

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Thursday, 21st March, 2024

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2:30 pm

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix), in Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Members, I would like to acknowledge the visiting students and teachers from Longewan Juniour Secondary School in Suguta Marmar Ward from Samburu West sub-County in our public gallery. In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to the Assembly I extend a warm welcome to them and on behalf of the County Assembly of Samburu and on my own behalf i wish them a fruitful visit, thank you.

MCA, Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I like also to thank the teachers and students of Longewan Mixed School who have come all the way from Longewan where there is a lot of insecurity and despite all those challenges they are still learning. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the teachers and the students for their resilience and making sure that our students are learning in an environment that is good for our students.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the House to know that these students are really suffering because of insecurity issues; and when they come he to learn or benchmark on learning activities, they have really tried to come however the challenges they are passing and I am very proud as an elected MCA of that Ward because they have consistently said the cannot relocate or close their school because the want to learn.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate this House for the support they usually provide to our Suguta Ward residents when I usually say we have an issue of insecurity in this County Government and this Hon House always stand with the people of Suguta. So, Mr. Speaker, as an elected MCA of the said Ward I welcome the teachers and students to this Hon House, feel free to enjoy and learn what is being discussed in this House and at the end when you are going back to our motherland you will go out proud and we bless the road so that you arrive safely, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Well Hon. Leleruk, let me give another Member a chance to welcome these students, Hon. Nakinyi.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Jane Nakinyi): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I also congratulate Longewan Junior Secondary for visiting our gallery, welcome and feel at home and feel that you are getting something so that it will help you in your academic. We are doing the real thing here,

whatever is being done in this County Assembly of Samburu is exactly what is done in the National Assembly. Even now as we are doing it may be they are doing at this moment, so take it as practical and learn from it and I know it will be a very resourceful thing.

Mr. Speaker, I also take the opportunity of thanking the teachers of Longewan Junior Secondary School for bringing their students here to learn and I know how their Hon. Member of County Assembly of Suguta Marmar said that it is an insecurity prone area and they have taken their time. I know that at this moment of the day, the area is not good because of insecurity and they have taken a chance to come and visit the Assembly and we do not take it for granted, kwa hivyo we say thank and karibuni and feel at home, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Nakinyi.

(Hon. Loloju asking for permission to speak)

Yes. Hon. Loloju.

MCA, Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Maralal Ward, I would like to welcome the young souls in front of us, let them feel free. Mjisikie mko nyumbani, hapa ni Maralal na watu wa Maralal wanawakaribisha nyote, ahsanteni.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Well Hon. Loloju, I hope there no any other Member who wanted to welcome these kids, so let us go to the next order.

STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Members, it is notified that the following statements are due for response today Thursday 21st March, 2024 at 2:30 PM pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (c):

1. Statement No. 024/2023 requested by Hon. David Lekuchula to the Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries regarding distribution of livestock breeds during the Financial Year 2022/2023.

Vice Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also take this opportunity to welcome pupils from Longewan to this Hon. House, feel welcomed. Hon. Speaker we have

not yet received the response from the Department and we called the Departmental head and directed that he will give us the response on Tuesday. I request the Hon. House to bear with the situation until Tuesday; we will do a follow up. I know that you are also the Chair of the Committee and you understand the situation, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Mheshimiwa Spika kabla sijachangia, ningependa kwa niaba ya Poro Ward kukaribisha watoto wetu na walimu kwa kututembelea na karibuni. Statements ya hawa ng'ombe imekuwa kwa siku nyingi. Nimeamka lakini nilikua nimerithika na jibu ya naibu mwenyekiti lakini naskia kuwa Lodokejek wamepewa yao na sijui kwa nini wamepewa yao ilhali Statement haikuwa imekamili. Nilikua nataka unifafanulie hayo.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Majority Leader, just hold on, maybe Hon. Minority has anything to add.

Minority Leader, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker I also stand to raise a concern that it is a great information that we have received when information we have received when Hon. MCA Lekuchula was talking saying that yesterday that he received 12 bulls and I do not know how through this for the information of the record that the report has stayed for long and as the MCA for Suguta Marmar Ward I was inquiring where are the five bulls for Suguta. So, make sure on Tuesday or you tell us because if the one who asked the Statements and he has been given this what about the Suguta Ward because I know the Statement as for a combined one for Lodokejek and Porro and so as the MCA for Suguta I also want that report because it has stayed for long and we want closure, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the issue of Lodokejek Ward was just a matter that has happened before the Department brought the response and the Member just shared today that he has already received his twelve bulls. It is now our mandate as the Committee to follow up from the Department to give us the full response from Lodokejek, Suguta Ward and also the Poro Ward. I just want to call the Hon. Members to bear with us that on Tuesday we make sure that we bring the response on the 26th March 2024, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also add my voice to welcome the students from Suguta Ward to this Hon. House to see how their representatives

are doing and representing them in this Hon. House, how issues are debated. This is a House of Representatives on issues concerning the communities and also House of the law and oversight. Staying that this is how the issue of Samburu County is being deliberated as a Government.

