

# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

## THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 19<sup>TH</sup> October 2022

*Assembly Building*

*The House met at 10: 35am*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) in the Chair].*

### PRAYER

### MOTION

ASSEMBLY THANKS BE RECORDED FOR THE EXPOSITION OF PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR DELIVERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Motion by the Leader of the Majority Party.

**Majority Leader** (Hon. Alex Langat): Thank you Honorable Speaker, I want to move a Motion;

THAT, the thanks of the of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of Public Policy contained in the Address of the Governor delivered on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): The seconder of the Motion.

**Hon. Cyrus Dida Ndegwa**: I rise to second the Motion

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Motion is now open for debate.

**Hon. Peter Palang'a**: Honorable Speaker, I want to seek your indulgence on this important Motion. Yesterday in your wisdom, and this Report of the Committees Membership; you directed that we need to have done some elections by today at 2:00 pm.

It is on this account that I hereby seek your indulgence and request the House that we adjourn this particular Motion to discuss the Governor's Speech and allow the Members to retreat to their respective Committees for them to undertake the elections of the respective Leaders of the various Committees.

This is because, as you are aware and the Members are aware; I am reliably informed via the Communication from the Clerk that this House will be retreating to continue with the facilitation and inductions. And for this reason, Mr. Speaker, I feel that today, we do not have much of the time to debate this particular Motion. How I wish Members can agree to it, that we come back after the recess after going to Mombasa for induction, so that we have enough time to scrutinise

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and give our input and comments on the said message or speech. For this reason, I wish to request that we adjourn this debate to a later date that you will direct.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): That is a proposal from Honourable Peter Palang'a. So much Mheshimiwa Palang'a do you have someone to second that proposal?

**Hon. Peter Palang'a:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to request the honorable Isabella Makori to do that there are so many people who are willing to second but I am sure she is going to be up to the task.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Okay Honorable Fadhili the Majority Whip.

**Hon. Fadhili Msuri:** Before Mheshimawa Palang'a appointed Isabella, there were people behind him who wanted to second him but he seems to have fixated his mind on Isabella. Is there something special between that the House needs to know?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Actually Mheshimiwa Fadhili it is the Speaker who allots time, so we want to exonerate Mheshimiwa Palang'a. So, Mheshimiwa Isabella you have the floor. And later now the Members from my left side and will have some time to contribute.

**Hon. Isabella Makori:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, for giving me this chance. In fact, Hon. Fadhili is in front so he cannot see behind. I was upstanding. I want to second Hon. Palang'a. In fact, Her Excellency's speech was very good. And it needs time for us really to scrutinize and give our input. So I second Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. On that Mheshimiwa Antony Kanere you have something to say? Now that the Motion is proper before the House that we adjourn. We need to get more input on that, to build the case for that Motion for adjournment.

**Hon. Anthony** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support Hon. Palang's sentiments, because we need time to discuss our Excellency's speech because you find that it is a skeleton which needs to be added some stuff so that it lays a platform whereby we are going to perform in the next session and to implement some of the weighty issues that were highlighted in her speech. So I support

**The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri):** Mheshimiwa Mwangi?

**Hon. Mwangi Muraya:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the Motion, the request by honorable Palang'a our senior Member, because if you look at the weight in the Governor's speech and also, if you look at her appointment of the CECs that you gave us yesterday, the speech requires a lot of time to go through it. It is not something that we need to just go highlighting. I support that we adjourn the Motion for a later date so that we can have enough time to discuss the Governor's speech.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Karanja and then Mheshimiwa Alex.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. As I stand to support the Motion, election is a tiresome exposition. It is really agonising. It is heartbreaking because if you wanted a position and somehow you do not get it, it is really heartbreaking. As it is told, it is that when an election is done, it is not that easy. As we do this, I will ask one thing. There is something called ego massaging. After somebody's expectation has been broken, you require to be massaged. As we do this as Honorable Members, can you on your side be preparing for ego massaging such that even if I do not get the seat, I will get the food from your Office?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Karanja, it is a request but then that does not mean the Members who are seeking for electoral seats that they relent or do not put enough effort now that there would be that. I do not want to say that there would be such an offer because we want Members to participate fully, the end result being in a position to get Chairs and not the other supplies.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I was just pleading with your generosity because you know that elections are not easy and Members know that elections are not easy and because we are in an institution, these elections will produce Leaders and because of that, I have seen that program is going up to 4:30 pm and there is no break in between. I urge your office and I know you are really philanthropic; do something for us all because even if I become or another person becomes a Chair, you need to be happy. If you do not get, you need to be massaged that is why I am telling you to come in as the Holy Spirit will dictate to you. Just do something that will make the Honorable Members happy. From the smile, I know that is done. Thank you for that.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Karanja, I could be smiling because the Office of the Speaker does not have facilities for ...but then, that is well understood. Hon. Alex Mbugua.

