more comprehensive issue including the issue of the budget and all that. Next, Hon. Mbatia.

Hon. Robert Mbatia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, on behalf of the Public Accounts Committee, I take this opportunity to give my gratitude for the assistance that has been given to the Committee during the scrutiny process of the special audit report by the office of the Auditor General. Recently during the Committee's retreat, I would like to inform you that the report writing was successful as the Committee was able to deliberate and write on most of the issues contained in the report. However, there were issues which could not be concluded in Mombasa as the Committee was still in the process of

meeting some witnesses for purposes of clarity to the details. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we as the Committee would like to request that we be granted by this Assembly a further 14 days for us to comprehensively conclude the report and Table it before the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, you are saying that you be given a further 14 days so that you are able to comprehend your report writing and all that. Before, I make a ruling on that can I hear a few sentiments and then we finish.

Hon. Member for Clay City (Mr. Erastus Muiruri): Point of Order!

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Erastus Muiruri: Mr. Speaker, the trend is worrying. Each and every time a question is posed to any of the Committees---

(Consultations at the Speakers Table)

Hon. Erastus Muiruri: I beg to have your attention, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Member.

Hon. Erastus Muiruri: When you were consulting I was saying the trend is worrying and this is the truth, because whenever a question is posed to any Committee we are always being given excuses. For example, the report from the Transport Committee actually they have a number of several questions. They are yet to respond to the Members and I'm asking if it would be possible for their Chair or Vice Chair to give a clarification as to why. What is blocking them from responding to already requested Statements? I would wish they could respond to that question. What is blocking them from giving us answers on time? Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Much as I want to hear what you are saying Hon. Member but the issue at hand is really on the PAC Report. So, I think that point of Order is not in order because we had already passed the issue of Transport. But if it is the issue of the 14 days that Hon. Mbatia is requesting, then I would have granted. So your point of Order is not very clear. Hon. Elizabeth.

Hon. Member for Kayole South Ward (Ms. Elizabeth Akinyi Manyala): I just want to react on the time frame that the Chairperson of Committee of PAC is telling us that we give them; the 14 working days. Mr. Speaker, that is too long. This Committee was just in Mombasa the other day and I wonder what they were doing there. They came back and this is a week, if we postpone things like this, I foresee a problem. We may not be able to even undertake serious business in this House. A week is enough.

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mauti, you have not got my eye yet. Hon. Chairperson of Water.

Hon. Member for Mugumoini Ward (Mr. Alex Ouda Otieno): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The Chairperson of PAC had just said they just need three weeks; that is what the Committee wants to be able to finalize, because we as PAC we don't want to give a half-baked report and that is what the Chairman is asking.

The report is almost about 90% complete but there are other areas that the Committee would like to get a clarification on so that when we are giving a report we give out a comprehensive report and that is what the Chairperson of PAC is requesting for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mauti

Hon. Member for Kwa Reuben (Mr. Elkana Omoga Mauti): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I think most Members do not know Public Accounts Committee (PAC) does not deal with only one Department, it deals with 16 Departments. *(Applause)* It is not like Transport Committee. *(Laughter)* In fact we cover the entire County up to Pumwani where we are also covering and that is why---

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Order, Member! When you say this Transport---

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Elikana Mauti: Protect me, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mauti, you have to clarify how PACs is important.

Hon. Elikana Mauti: Let me clarify so that you can understand what I mean. Why I'm saying PAC is not like Transport Committee is because it is like--- I'm being disturbed.

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: What is your point of Order Hon. Elizabeth?

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Elizabeth Akinyi Manyala: ---Including House Business which I sit in so can this Member stop misleading the House? All Committees are the same and we undertake the same duties and mandate. Can this Member come and withdraw that statement? And especially when he mentions Transport Committee, does it mean it is the cheapest Committee in this House?

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mauti kindly, clarify on this?

Hon. Elikana Mauti: Let me make it clear, for you to be able to understand. I said PAC is not the same as some other Committees, because we cover all the Departments, that's why it is different. We are not entirely like Legal Affairs Committee. We cover the entire County--- *(Laughter)* which means we solve all the problems in Transport, Traffic and other problems. We solve them and we are looked upon that is why. Finally I want to clear---- protect me from Thuo.

Finally, I was supporting Mr. Chairman because we don't want to bring something on the Table which would not be enough or which would not have weight. We want to clear everything so that even when you will be given the report you will say at least or finally we have done it. That is why we are requesting that we don't want to bring a half-baked report or a cheated report which you are used to being given.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chairman of PAC when did you first receive this report? Let him first answer that then we can chat.