This is the County Assembly and we have the Executive. We have two issues of the Government which has been devolved. In the National Government we have the three Arms of Government and in the County Government we have three Arms of the Government and these two Arms of the Government one is the Executive and the other is the County Assembly.

In the Executive the Governor is the Chief Executive while the Speaker is the head in the County Assembly. Having said that I would like to say that their anticipation is saying that the Statement will be responded fully next Tuesday yet according to our today's Standing Order we have got adjournment according to the Calendar of this Hon. House when it is being determined by this Hon. House or to go by the Calendar of this Hon. House for recess or to extend.

We talk of things which are of reality in this House; going by the hearsay that Lodokejek has received all the bulls yet we do not have the evidence here; going by hearsay or shortcut, we need a Statement here whereby it will say that it has received or not. But going by the hotels saying that Hon. Lekuchula has received we want the facts in this Hon. House...

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): I can say that this house has been belittled by the executive. We have been asking for statements, information from the executive but every now and then we say that we say that we do not have information, next week...like that. That is why I say that it is the high time we bite the executive.

This is the House of Representatives. This is the house that commands the executive. We are here to give the instructions and they are there to execute the instructions. If we give instructions and they do not execute the instructions. This is a principled house giving instructions. The executive are agents taking instructions of the honorable house.

If the agents are not taking our instructions how fit are they to execute the work? It means that there is something wrong. The executive are not giving services as instructed by this honorable house. Mr. Speaker you need to rule on this matter to be honored by the executive. We do not have the time to waste, to mark time. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Lorunyei for your words of wisdom.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I know the member for Nachola Ward is talking about some very sensitive issues. I just want tell the honorable member that the department will forward the response for Lodokejek Ward and Suguta Ward and also the Poro Ward. I request this house to bear with us until Tuesday. The honorable member is also anticipating the issue of adjournment. We do not know whether we will adjourn or not. We are still waiting for that order, Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Honorable members on the issue of statements, as said by Hon. Lorunyei it has been a big issue in this house. Honorable members thinking that Hon. Lekuchula got his bulls yesterday that one has not been done as per what our standing orders and regulations say. We have to wait for the correct information from the department to be tabled in this house.

We do not work on rumors so kindly let us wait until Tuesday for the response. But I am just directing this. If on Tuesday that response is not in this house, then the CECM has to appear before the committee on agriculture on Wednesday regarding the same.

Thank you members.

MOTION

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Leleruk please wait, or which motion are you moving? The Governor's address? No. it is just supposed to be continued. Hon. Members the last time we had a discussion here on the Governor's address we stayed here up to almost 6:30pm. We wanted to have some comprehensive deliberations on the same so honorable members let me welcome you to continue the debate on the Governor's address so that we put a question and dispose of that agenda. For those who want to deliberate and have some insights you can do it.

MCA Suguta Marmar ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker, the Governor's address touched on a lot of progress that we have done as a County Government and the leadership. We must thank him because whatever that has been in his address, most have been implemented,

especially on the issue of insecurity. In our County we have a lot of insecurity. Security is not a devolved unit. It is a national government issue and as the leadership of the Samburu County the Governor chose to take the role of the national government to make sure that the people of Samburu are secured and protected even if the national government has failed us.

He is right in pointing out the wards that have high insecurity and the measures he has taken as the leader of the County Government. I personally want to thank him because of the fortified rangers' camps that he has built across our wards to make sure our county is secured. In my ward, what he has said about the issue of Leparachau fortified camp and Ltungai are complete and working. That is the reason why I say the Governor's address must be commended because of the good work we have done as County Government and as the executive. We are proud of what we have achieved.

I know he has not mentioned the ones that are incomplete because at the time of this address those had not been started. The address covered most of the issues we have passed in this house and the issues he is trying to undertake so that Samburu County will reach where we want it to be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I stand to add my voice on the debate before this house, and Mr. Speaker there are a lot of issues that are not real according to the Governors Address and I would like to point out them, especially on Department of Education the Governor has just highlighted that some of the progresses but Mr. Speaker when you go to our wards you find that a number of these ECD centers have no teachers, no permanent structures and sometimes even the provision of food sometimes food is delivered when the school is almost to be closed. You cannot just purport to improve education without equipping those schools by staffing.

