



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

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*[Hon. Speaker (Ms. Beatrice Elachi) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYERS

#### STATEMENTS

##### STATEMENT REQUEST REGARDING PLOT NO. LR/20911927/3 ALONG NGONG ROAD

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Njihia

**Hon. Abraham Njihia:** Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the sectoral committee of Planning and Housing regarding plot number LR/20911927/3 along Ngong Road which has been encroached by mechanics. Hon. Speaker, the said property plot number LR 20911927/3 was to be developed with plans already approved but the investor cannot access the property due to the mechanics who carry out their operations in the site and is frustrating the developer to establish the property. Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into the report and report on;

- 1) The status of plot number LR 20911927/3 along Ngong road?
- 2) What are the necessary measures taken to revert the plot to the rightful owner?
- 3) Who pays the rates for the above plot?
- 4) Whether the county has any approved plans for the said plot?

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Chair Housing and planning?

**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I request for two weeks to have a comprehensive report.

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay. Hon. Waithera Chege. Hon. Jayendra

STATEMENT REQUEST ON STREET LIGHTING IN PARKLANDS HIGH RIDGE WARD

**Hon. Jayendra Malde:** Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the sectoral committee of Transport and Public Works regarding street lighting in Parklands High ridge Ward. Street lighting in Highridge ward is in a complete run down state. This has culminated into challenges facing resident's key among them the state of insecurity. Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the chairperson should inquire into and report on;

- 1) Measures taken to rectify the situation since businesses close early due to insecurity in the area?

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2c) I wish to request for a statement ---

**Hon. Speaker:** Just a minute Hon Jayendra. Let me get to understand from the Chairman of Transport. Chair Transport?

**Hon. Member:** Madam Speaker. I request for one week

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

STATEMENT REQUEST ON DILAPIDATED STATE OF ROADS IN PARKLANDS WARD

**Hon. Jayendra Malde:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the sectorial committee on Transport and Public works regarding the dilapidated state of roads in Parklands Highridge Ward. Hon. Speaker, Parklands Highridge ward roads are in a deplorable state and the users are increasingly finding it difficult undertaking businesses in the ward. The situation is especially worse during the rainy season when roads become completely impassable to both human and motorist traffic resulting in huge losses and wasted man hours. Madam Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

- 1) Plans if any to have the roads repaired?
- 2) Measures put in place to ensure proper signage is done on the roads to avoid accidents?

**Hon. Speaker:** Chair Transport?

**Hon. Member:** I request to be given two weeks

**Hon. Speaker:** *Mheshimiwa*

## STATEMENT REQUEST ON STATUS OF GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN PARKLANDS WARD

**Hon. Jayendra Malde:** Hon. Speaker, pursuant to standing order 45 (2c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the sectoral committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding the status of garbage collection within parklands, Highridge Ward. The County Government has neglected collection of garbage within Parklands Highridge Ward with heaps of garbage left on the roadside in the neighborhoods thus posing a potential health risk to the residents. Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on?

- 1) Number and states of garbage collection trucks and their allocation to all sub counties?
- 2) Provides schedules of garbage collection especially within Highridge Ward
- 3) Measures the county Government has put in place to collect the existing garbage within the stated wards?
- 4) What long term measures has the County Government put in place to end garbage and waste menace in the ward?

**Hon. Speaker:** Chair Environment? Deputy Chair? I have given you the mic *Mheshimiwa*. Do you have something to say?

**Hon. Robert Mbatia:** Madam Speaker. Let him give us one week

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay. *Mheshimiwa* Waithera

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I want to see your requests on the screen so that I am able to give you the mic. Waithera can you kindly give me your signal.

**Hon. Esther Waithera:** Can I proceed?

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes

## STATEMENT REQUEST REGARDING DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE IN UPPER HILL

**Hon. Esther Waithera:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order number 45 (2c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the sectoral committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding drainage and sewerage infrastructure in Upper hill Ward. The sewerage system in Upper Hill ward is in a pathetic state as a result of the private developer who is in the process of erecting a 44 floor storey building and has erected a fence encroaching the roadside drainage system towards his or her premises thereby preventing free flow of water along the road...