Hon. Member for Embakasi West Ward (Mr. Robert Mbatia): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I actually appreciated the concern of every other Member even our Hon. Beautiful lady here. We received this report three months ago and the law stipulates that you Table it within three months. So we had to seek extension and Mr. Speaker this is our very first report, the former defunct Council had not been audited for the last four years. This report it has a lot of historical issues we cannot take lightly. That is why we just sought this extension at least for the report to be conclusive; a report, which can chat the way forward.

So, I would urge every Member that is concerned to understand that we actually as Members of the Committee were very determined to do it. We were doing the report in the night actually. We sat even on Sundays when there was a rally at Tononoka grounds. Even the Hon. Members from the respected side called and did not go for those rallies. They came and we sat until very late at night. So, Mr. Speaker, we are all determined and we are actually concerned and we want to Table the report not after 14 days but within the next 14 days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Temporary Speaker: Hon. Mboku do you still seek on the same issue Mboku.

Hon. Member for Nairobi South Ward (Mr. Manoah Karega Mboku): I was just wondering if you can give direction on this matter because report writing means that you must have investigated, visited the site; you have compiled and met the witnesses and now you are writing a report. This Committee went to Mombasa to compile a report on the activities they had undertaken. They have spend more than three days there; five days doing that in Mombasa. Did they go there to swim? Can I get the direction, what is the meaning of the word report writing? Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, it was important for me to bring back the Chair so that you understand his frustration but the Committee also has to understand the urgency of also having this report in good time. I here that there is information from Hon. Nyangw'ara, I hope it is on the same issue.

Hon. Member for Viwandani Ward (Mr. Samwel Nyaberi Nyang'wara): With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, the Hon Chair stood here on a Personal Statement, which he actually gave. You were only to address directly what he is supposed to do; either grant him the permission or not. We are not supposed to debate on a Personal Statement, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nyangw'ara you are out of order because the issue is an official letter requesting the Public Account Committee be given time which they are already out of. They have already spent the three months that they were given. So the reason why I want to get the Members' feeling is so that you also understand this report is going to be debated on the floor of this House. So it is important you understand why he is asking for additional time. As Hon. Mboku has already said they have already gone to write the report and they are back after the allocated three months.

And we also need to engage what is the magical thing about 14 days so it is important that you look at all of them. But now having set that precedence so that it is important for the Committee not to expend tax payers' money sitting down doing a report for an extra 14 days, I am willing to grant you half of what you are asking for so that now you can work. I see you have an able Chair, you have a very able Clerk and the Members there are of very good caliber. So if I give you seven days and you work and burn the midnight oil we can discuss this issue on Wednesday, next week. I so rule. No. You are out of order. Seven days, on the same issue; let's hear it.

Hon. Robert Mbatia. Mr. Speaker this is not only PAC Report, it's the Assembly reports. This Committee we have invited. Why we asked for the extension we had invited some people who were to give us vital information for us to complete the report and actually within the seven days that you are suggesting, Mr. Speaker, it cannot be possible. We need the entire next week. We have witnesses to probe then after

that we will have another three days just to compile and finish the report. That is why we were asking for a period of 14 days. Mr. Speaker, thank you as you grant it.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chair, before you sit down, your letter is very specific that you would want time to write the report. You did not say that there are people you would want to bring here and if you had brought them you would have even attached. But then again because of the urgency--- no sit. And you can always of course get another re-address from the substantive Speaker but as far as I am concerned let us agree next week on Wednesday.

I rule. Next, order? We are still on Statements. Hon. Jacky you have a Statement, on this issue again. We have already made a ruling and I said if the ruling isn't fair you can always go back to the Chair, the Speaker and seek an extension from there. Hon., what do have to say, Masiga?

Hon. Member for Eastleigh South Ward (Mr. Nelson Marakalu Masiga): Mr. Speaker sir, the House has been informed that they have done 90% so for the 10 % they cannot even take 7 days, they can take three days to finish that work, because Nairobians are waiting for this report. So when they are waiting for this report it is for urgency they do it and they manage it within the three days. They should have the report so that, we scrutinize it and then after seven days the Assembly can adopt the report then we give it to the Public. So, I want to tell even my able Chairman, every report that we say on this floor does not belong to any Committee, it belongs to the Assembly of this House.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Fair enough let us talk about; you know we cannot go back to that issue. Let us go to the next Statement. Hon. Jack Nyang'ala.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

COUNTY ASSEMBLY LOAN FACILITY

Hon. Jacqueline Awino Nyang'ala (Nominated Member from Kileleshwa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am standing on a point of Order Number 80. It was a Personal Statement and it was approved three hours ago. It is in respect to the facilities, which we have been accorded by the Assembly for loans through Family Bank Limited. I would like to get direction from the Hon. Speaker about the structured formality of the said loans. I visited the senior Manager Kenyatta Avenue branch Mr. Joseph Maingwa and asked for my Statement of the previous loan.