Secondly, allow me also to continue I want to mention something on Agriculture, our county has a lot of problem, we have just heard that the livestock are being distributed but this field of cultivation the governor have not mentioned anything rather than just saying he has increased the number of seeds, but we have not seen those seeds being distributed, it has been a tradition that this government just being on record giving people seeds, helping people even to cultivate their fields but they are just but a mere statements. I have gone through this document but most of

what is contained in the document I think it will remain in that document nothing will be transferred because of the tradition they are used to.

Mr. Speaker the previous government got tractors to various communities particularly Samburu west but those tractors are not in use when you, so when you say you are improving Agriculture you are not giving the community those firm inputs. I think that is just a sideshow statement.

We have seen that the governor or the current Government is giving livestock, that is Sahiwal breed to communities and Mr. Speaker we are used to perennial drought and giving the community animals without looking at the fodder, the pasture. I think we are not helping those communities. The government should learn from previous experiences and look for alternative ways to curb the perennial drought that is my observation as far as the governor's address, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Well Hon. Lentukunye, Hon. Loloju Joseph.

Maralal Ward MCA, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, apology to the House for the last time we deliberated, unfortunately I was not in, I was away on official duty and maybe some of the things you might have talked, allow me just to repeat just I any case you have talked since it touches the bottom of my heart.

First and foremost, if I can support my good brother there Lentukunye, he has spoken the truth for I have seen with my own eyes the distribution of the seeds here in Maralal ward. When the governor was reading I felt like interrupting the address and tell him please stop the lie, for I have seen personally just imagine if I can be given 200kg to go and distribute there in Lpartuk 200 kilograms how many persons do I give?

Even if I give out a quarter, half a kilogram, it will not satisfy to be honest. The number outline all those perimeters, I was given 150 kg to take to Tamiyoi, hundred and fifty kilograms maize and hundred and fifty beans, just here in Tamiyoi do not go far, now tell me how many people do I give?

And you are proudly saying I have given Samburu people seeds. That is total shame. At times we have to be serious on what we are doing. And if at all it is his ministers, his CEOs who are letting

him down, then this is the time that he has to rise up and know that some of the things that he is saying that he is distributing are not enough for the people, period.

Mr. Speaker sir, I do not know whether you alternate, Mr. Speaker as far as I know, we have the County Assembly, we have the Executive this is where the laws are made in this County, true or false Members? True, thank you so much. Mr. Speaker sir, this issue of VRDU (Village Resource Distribution Unit) which was manifested there, when it came to this House, we said no.

It was total embarrassment for me to see the Governor praising VRDU for 10 minutes, standing there reading about VRDU yet we have broken we do not want it. Jamani! That was total shame, we cannot allow such kind of things and up to now Mr. Speaker sir, write it down as I see and the Honorable Members are seeing, in fact, VRDU should be non-existent in this County as from now.

Write a letter to them, whoever is actually against it, if it is Peinan by the so called, what do you call it, the County Attorney, let her come here and explain herself. Hon. Lorunyei moved a motion and gives us all the details about it and we are satisfied about it. Now my good Governor is here, praising the same VRDU which was rubbed, it was rubbish long time ago.

Mr. Speaker sir, on the same note, we are in the constitution of Kenya and we are the law abiding citizens. Mr. Speaker sir, we have what we call the village elders; these are the people who are enshrined in the constitution of Kenya. They are only five and they are in specific areas, we need actually immediately to approve that particular list and hence up to now we have not received those names. It appears as if some people are still sleeping on their job or they are still dreaming VRDU has passed, that one is long time gone. Mr. Speaker, we need to see the names of village elders. So, Mr. Speaker sir, with all due respect, kindly the concerned authority should bring the names of the village elders so that we pass. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Pheliux): Thank you Hon. Loloju. I think on the bill that we passed for Hon. Lorunyei, I think after the passing of the bill, I think the Executive are always given 60 days grace period for implementation. So the 60 days have not yet elapsed, so as from maybe the lapse of the 60 days, then this House will start taking its direction. Thank you.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, I am standing for information because education has been named by Hon. Lentukunye, MCA Wamba East. Mr. Speaker, ECDEs food have been transported to every center which brought...

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Point of order Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Pheliux): What is your point of order Hon. Silapia?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Okay Hon. Speaker, I am just raising on a point of order that Hon. Lorunyei is referring Hon. Lentukunye as for Wamba East Ward, he is not for Wamba East Ward, and he is Hon. Member from Wamba North Ward. Thank you.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you for correction Hon. Silapia. Food was transported to every sub county starting last month and every ECDE which we have the records have received food. Mr. Speaker, if there are other schools, who did not receive food, the Hon. Member would have said that there are some schools which have...but generalizing that...

In the speech of the Governor, it is right that food was brought and distributed in every sub county and every ECDE which we have record have received. Mr. Speaker, saying about again structures, does it mean in his Ward there is no ECDE with a structure, maybe new ones do not have structures like now in my Ward, I have got eight new ECDEs, they are learning under the tree.