*(Point of order)*

**Hon. Speaker:** What is the point of order Hon. Moses Ogeto?

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Madam Speaker. There is my fellow member is talking about Upper Hill ward and I don't think that ward exists. Can we be guided Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Esther Waithera:** Thank you Madam Speaker. It is Upper Hill area and not Ward.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Madam Speaker, I believe that is Woodley or it might cut into my ward. We need to know the exact location Madam Speaker with your indulgence.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ogeto, are you saying that is part of Kilimani?

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** I am saying that my ward Kilimani and Woodley have a boundary which is not clear but Upper Hill next to the Law Court is part of Kilimani. That is why I wanted to know the exact location of the indulgence by Hon. Waithera so that I can define whether it is where I represent my constituents. I have also seen Hon. Njehia in the House

**Hon. Esther Waithera:** Madam Speaker, the fact is that it is within Nairobi County.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Madam Speaker, I and Hon. Njehia are elected and that is why we are in this House. That is why even if it is something concerning allocation, like where my friend Wambugu comes from Runda, I can't ask something or a question about Runda while we know very well the Member is alive; he has not died. That is why maybe we need your guidance, that if we say the exact location

Even my Hon. Chief Whip is here and Ngara has boundaries. If I have not been consulted; that is why I am asking which specific location. If it is on my side I ask her to consult me in this House Madam Speaker. If it is on Njihia's side she could further go and consult Hon Njihia. I would wish you direct on this one otherwise I can't go and ask a question from Ruai and I represent Kilimani.

That is why Hon. Speaker, it's a privilege which has been bestowed for me as Hon. Ogeto. I carried a bible in my hand in this House to swear I will defend my constituency including Lavington. So when somebody purports to represent my Constituency before this Assembly then let her give us exact location so I don't continue being this point of order Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Order Hon. Whip! Yesterday I said you have to read your Standing Orders. Unfortunately the Standing Orders do not tell us that you can ask a statement within your jurisdiction alone. Therefore, any Kenyan or a Nairobiian can walk into the County Assembly and brings a statement to the leadership, that is the leader of Minority Party or leader of Majority Party as the case may be or the designees who are the whips.

The Standing Orders does not say that a Member can ask a statement from their jurisdiction only; if that was the case it means that in this House we are going to marginalize the minorities and the disabled. Who will ask questions for on their behalf?

Proceed! Hon. Waithera! I have concluded

*(Loud Consultation)*

Order Members! Order Hon. Mberia! Order Hon. Gari! Order Hon. Ogeto! You know also the Speaker has a right, if I use Article 1 of the Standing Orders...

*(Loud Consultation)*

Order Hon. Mberia! I have not given you the mic. And I want today Hon. Ogeto to tell us which Standing Order states that a Member is not allowed to ask any question. Secondly we have nominated Members here. Where will they ask their statements from? They were not elected by women; they were elected by their political parties and they represent the interest of the parties and the interests of the parties are also within the jurisdictions of the ward. Hon. Ogeto, I give you the mic to tell us where in the Standing Orders one is not supposed to ask a question.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Madam Speaker, I want to clarify by reading Article 211 which in any case as a Member of this House I cannot be in a position to represent my people in this Assembly there is something called a petition. If it could be a petition I could have not objected, but this is something that is specific especially in my ward.

Madam Speaker you can't say you chase hawkers for CBD then the member in CBD is not answerable to it. That is why Madam Speaker, I am on a petition in Standing Order No. 211. Any Member can bring the petition from outside, even the public, but we cannot allow the Member to encroach in another Members electoral jurisdiction.

**Hon. Speaker:** Am on my feet Hon. Ogeto! You did not answer me. I requested you to tell us which Standing Orders says no Member is allowed in this House to bring a statement from any area in Nairobi?

I thought a Statement can also brought by Nairobian through the leadership and I believe the Standing Order on statements is very clear. We have the Minority Leader, Majority Leader and their designees and I repeat they are the whips both from the Majority and Minority and also have a right to table a statement. It is clear in Standing Order and I want to read, Ogeto, and I will read the whole Standing Order 44 and 45 to the end.

Standing Order 44 talks about Members and general statements and it explains explicitly. Notwithstanding Standing Order 31 (Hours of Meeting) you are supposed to bring your statements to be done and also it says in (2) by 1.00 p.m. we need to have signed those statements and (3) A Member making a statement under this Standing Order shall not speak for more than three minutes, which I think we do more, unless with the permission of the Speaker which I have given Hon. Ogeto.