There is clarity when you have the Statement in your hand that explains principal amount one has paid and the interest one has paid to date. In this respect one may see how much is the balance principle to be paid and how much interested one need to pay. With this information a member will be able to understand why and how much you can be able to take as a loan with the new facility we have of reduced

rate of 3% interest. Mr. Speaker it would be recommended if the finance officer clearly explains the structure of the loan to Members to make an informed decision on the facility.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out something from my Statement which was from the old loan it appears that the County Assembly did not remedy; it is supposed to be paid to the bank, I think for four months. That means that my loan then accrued more interest than it is supposed to so I am asking the Assembly whoever pays the loan from our salaries to do it prompt so that our loans do not accrue the interest which they are not supposed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Issue that the Hon. Jacky Nyang'ala has brought was on the basis of Personal Statement number 80 which is as I read "*By the indulgence of the County Assembly, a Member may explain matters of a personal nature although there is no question before the County Assembly, but such matter may not be debated*". So as per Standing Order 80 you have made your Statement and of course it has been heard and cannot be debated. Proceed, to the next Statement. Point of Order yes, proceeds.

Hon. Member for South C Ward (Ms. Diana Kapeen): Mr. Speaker, probably today is a busy day for you but there is a question that was asked by Hon. Abuka and Hon. Muiruri from Clay City and it is regarding our Department of Transport. I would want to beg that I answer that question, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: On the issue of?

Hon. Diana Kapeen: Mr. Abuka and Muiruri has said that our Department does not answer questions and if you have heard the contribution of Hon. Mauti he even insinuated that it is a lesser Department, which I don't really mind but I think--- I beg to answer the two Hon. Members.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Diana Kapeen: Yesterday, Mr. Speaker sir, we had five questions to be answered. One question was asked by Hon. Akuk regarding roads; the degradation of roads and something. We also had one question asked by Mwalimu Ngaruiya and as the Transport Committee sat, we debated the questions and answered them.

Today, I was expecting to answer five questions because we have a deadline with the implementation Committee for tomorrow. However, Mr. Speaker, the questions are on the Clerk's desk and I understand the recommendations that we included in the report were supposed to be expunged because they are not supposed to be in that report.

We had recommended that most of them were not correctly answered or they were not sufficient, Mr. Speaker. So the Transport Committee was supposed to answer five questions today apparently one has been brought, five are not okay according to the Clerk so I don't know why they brought to us the document and we went through it as a Committee and then the Clerk says he corrects the document. I want to be guided by this House, Mr. Speaker, because yes we have several questions to answer.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I know it was not a Statement that you are requesting it was just a clarification why the five questions have not been responded to and Hon. Chair is saying that they have already been answered but they are lying around in our Assembly side are you okay with that Hon. Muiruri? You forgot you had asked a question, sorry.

Hon. Member for Clay City Ward (Ms. Erastus Muiruri Mburu): No the Deputy Whip was passing something over to me so I was just consulting. I am not yet satisfied. Because it is not only me, the full House is not satisfied because they need to get to the depth of the matter. Why is it lying there? And up to when are we expecting it? Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: On the Same issue?

Hon. Member for Kayole South Ward (Ms. Elizabeth Manyala): I rise on a point of Order Number 181, because I think that we are not getting things right here. On the Progress of reports and if I may read that (1) *“unless a more regular interval is prescribed under any written law or these Standing Order, each Select Committee shall submit half yearly progress reports to the Liaison Committee”* and (2) *“the Liaison Committee shall, within twenty one days compile the reports under paragraph (1) and submit a report to the County Assembly”*. We are now one year and a half we have never seen any report from any committee coming from Liaison Committee which has been submitted to this floor of the House and this is why there is a lot of confusion arising from every Committee saying give us twenty days, give us fourteen days because they have their day.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. James Chege Mwaura): Order, Members! Order! Order! The Hon. Muiruri was asking whether--- and Hon Abuka was bringing up the issue—Hon. Manyala Order! I am responding to what---

(Loud consultations)

I think because the issue is also weighty and Hon. Manyala has brought in Standing Order No. 180 which also adds to the issue of Statements that there are actually progress reports that are supposed to be submitted in this House. So I therefore rule that the Speaker makes a communication; a formal one regarding the issue of reports and also as far as the questions that had been asked that are lying on our side are concerned. I will ask the Clerk to take up so that we know why they have not been ordered for circulation. Is that fair enough? Proceed.