So first, we are reaching out to areas where education has not reached so that we can reduce the percentage of illiterate in the Samburu County, but about the structures will follow, teachers will follow Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker on what was said by Hon. Loloju, I think you have answered that we go guided by the guidelines of this Hon. House Standing Orders.

Standing Order 200, says that, after the resolution of this House, a period of 60 days is given by the department to implement, after that now, 60 days, that is the time now this office will now try and enforce or getting the progress report that they have implemented or if they have not implemented so that they can go to the next step.

Mr. Speaker, if I can repeat, I say that we should love this Governor very much in the side of security. If he was not there Mr. Speaker, people would have not been in Suguta Mar mar Ward, in Loosuk Ward,

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): What is your point of order Hon. Lentukunye?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): In Porro Ward...

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Lorunyei we have a point of order from Hon. Christopher.

MCA Wamba North Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Hon. Speaker, I think Hon. by commenting that the Government did not do something, I do not think that is hating the Governor, so the Hon. Member must withdraw that statement or substantiate.

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Lorunyei kindly withdraw because this is oversight.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Yes Mr. Speaker, listen, I withdraw but it was the Governors' speech.

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Mr. Speaker, there is no condition, he should either withdraw or substantiate.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Lorunyei kindly withdraw and continue.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): I can substantiate Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): No, just withdraw.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Okay, I withdraw Mr. Speaker. As I was saying, let us love this Governor just the way he loves the people of Samburu County and borders of Samburu County.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Point of order!

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): What is your point of order Hon. Loloju?

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Please Mr. Lorunyei, my good friend. Hon. Lorunyei...

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Loloju you are supposed to address me.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Yes, that is why I said, through Hon. Speaker, Mr. Lorunyei is repeating the same statement, I do not see the reason as to why he keeps on...if we love the Governor, no one hates him, we all love him, and we know he is our brother. So please, you have been told to withdraw that one, do not repeat it again with all kindness and fairness. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Okay. Continue Hon. Lawrence.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Hon. Speaker, before knowing the content, it is not good to just cut somebody off. I said that, in terms of security, if the Governor was not there, the security going on in Suguta Mar Mar, in Loosuk, in Porro, in Ang'ata nanyokie and in Baragoi people have been moved there by the...

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Lorunyei the point that made you raise was the ECDE issue, so kindly just address the ECDE issue and then we continue because now you are again going to security and there was no any mention about security. Hon. Lentukunye you have spoken for many times, so this is the last time I am giving you to contribute.

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Okay thank you Mr. Speaker. I think my colleague is acting like a CEC Education, but he should know that he is here on capacity of an MCA, a Member of this House.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Point of order! Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Order Members, so I do not think anyone of you will continue so just get seated both of you.

Hon. Members, now that we have a lot of deliberations on the same, let me now put the question;
THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 23 (5), the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor.

(Question put and passed)

ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO ALTER THE CALENDAR

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker once again, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 27 (4), this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar to extend its sitting until 28th March 2024 instead of adjourning today on 21st March 2024 to allow the House to complete the following pending works;

- i. Approval of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper.
- ii. Responses for the pending statements.
- iii. Liason committee benchmarking report.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Majority Leader. What is it Hon. Loloju?

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Mr. Speaker, just on a very light note that touches all of us as health is concerned. Mr. Speaker sir, if you can kindly allow me, to read an invitation card that I have on behalf of this particular House.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): You are doing it at the wrong time so, I will advise that maybe after we finish, just announce your invitation.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): You have not finished?

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): No. As the Speaker leaves, you are at the Mercy of now announcing the invitation.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Do not put it off.

Temporary Speaker in Chair, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Get seated Hon. Loloju. Okay Hon. Members, I think some one or two Members to ventilate on the same or just continue. What is it Hon. Stacy?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stacey Nareyo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. First I would like to convey my appreciation to the teachers of Longewan for bringing your students here today. They are here to learn and I hope that they are going to get one or two from here and all the best.

Mine is just to support the Majority Leader on the adjournment to alter the calendar Since we have a lot of pending issues like the..., I heard most of the Members mentioning about the same issue like we have been repeating it every once again and the issue of belittling of the House on the issue of the response of the statements and so I think we have a time because the Liaison committee actually had a benchmark on two counties and we wanted to hear their report, we wanted to hear what are they are going to represent in this Honorable House so that the trend that has been ongoing should stop. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Okay Hon. Members, there is no more ventilation on the same, Hon. Members be guided that we will go on recess as of 28th March.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the time being one minute past 4 O' clock and there being no other business, this House now adjourns until Tuesday 26th April 2024.