Statement hour: Notwithstanding Standing Order 41 (Sequence of Proceedings) that is within how we look at the sequence of the Order Paper and what we are supposed to follow during the statement hour a Member of the select Committee on Assembly business designated by the Committee for that purpose shall every Thursday or last sitting day of not more than 10 minutes present, that is okay.

Standing Order 45 (2)(b) is where I, the Leader of Majority Party or the Leader of Minority Party as the case may be or their designees may make a statements relating to their responsibilities in the County Assembly or the activities of a Committee;

Now the statement that I would want to know is on the issue of Upper Hill. If it is not Hon. Ogeto and I know it is not in Kilimani - don't forget the Speaker standing here campaigned to become a Member of Dagoretti North and I never went to Upper Hill anywhere. I know where the boundaries are and I wish it was Mheshimiwa Njihia on his feet complaining. That is why I requested you to proceed and the matter will be dealt but you pushed me. The whips who are your leaders stood and finalized the matter. So proceed! Hon. Waithera!

**Hon. Esther Waithera:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I also wish to remind the Member that we took an oath to serve Nairobi County, not in our area of jurisdiction. Hon. Speaker, should I proceed with the statement or I start again?

**Hon. Speaker:** Can you proceed with this statement because I am wondering what interest it has.

**Hon. Esther Waithera:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, In the Statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- 1) Measures put in place to avert the lurking health catastrophe;
- 2) The position of parking area within the area
- 3) Steps put in place to improve the drainage system in this area;
- 4) Whether there is a change of user since the plot was initially residential;
- 5) If at all there is a surrender land for road that has been forwarded to the County government signed by the Hon. Member for Nairobi South Ward.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Chair Environment---

**Hon. John Kamau:** Madam Speaker I think you give us two weeks since I even don't know the location, but we will try and find out. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members this is a House of records, and I have realized we will find ourselves in a lot of conflicts if we don't understand our Standing orders. I want to repeat, let us read our Standing Orders. But also read and understand that you can take care of anyone in Nairobi. Nairobi County does not have any one with disabilities; I am hoping we are going to take care of them.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Daniel Muturi, did you have a statement?

**Hon. Daniel Muturi:** Madam Speaker I don't have a statement.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE WRONG STATIONING OF LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay. Proceed Clerk. Hon. Osman.

**Hon. Osman Adow:** Thank you Madam Speaker. The last born in the last Assembly I think has a lot to learn. I invite anybody from this Assembly to ask questions about Eastleigh North without any problem.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairman of the Sectoral Committee on Culture and Community Services regarding the wrong stationing of liquor establishments contrary to the Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2014. Hon. Speaker, the Act prohibits admission of children in places where alcohol is sold yet many establishments in the County are not complying with the Act, for example being G.P Karting in Lang'ata.

In the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- 1) When the Executive will start enforcing the law; and
- 2) The number of liquor establishments that have been charged for such violations so far.

Thank you.

Hon. Njehia.

**Hon. Abraham Njihia:** Thank you Madam Speaker. May be before I commit to that question Madam Speaker, I would like to comment on----

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Njehia when the Speaker has finalized an issue you can't go back to it, proceed to the statement.

**Hon. Abraham Njihia:** Okay. Two weeks.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Next order.

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker as you can see on your microphone I misplaced my card and Clerk is working on it to issue me with a new card. Madam Speaker I would wish to stand on Standing Order No. 191 together with the Public Appointment Act Section 9. First and foremost Madam Speaker we really appreciate the steadfastness in the management of the County Assembly just exhibited this

afternoon. I understand there are challenges of the Standing Orders and other relevant laws. One thing that we are much more advantaged is because before you became a Speaker, you were a Senator and more so the Whip of the Senate. That has given you a lot of knowledge and understanding of the Standing Orders and the parliamentary practices that is been exhibited in this House Madam Speaker.