Hon. Member: Point of information!

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: She has already sat down, she can't be informed. Let's proceed.

Proceed. We are not---

(Loud Consultations)

Reverend we are not mixed up, because I have already made up an order; I have already made up the ruling that the Speaker needs to clarify.

Hon. William Abuka (Nominated Member from Kibra): Let me just seek clarification and direction from you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Alright, proceed.

Hon. William Abuka: Mr. Speaker, it looks like we are going round and round in circles and it is not been helpful to any section of this government especially beginning with the Assembly. The Committee of this Assembly is an extension of the House or Assembly. Once the Committee has made a report, sat down, scrutinized and arrived at certain resolutions and put it in pen and paper; Mr. Speaker, I really want to get it from you, whether it is within the Standing Orders for the Clerk to either check them again punch holes or refuse to release them for circulation in the House.

Because you know we are getting a lot of bashing right, left and center about delayed reports, reports that have not been responded to and so on and so forth. I think every one of us is getting hurt because Nairobians are waiting for services and there is no way you can deliver services if you are not yourself are not organized, you are not strategic, you have no report, you do not know where you are beginning and where you are going to end. These reports are very important to show us what we have done with the power and the facilities we have been given and where are we going from now henceforth. Is it within the Clerk's mandate to choose when to give us reports or to punch holes from the ones we have resolved to give, Mr. Speaker?

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Let me stand. Hon. Members the issue at hand is very weighty because there is one; the issue of questions that have been asked and questions that have been answered and they have not been released for circulation.

Secondly, there is the issue of progress reports according to Standing Order 181, that are supposed to be given and we are already one year down and according to various Committees there are reports which have not been coming forth. I am also saying that in the light of those weighty issues that the Speaker gives a clear Communication from the Chair because as the Reverend is saying, this issue touches on how we work and how we are representing our people.

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So, I am saying that we give the Speaker a chance to come up with a response and that's why I didn't say tomorrow, I am saying he has to come up with a comprehensive response regarding those two issues. If these two issues are brought up the next time you see the Speaker, or the next time you see him, at least give him tomorrow, Thursday, and at least by Tuesday let us have a Communication from the Chair regarding those two specific issues. Once that response has been brought to the Assembly, we can now ask those questions. We can now punch holes in that Statement. Is that fair enough? Just proceed.

MOTION

PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ALL VILLAGE POLYTECHNICS WITHIN THE COUNTY

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Ngaruiya Chege.

Hon. Member for Kahawa West Ward (Mr. Patrick Chege Ngaruiya): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At least you have the authority to bring the House in order. Mr. Speaker, **AWARE** that Article 6(2) of the Constitution recognizes that both the National and County governments are distinct and inter-dependent and that devolution is an important principle in the new structure of governance; further **AWARE** that the function of village polytechnics is vested in the County Governments pursuant to provisions of Part Two of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010; **NOTING** that these polytechnics are key pillars to creation of employment to the youths and achievement of Vision 2030; deeply **CONCERNED** that the institutions are lagging behind in terms of infrastructure and technology due to lack of adequate finance, this Assembly urges the County Government to move with speed to improve the physical infrastructures and provide financial support to all the village polytechnics within the County.

Mr. Speaker this is a Motion that carries a lot of weight as we keep on talking about youth unemployment and we keep on talking about empowering our youth. These institutions have been neglected after the promulgation of the New Constitution and also after the rearrangement of the Ministries that we have in the current government. Initially, village polytechnics were under the Ministry of Youth and before that they had undergone an evolution where they were in the Ministry of Science and Technology. And for us to promote youth entrepreneurship and employment, we have no alternatives than to put a lot of finance when it comes to infrastructure and when it comes to the physical facilities and also the provision of facilities in this particular institutions so that at least we can make our youth to be more active and be more proactive. Protect me from this Hon. Manyala; she is making a lot of noise.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Consult quietly.

Hon. Patrick Chege Ngaruiya: I don't know what they are consulting on very loudly. Mr. Speaker, I am saying that lack of finances for these institutions has brought them down. They have become dilapidated and most of them like Mathare Polytechnic that is in Huruma, were institutions that helped people who dropped out from primary schools. Nairobian would really appreciate such institution. Others like Kangemi, Bahati and Waithaka Polytechnics are institutions that have been brought down because of

lack of finances and we have no option but to ensure as a County, as guaranteed by the 4th Schedule of the Constitution because that is one of the core functions, that we do something about these institutions.