**Hon Alex Mbugua:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion that we postpone the discussion on the address from Her Excellency our Governor mainly because at such a time and moment, we are going through direction period and this period directs us the Leaders to critically analyse the speech from the Governor. You realise that the Leaders who will be given the task to implement and carry on the agendas that are in address, it is very important that we have the guidance and proper leadership from the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons and these people must be well equipped.

This speech from Her Excellency the Governor gives a road map, the blue print for the next five years and hence we cannot just discuss it without giving it the ample time that it requires, so that we address the matters to the very core of what we desire and have. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Thank you. What is the order Hon Bernard Langat?

**Hon. Bernard Langat:** Some Members in this House are not in decorum especially a Member from your Ward and Hon. Samuel Tonui. They do not have ties.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): I want to confirm that from the Majority Whip Hon. Fadhili Msuri and the Minority Whip (Hon. Virginia Wamaitha).

**Hon Ali Hassan:** I think Mr. Speaker, the Majority Whip Hon Fadhili Msuri is also not properly dressed.

*(Laughter)*

**The speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Order Hon Abdi! Hon. Majority Whip is in the House.

**The Majority Whip** (Hon Fadhili Msuri): First of all Mr. Speaker, I excuse my brother; we come from two different worlds in terms of fashion and the world is changing. The decorum in the House is having a tie, so I do not know why he is so concerned with my bottoms. Concerning a Member who has been reported not to be appropriately dressed that is Hon. Samuel Tonui, I can confirm with all firmness that indeed he has actually violated the dress code of this House.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Hon. Samuel Tonui?

**Hon. Samuel Tonui:** Mr. Speaker, I do not know if the Standing Order has changed because I know that at one time, we agreed that we can come the way we are. So the way I am is ok.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Order Hon. Karanja! That was information from the Majority Whip. Minority whip confirm whether there are Members in the House who are not in decorum.

**The Minority Whip** (Hon Virginia Wamaitha): Yes they are.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Which order Hon. Samuel Tonui?

**Hon. Samuel Tonui:** Mr. Speaker sir, I also want to dispute on that because I am sure we are still using the Standing Orders which were passed by the previous Assembly and if anything, until we pass or we come up with new ones, I cannot get out.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Speaker

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Yes Hon. Karanja

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Speaker sir, if I do my recollection correctly and we should not involve ourselves in the game of musical chairs, moving chairs from North to East, Hon. Chonjo the Member from Nesuit knows very well the code that we agreed on. You cannot suffer from selective amnesia.

*(Laughter)*

May be I can ask Hon. Palang'a to stand. Now Mr. Speaker you tell him to sit if one cannot read from the physical, you cannot read from the spiritual.

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*(Laughter)*

So Mr. Speaker, if Hon. Chonjo is suffering from selective amnesia, when you wake up and then you decide to wear any gown then you come and defend that one as Kenyan Mr. Speaker, there is something that we said, if you cannot be able to buy this one, wear what you are used to

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): That one is understood

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Because he is a senior Member of this House, he should not take the House in a wild goose chase and he knows that. May be I will ask Hon. former Deputy Speaker to follow the Standing Orders as he used to do, when he was in that seat. He used to chase everybody and now it is his turn to be chased.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Yes Hon. Tonui and then I make a ruling on whether we close that debate; make your submission.

**Hon. Samuel Tonui:** I think this one is not in order Hon. Karanja.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order Hon. Karanja! You cannot determine what is casual and what is official. Allow Hon. Tonui to submit.

**Hon. Samuel Tonui:** Mr. Speaker Sir, what I am asking you or even Hon. Karanja knows we never put on any discipline that these are proper clothes we have to put on when we are coming in to the chambers. If there is one we came and agreed on but we only said we put on an African attire. Look at mine I am also an African the way I have dressed up.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you for that. The issues of decorum I think it is good to clarify that they were not in Standing Order. It was from a Communication that was made from this Chair in the previous Assembly. When we retreat to an induction, we will have an opportunity to agree and say what is acceptable in the House as official. That matter is closed. Hon. Members I now put the question.

*(Question proposed that this House adjourns today's debate on the speech by Her Excellency the Governor to a later date to be determined by the House Business Committee to allow Members participate in Committee elections).*

*(Question put and agreed on)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

This House stands adjourned until 2.30 pm today.

*(The House rose at 11.00am)*

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