As I stand on this Standing Order, where together with the Public Appointment Act section 9, and I actually you can bear me witness as one of the persons who read the Standing orders together when you were sworn in 2013. We used to read the Standing orders at Chester House at the pool side and this is what I want to implore to the other Members of the County Assembly especially those who were sworn in last year. It is paramount for you to understand the Standing Orders and other relevant laws: the County Government Act, the Public Finance Management Act and other laws passed by the parliament.

Madam Speaker from this order you remember last year November 27<sup>th</sup>, a week before the resumption of the House through your powers, you read a communication from the Governor appointing several people to this respective House. One of it was the position of the County Secretary of this County and I want to implore to this Hon. House the position of the County Secretary is not a position of any political party, neither is it a position of any community or any section of this country. It is a position of the County government of Nairobi and more so when you read the County Government Act, the Public Finance Management Act, it speaks loudly clear who is the Accounting Officer of the County.

More and more Madam Speaker like yesterday it happened that I appeared in the Committee of Health and I realized the Minister had sent somebody to represent him in the committee and that person is the Deputy Director but he has a verbal communication to be the Acting Chief Officer. Madam Speaker with the wisdom of the committee and the Chair then, we had to send that officer back to allow him face the reality that he is not the Chief Officer of the Sector. Thus Madam Speaker, if we read Public Appointment Act Section 9, it says; *“Unless otherwise provided in any law, a committee shall consider nominations and table report to the County Assembly to debate a decision within 21 sitting days from date from which the committee first sits to consider the nomination.”*

Madam Speaker in your wisdom, I don't believe that 122 members including those elected and the nominated in this House had no wisdom. Because I know Nairobians stood from 5 a.m., like in Makongeni they stood from 4.30 a.m. in thousands to elect this man standing before you today because they knew he would do oversight, legislation and representation clearly loud and clear. Madam Speaker, it is now upon this House through your leadership or we are looking to a danger. After 21 days, there will be a challenge because as a member of the Appointment Committee, where you are the chair, and I sat in that committee vetted this gentleman who is forwarded in this House none other than H.E Governor of this City on his own wisdom.

Madam Speaker I am standing here on behalf of the entire opposition, on behalf of the Minority Leader who is not in today and to request that if possible Madam Speaker to give this House a chance tomorrow afternoon 2.30 p.m., you forward these names to this House so that in its own wisdom can decide



with the report of the Appointment Committee and the Standing Order says how this report that they kept under lock and key is only upon representing before this House that this report is unlocked and every 122 Members will have a copy to decide on their own wisdom whether this person was worth to be the County Secretary or not. Upon taking the vote Madam Speaker, my able CEC, we will exercise our rights.

Therefore Madam Speaker on behalf of the entire opposition, I request you with your own wisdom to give us an undertaking on when you are going to ventilate on this matter. Thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you so much Madam Speaker and I also want to add my small wisdom to what my counterpart is talking about. Much as I want you to give us direction on this I also put into consideration because I happen to be in the same committee and so does he. The Hon Whip my counterpart has mentioned 21 sitting days which I think this is the second day this year and the vetting happened in December so we need a tabulation of those 21 days so we know if we are within our margin. Secondly to understand the procedure of tabling committee reports because I am also aware we have so many reports that we requested and also statement that we placed in committees and those committees have not availed themselves those said reports so am proposing that as much as we enrich our responses to these house we also give us guidelines that will be across board, not only putting emphasis on this one committee.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Madam Speaker I respect my chief whip from the majority side. I am on this point of information but we agree the assembly started yesterday but the law on public appointment gazette notice 5 of 2017 is very clear that 'unless otherwise provided in the law, the committee shall consider its report for the county assembly for debate and decision will be 21 days from the date on which the committee first sits to consider the nomination'. I find Hon. Chege and my senior misguiding this house. This house is house of rules and procedure, abided by the laws of this land. Thank you.

**Hon. Mark Ndung'u:** Thank you very much madam Speaker. From yesterday in this house I found out that we have rules in the house. If the name should take 21 working days we should wait for the days. But yesterday in this house, and am very saddened because if we continue with this precedence there are some people who are trying to override the assembly because of their own selfish gains and I have decided we will not keep quiet as elected members of this assembly. Even if they are in leadership we will not allow you to take the members of this assembly for a ride. This thing must stop and it will stop now. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Thank you madam Speaker, I just want to add to what to correct my able whip from the opposition that the appointment is not just for the opposition. We are all members of this assembly and we are over sighting this county together so I understand he is part of the Appointment committee and we would appreciate if we got the report since he is an insider in that committee. Unless he knows something that we don't maybe he can elaborate. However I do not know at what point am supposed to rise on point of order 34; we are still waiting response form the leadership we sent yesterday

to let this assembly know and the question we sent them on the role of Hon. Simon Mbugua in this county. Thank you.