Mr. Speaker you realize that the cut-off point to join the university is C plus and above and not so many with C pluses join the public universities, they will end up either joining institutions of higher learning or even if they want to do a degree programme they undergo the self-sponsored programme. You realize that it is only those from well off backgrounds that can be in a position to afford and those ones that don't have or those ones that are less fortunate in society don't make it. Therefore, I urge this County to do something about these village polytechnics. Many years ago during the Moi era we used to say that these institutions empower the youths so they can even be able to do their manual jobs because in the society nowadays we are looking at white color jobs forgetting the blue collar jobs, Mr. Speaker.

White collar jobs is whereby you seek jobs in offices but blue collar jobs are those particular jobs that these young people will do with their hands and they make life out of it. For example courses for mechanics, electricians, carpenters and many others do not exist. We have very shocking figures, Mr. Speaker, that this year the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E) registered 906,069 pupils, and out of that the students that were registered for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) that is in form four, were 487,851.

If you do your simple arithmetic you will realize that half of those did not make it to high school. We need to ask ourselves where the half go that is around 418,000. Those figures are very shocking, and it is us who have been given this mandate by our electorate to ensure that we make a difference and ensure that these institutions become life so that at least they can provide an alternative form of education. If we do this, it is going to move the County forward. As I rest my case, the Chairman for Education is not present. Oh he is there; I want him to second the Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Alright the chair---

Hon. Patrick Chege Ngaruiya: The Chairman, Hon. Kitavi.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kitavi---

Hon. Member for Laini Saba (Mr. Boniface Kitavi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Indeed I want to thank the Hon. Member who has brought this Motion. I think it is quite timely and I stand here to support this Motion given that the function of polytechnics and village polytechnics is a function of the County and as he has rightly put it, if you walk around in Nairobi nowadays looking for a qualified mechanic or a qualified plumber you will spend quite a lot of time before getting one who is fully qualified.

Secondly, if you walk into our polytechnics in the County most of them resemble museums. They are not attractive at all to the young persons. The buildings are dilapidated; we don't have the required equipment; the machinery is not there coupled with a lot of the pictures being painted for polytechnics as a place for failures. Something needs to be done to make these polytechnics to attractive to the young people

so that they can be absorbed. Mr. Speaker, if you walk to Bahati for example or Waithaka you will find that buildings are there but the students are not there, meaning that something needs to be done so that these colleges can enroll a huge number of young people who are looking for white color jobs yet it is very lucrative to have a technical skill.

Some years ago we had buildings collapsing in Nairobi. These buildings were collapsing simply because the kind of people who were working in these building are not trained; they are not qualified and may not be having the capacity that is required to have standards that are necessary to have good buildings. So if we train our young people it means that we will have safe buildings; we will have good mechanics who can repair our cars and we will have good plumbers who can do the required jobs in a good way. So, I stand here to support this Motion. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members the floor is open. The Hon. Onduru---

Hon. Member for Lucky Summer Ward (Mr. Kennedy Onduru): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, for giving me this opportunity to contribute towards this. This is a very important Motion that I am in support of. First of all, Hon. Members, you know that there is something that is called insecurity in our Wards currently and if we make the best use of these village polytechnics these people are going to be absorbed so that they can be trained and not get engaged in criminal acts.

Secondly, there is the expertise of youth to work in blue collar jobs as our Hon. Members put. So without engaging them and without training them what do you expect? If our cars and our houses are going to be in a mess we have to import experts from other areas. The other thing is it is high time the County Government took the initiative to make sure that all our institutions are put in order and if there is need they should be expanded. Otherwise, I beg to rest my case there. Thank you

Hon. Karen Wanjiku (Nominated Member from Njiru): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support this Motion and we visited Bahati and Waithaka and I want to talk about Bahati because I was asking where the institution is because what we saw was a Social Hall and yet we are saying that we have village polytechnics. I think we need budgeting for those vocational trainings so that at least our youths are engaged constructively. Onduru, we also have our women who are in polytechnics where they do hair dressing, food and beverage and also mechanics.

So, we can have our youth, both ladies and men getting training so that they can be employed. Mr. Speaker sir, I also want to say that the roofing at Bahati now the Social Hall was falling; actually the ceiling was falling. We were told that youths that were rehabilitated from the streets were taken there and now I wonder whether we have allocated Ruai Rehabilitation Center enough money so that we can transfer those

street children to that rehabilitation center so that Bahati can entirely be a village polytechnic without other intruders or outsiders.

Also as I beg to sit down, I want to say that these village polytechnics should be given another name because the name village polytechnic is not attractive because if you tell your young brother or sister to go to these village polytechnics, they say that they cannot go to village polytechnics. So I was proposing that we give them a sweeter name may be like Hytech Training Institute or something like that. Thank you. I beg to support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Okay I can see that the members of Education Committee are really with this issue. Proceed with the chairman of Delegated---

Hon. Member for Sarang'ombe Ward (Mr. Pius K'Otieno): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion. But also before I support this Motion I would also wish to remind the Members that the last two weeks have not been good for us and they have not been good because sometimes we were involved in fracas or different things and the other day I was reading in the newspapers that the Nairobi City County Assembly through its Speaker is planning to be beaming live these sessions and probably it might be unfortunate for us if these proceedings would be beamed live yet the metal or the membership or our contribution or the way we carry ourselves in the Assembly might comprise the state of the House. I want to urge the Members actually to now start thinking about when the rain started beating us and we proceed in a manner that would accord this House the much respect that it deserves.

Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion that seeks to urge the County Government to move with speed to improve the physical infrastructure and provide financial support to all village polytechnics in the County. It is important for us to understand that even before the advent of the County Government, long time--- Mr. Speaker, that Member is consulting, not even loudly---

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Serjeant-At-Arms---

Hon. Pius Otieno: Behind the cubes not even loudly behind the cubes--- then we must also understand whether it is Hon. Magelo or Hon. Nyang'wara or Hon. Chege that is a Speaker just like Magelo. They chair the sessions, so we should accord these people the respect they deserve. Not only when Magelo is there we pretend we are good, when he is not there we do our things the way we want.

Mr. Speaker, before the advent of County Government, industries called the cottage industries were the back bone of the economy. This was when we had chiefs like chief Nyandusi, Chief Ogalo, Chief Gathecha and all those chiefs in those golden days. We had what we called cottage industries and these cottage industries are no different from what we now call the village polytechnics. If we were all good historian students you will realize that even by then there was a curriculum that was being taught in those cottage industries. So it is also important that since this function has been devolved to the County

Government, we as a House and the Committee of Education in particular should engage the CEC who is in charge of education so that now they should start or they should fast track the process of coming up with a policy that would become like an arbitrator in this sector.

You know we are the pioneers of this County Government; it would be bad probably five years down the line that this sector has no policy and this sector has no legislation and probably Members would come and they would question what were we doing there? This curriculum would be the benchmark; this curriculum would actually inform anybody who aspires to enroll in these village polytechnics on what he is going to do. If probably he is interested in catering he would understand that in catering I will be taught basic pastry, I will be taught a bit of book keeping and any other unit that will be taught. Because it is from this unit that either one will gather interest on what they would want to do in future.

So another thing that I would also want to bring to mind is that other than the issues of curriculum we should not only put infrastructure or provide financial support but the County Government should also move with speed to ensure that even if we do not allocate money for the year 2014 or 2015 for us to market these village polytechnics we should come up with a facility that probably gives 6 or 7 people per Ward in these 17 constituencies scholarship for those people or those people who won't afford fees, we make them pioneers of this system but they would be given full scholarship by the County Government so that when they leave these village polytechnics, these are people who can compete in this competitive job market. People tend to believe village polytechnic graduates are half baked. The only way we can make sure that people understand and people know that we have village polytechnics is also by initiating a scholarship across the Wards probably say three men and two men or two ladies--- whichever way we would agree. Then we allocate sufficient resources towards those, like 17 constituencies by 7 that's 104 or 204 students which in my opinion the County Government would afford.

The third one; we must now start thinking constituency for instance Kibra has no village polytechnic and I also know that some other constituencies such as Carlifonia do not have village polytechnics. So, we have to think about these Wards or Constituencies that do not have village polytechnics in terms of what we will do so that somebody does not move probably from Kibra to Waithaka to get a polytechnic. So we must devolve all these facilities so that people living in Nairobi can actually enjoy being near the facilities. When time comes we then can be part of that history not only foot notes but part of history, where they will say the 1st Assembly of Nairobi passed that Motion and as a result of that 200 kids benefited from that County Government. I rest my case. I support the Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Lastborn—

Hon. Member for Kilimani Ward (Mr. Moses Ogeto): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, for also addressing me as lastborn. Thank you so much. Mr. Speaker sir, I want to support this Motion.

As you realize from where I have stood, on the side of the opposition and the side of those who are in the Government, they are very few. We don't know whether these Members of opposition have mentored the people from the Government so that they don't attend sessions in this Assembly. That's my concern.