**Hon. Mary Ariviza:** Thank you madam Speaker. Leo nitaongea Kiswahili na nataka kujua kwa nini tunaelekezwa katika mavumbo kwa sababu mheshimiwa Mark amesimama na akaanza mafumbo. Sikuelewa ni nini alikuwa anasema lakini alikuwa anasema ya kwamba kuna watu hapa wanataka kutuelekeza katika njia ambayo haifai kama kaunti.

Kitu kile nataka kusema leo ni kwamba ni vizuri tufate sharia na kama kaunti imeanza kuweka watu ambao hawafati sharia na hawajui kile kinachofanyika katika kaunti. Sisi kama waheshimiwa waliochakuliwa hapa na wale wale wameteuliwa tutakuwa tunafanya makosa kwamba watu wawekwe hapa ambao wanafanya kazi mjini Nairobi kama watu ambao wamealikwa na hawajaandikwa. Kwa hivyo ningependa kusema ya kuwa, bila mafumbo na ningependa kufumbuliwa zaidi, sababu kuna watu hapa ambao wanaonekana wako Nairobi na wanafanya kazi na hawajateuliwa mausizi kama watu ambao wanatakana wafanye hapa Nairobi.

Kuna kitu ambacho kiliweleweka hapa jana kuwa kuna watu ambao wanaambia watu wameteuliwa hapa wataweza kuwaweka katika kaburi na wazaulikwe kabisa wakitumia vijana wao...

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, order Mheshimiwa Mary Ariviza samahani sana manake swala tunalolizungumzia ni swala kuhusu appointment ya County Secretary na naona ya kwamba unaelekeza maswala yale tuli Yamaliza kabisa jana na tusingependa tayarudie.

**Hon. Mary Ariviza:** Asante madam Speaker lakini kile nilikuwa nasema ni kwamba inaonekana tumeweka mtindo hapa Nairobi kuweka watu hawatakikani na hatufati sharia. Kama kile nimeelezwa hapa na siko kwa hiyo komiti, ya kwamba kuna watu ambao wameteuliwa na mwongozo wa kuteuliwa haukufatiliwa inatakikana turudie hayo mambo ili wacahkuliwe mzuri. Kwa hivyo kwa sababu kile nasema jana tuliambia kuna watu ambao wako hapa Nairobi ambao hawatakikani kuwa hapo lakini wapo. Na leo pia naskia kwamba kuna mtu ambaye ameteuliwa na hakufatiliwa njia inayotakikana ateuliwe. Kwa hivyo inatakikana hiyo itolewe na mambo iaanze tena achaguliwe mausuzi, asante.

**Hon. Speaker:** Minority whip, you know the only challenge we face in a house of debating is you can't confine. And everyone will speak what is rightful and they have right of opinion. I want to look at the County Government Act, Article 44 that establishes this office of the County Secretary and I will go to page three: *a) the county secretary shall be competitively sourced from amongst persons who are university graduates with at least ten years' experience in administration and management, and b) shall be appointed from persons competitively sourced under paragraph a) by the Governor and with the approval of the county assembly appointed by the Governor and c) may subject to the condition and terms of appointment be dismissed by the Governor.* I will bring my full communication on the same.

Hon. Members you are Hon. Members. It is important to look at Chapter 6 and look it clearly. If you don't want something we don't want clearly! I think I also stood firmly with the issue. I will look at the 21

days but will finalize this issue in accordance to the law. I can't use any kangaroo, I will have to use the law. So it will be the prerogative of this house to do that. The Speaker just guides. Thank you.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Thank you so much for your candid advice but may I just request you Madam Speaker that we work on timelines. Based on what is taking place in the counties I think it is a disaster in waiting.