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(Loud consultations)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed, proceed.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Mr. Speaker sir---

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: You are protected proceed.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, for protecting me. The polytechnics to be devolved to the County Government; this is a very great thing that *Mwalimu* has brought. *Mheshimiwa Mwalimu* I congratulate you for bringing such a Motion because getting a minimum grade to qualify for the university is not easy. You find that most people who joke in school, who do strikes in school don't qualify for this University grade. They usually go and take part in a lot of strikes and they don't even qualify for the University. Finally you find them in the streets. They don't have anywhere to go so it's a good idea since these polytechnics could absorb them. The Motion is categorical that improved physical infrastructure and financial support must be availed to village polytechnics.

Most of the students who do not qualify for the University also come from very poor backgrounds. They don't have this financial support. They are chased out of school now and again, they attend school on empty stomachs and their performance also deteriorates and so, they perform poorly. You find them as *Mheshimiwa Mwalimu* said, in the streets. They lose focus; they lose sight of the future until most of them turn to robbery. Most of them are the ones who are even making lives, for especially the residents of Kilimani, to be so tough. Some of them have resorted to going and stealing and doing robbery in my Ward.

This is a very good Motion especially the idea of financial support. This one should even be legislated so that whoever joins the polytechnic, has some amount paid for him. I remember where I was in the University one year ago. We used to only pay Ksh 28,000 when you qualified as a Joint University Admissions (JAB) student. If the polytechnic also gave financial support to supplement what one pays it could encourage students to join the institutions. They will get motivated and the economy of Kenya can be boosted through that because we'll find many technical people in this republic; the people who will have the knowhow of things. You know Mr. Speaker sir. You realize that most students who go through the university for example the engineers only know paperwork. They don't know the practical hands-on of things. These practicals is the preserve of the people from the polytechnics. Students from the polytechnics are the ones who know how to do practical things. The university students are the ones who do paperwork.

I also support this simply because most polytechnics for example The Kenya Polytechnic have been upgraded to the university level meaning that most students who qualify for the polytechnics or who don't qualify for the University grade won't get the polytechnics. I think this is a good move and I support Hon. Ngaruiya for bringing such a wonderful Motion because he has seen the power of knowledge.

He has seen the power of education and you will realize that even in the USA they are concentrating on education. Most people in the US are learned. That's why you see even that Country is

developing and you will never find it underdeveloped simply because they have these utilities and they are learning using these utilities. They are using these utilities and they are continuing to use them in a practical way. I rest my case and I believe that you can call on the Mover of the Motion to reply since the quorum may bring problems here.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Last born, you made your contributions and even reminded us Members that the people who go to village polytechnics bring problems to Kilimani residents do you have any village polytechnics in Kilimani? That is on a lighter touch and I call the Mover to reply.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Patrick Chege Ngaruiya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Manyala wanted to say something but there is always another day. I want to respond by saying I want to thank all Members for supporting this very noble idea so that at least we can uplift the living standards of our young people. I wish to say that when we open up these, insecurity will also go down especially for those people who are talking about issues of insecurity in their Wards. I also urge that the curriculum be in tandem with the job market.

Mr. Speaker, in this year's National Budget the areas that do not have polytechnics, I think the Government has urged the Members of Parliament in those areas who have interests to seek for the facilities. It is us now to lobby our Members of Parliament because the Government is going to sponsor at least 50% and the area Member of Parliament to sponsor so that at least every Sub-County or every Constituency will have a Technical Training Institute. Let us empower our boys so that they move away from these groups; Kamjeshi, the Chinkororo, the Mungikis the MRCs and the China Squads. Mr. Speaker, if we do so, I believe we will achieve our goals and in this I want to thank you and I rest my case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to put the question **THAT AWARE** that the article 6(2) of the Constitution recognizes that both the National and the County Governments are distinct and interdependent and that devolution is an important principle in the new structure of governance. Further aware that the function of village polytechnics is vested in the County Government pursuant---

(A mobile phone rings)

--- Hon. Member who---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Kotieno, you've just lectured the Assembly. You've just lectured the Assembly on how we need to be in decorum and this is a serious House and reporters are over there. I mean it's important that we look serious, let's proceed.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Hon. Mboku.

(Loud consultations)

The Hon. Nancy.

Hon. Nancy Luchiri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, for giving me this opportunity.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed you are protected.

ADJOURNMENT ON A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT COUNTY IMPORTANCE

SECURITY OF THE ASSEMBLY PRECINCTS AND THE MEMBERS IN THE FACE OF AL-SHABAAB THREATS

Hon. Nancy Luchiri (Nominated Member from Kilimani): Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, for that protection. I wish to move the following Motion pursuant to Standing Order number 30. **THAT AWARE** that the precincts of the House of Nairobi City County Assembly (City Hall building) remains amongst buildings under threat of terrorism as severally threatened by Al Shabaab; deeply **CONCERNED** that the security of this Assembly precincts remain lackluster and worrying given the brazen nature of which terrorists have resorted to taking innocent lives; further **AWARE** that the efforts to revamp and improve security at the Assembly precincts have not resulted in a considerable boost of confidence for Members, this House adjourns pursuant to Standing Order 30 to discuss the security of the Assembly and City Hall building at large as a matter of definite and urgent County importance.

Mr. Speaker sir, this is a House of legislators, representatives and overseers. I urge this House to be concerned about their security following the attacks that we heard recently from Mpeketoni that were so serious. Our surroundings are not well protected. Any Government needs to have a standing army for us to have confidence and that is the reason why I can see there's no quorum because most people; most Members here fear for their lives. We should move with speed and actually discuss this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Alright.

Hon. Nancy Luchiri: I wish Hon. Manoah to second the Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: It's okay.

Hon. Member for Nairobi South Ward (Mr. Manoah Mboku): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure the Mover of the Motion wanted Hon. Ngaruiya to second but since he has just walked away the only name in her head is Manoah. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to second this Motion as a Member has just said that actually let's call a spade a spade and not a big spoon. Hon. Members of this House are afraid of staying in these Assembly precincts because of the security of this House. Most of them when we were

talking to them when I was trying to mobilize them to come and support a Motion that I have also on the order paper, expressed security fears.

One of them told me in Kiswahili “*shauri yako wewe kaa hapo itakupata utaona*”. Actually it’s true. It’s in the domain of these Hon. Members. We really need to do something about the precincts of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, if you walk around here there are some people, strangers who just sit around the Assembly. We are wondering who these people are. Some of whom we know as very funny characters. It is important that we be secure so that we have ample time and free mind to deliberate on issues affecting the Nairobi citizens.

As I second this Motion, we only have one security guard outside there. How equipped is that security guard? How secure are we? We are not sure if that security guard is well equipped to deal with any event that can come to this House. Something needs to happen. We were told by the Speaker the other time that he will secure this building so that we don’t have strangers approaching this particular Assembly. It’s an important thing for us to deliberate on and come up with a concrete answer so that this Assembly can deliberate issues. The Senate House yesterday adjourned to deliberate on issues affecting the previous attack in Mombasa. Why not us? I beg to support this Motion, thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Alright Members, the reason why I wanted us to follow up is because there was a notice of adjournment Motion yesterday and then it was pushed to today so I was clarifying if we still want to proceed with it as a Motion of adjournment and I have got the clarity. Let me proceed by proposing: **THAT AWARE** that the precincts of the House of Nairobi City County Assembly (City Hall building) remains amongst buildings under threat of terrorism as severally threatened by Al Shabaab; deeply **CONCERNED** that the security at this Assembly precincts remains lackluster and worrying given the brazen nature of which terrorists have resorted to taking innocent lives; further **AWARE** that the efforts to revamp and improve security at the Assembly precincts have not resulted in a considerable boost of confidence for Members, this House adjourns pursuant to Standing Order 30 to discuss the security of the Assembly and City Hall buildings at large as a matter of definite and urgent County importance.

Hon. Members, the Motion is asking for an adjournment, so I am going to put the question so that you proceed to discuss or not to discuss. No, no, no, no I am asking the question. The question is for those who are for the opinion that we adjourn. Right, so I wanted that to be clear not the substance of the Motion. We proceed.

(Question for adjournment put and negatived)

Next order?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Karen Wanjiku: Point of Order!

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: On what? Manoah.

Hon. Karen Wanjiku: Point of Order 32, there is no quorum, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Sergeant-at-arms. I order that the Serjeant-At-Arms ring the bell; quorum bell.

(Quorum bell is rung)

(Loud consultations)

Order! Hon. Members, resume your seats. Resume! Standing Order number 34 prohibits you from leaving the chair so proceed until we get the quorum.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Karen! Karen, resume the House.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Members, Hon. Jateso, Standing Order number 32 says “that if at any time after the chair is taken or when the County Assembly is in the Committee a Member objects that there is not a quorum present, the Speaker or the Chairperson shall count the County Assembly or the Committee as the case may be. 2). If on the count under paragraph 1 a quorum does not appear to be present, the Speaker or the chairperson shall cause the division bell to be rung as on division and if no quorum is present at the expiry of the eight minutes (a) the Speaker is in the Chair, the Speaker shall adjourn the County Assembly until the next sitting without any question put.”

Having satisfied that requirement in this Standing Order, I want to proceed and say that this House stands adjourned until the next sitting.

(The House Rose at 4.31.p.m)