Kindly through your humility again, if you can give me timelines on this communication we are doing tomorrow so that you know so we can make you accountable for it as the Chair of that Committee Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Mr. Maurice Gari):** Point of Order, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, Hon. Member. Hon. Gari, let me finalize this matter. I have said and I want to repeat and I want Members of the House to note that when the Speaker has said...

**Hon. Maurice Gari:** *(Inaudible)*

**Hon. Speaker:** The timelines I have said...

**Hon. Maurice Gari:** *(Inaudible)*

**Hon. Speaker:** You know, Hon. Gari, you are also not on the HANSARD because I have not given you the mic so whatever you are saying is not even on HANSARD. What I will say, Hon. Members, is that I will bring a communication on the same and I will give the timelines and whether we are still within the 21 days but at the same time we will finalize the matter and we will do it. In two weeks I will finish the matter. Next order.

## PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

### LIMITATION OF DEBATES ON BILLS SPONSORED BY PARTIES OR COMMITTEES

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Chege.

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you so much Madam Speaker, for settling that matter very soberly, thank you so much. I rise to proceed on the Procedural Motion on limitation of debate on Bills sponsored by the parties or committees. Madam Speaker, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order number 103(4) this Assembly orders that each speech in a debate on bills sponsored by the committees or the Leader of Majority or Leader of Minority Parties be limited as follows; a maximum of 45 minutes for the Mover in moving and 15 minutes in reply. A maximum of 30 minutes for the Chairperson from the relevant Committee and if the bill is not sponsored by a relevant committee a maximum of 10 minutes for any other Member speaking except the Leader of Majority and the Leader of Minority who shall be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes each. If the bill is not Sponsored by either of them that the priority of speaking be

accorded to the Leader of Majority Party, the Leader of Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant sectoral committee in that order.

Madam Speaker, may I just take some time to explain a bit that procedural motions usually come every beginning of the House as we start the new year and they are majorly to guide the rules and procedures of the debates and that the timelines of the debates be a bit definite so that the person speaking does not bore or does not eat into everyone's time trying to push a Motion forward. Madam Speaker, it also strengthens the sponsorship of the bill so that it is in the interest of the Members to understand that a bill that has been sponsored by a Committee stands a better chance to push the issue and the bill that has been sponsored by a party also has more precedent than a private members bill. Having said that, I wish to ask my counterpart Hon. Imwatok to second the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I second the Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you, Madam Speaker and I think it has been very clear to the House that is a procedural Motion. Of course it does not generate a lot of debate and hullabaloo about it and I thank you as I beg to reply. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S BILLS

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise on a continuing procedural motion that is limitation of debate of individual Member's Bills. That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103(4) this Assembly orders that each speech in a debate on bills not sponsored by a committee or the Leader of the Majority or Leader of the Minority Parties be limited as follows. A maximum of 3 hours and 30 minutes with not more than 30 minutes for the Mover in moving and 10 minutes in replying. A maximum of 30 minutes for the Chairperson of a relevant Committee and the maximum of 10 minutes for any other member speaking except the Leader of Majority and Leader of Minority who shall be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes each and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of Majority and Leader of Minority and the Chairperson of the relevant committee in that order. Madam Speaker, I think the same explanation I gave for the other one applies and I would request my counterpart the Hon. Imwatok to second the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I second the Motion.

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I think the same also applies and I beg to reply. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON A MOTION

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** I rise again, Madam Speaker, on procedural motion, limitation of debate on a motion. That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order number 103(4) this Assembly orders that each speech in a debate on any motion including a special motion be limited in the following manner. A maximum of 3 hours with not more than 20 minutes for the Mover who shall be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes each and that 10 minutes before the expiry of the time the Mover shall be called upon to reply and that the priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority, the Leader of Minority and the Chairperson of the relevant sectoral committee in that order. Madam Speaker I beg to move the Motion and I request my counterpart to respond.

**Hon. Catherine Okoth:** Madam Speaker?

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, *Mweshimiwa* Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine Okoth:** Madam Speaker, we do not have quorum in the House.

**Hon. Speaker:** Searjant at Arms, please ring the bell for 5 minutes.

*(Quorum bell was rang for 5 minutes)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, we shall adjourn because of lack of quorum. Members, let us stand to adjourn. The House adjourns to tomorrow the 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

**The House rose at 4:00 p.m.**