COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

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SECOND ASSEMBLY – SIXTH SESSION

Wednesday, 27th April, 2022

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Good afternoon once again Honourable Members and welcome to this session. I want to invoke the provisions of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 32 (2) and direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

Quorum Bell rung for the first five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I can see the Deputy Whip in the House. Cam you please confirm if we have the required quorum.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have quorum.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Madam Clerk, please take us through the order of the day.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

PAPER LAID

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. On behalf of my Chairman, Hon .George Olwal I seek for your indulgence and wish to lay a paper.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. George Olwal and pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 182 (6). I wish to table today, Wednesday, 27th April, 2022 report from the Standing Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT on the Status of Deferment of the Kisumu County Regularization of Land Ownership and Development Bill, 2021. Thank you.

(Hon. Khan lays the paper before the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm receipt of a report from the Standing Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT on the Status of Deferment of the Kisumu County Regularization of Land Ownership and Development Bill, 2021 as presented by Hon. Aslam Khan on behalf of the Hon. George Olwal, Chairperson of the said House Committee. Further, I direct that this report be committed to the Select Committee of House Business for purposes of scheduling for debate. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. On behalf of my Chairman, Hon .George Olwal I wish that I be allowed to give a Notice of Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. George Olwal and pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 45(1). I wish to give a Notice of Motion on a Report from the Standing Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT on the Status of Deferment of the Kisumu County Regularization of Land Ownership and Development Bill, 2021. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

STATEMENT.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Rashid Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. I arise to give a Personal Statement.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. Today the Wednesday, 27th April, 2022 residents of North Nyakach Ward, North West Village, Rangol Location woke up to a somber mood. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, their livestock left for grazing, when they came back in the evening, they realized this morning that over thirty heads of cattle had died.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that, this is not the first or the second time that we have experienced such calamity happening in North Nyakach Ward. Mr. Speaker, in the year 2019, we lost over thirty heads of cattle due to unknown reasons. Last year 2021, we again lost over ten heads of cattle and yesterday we lost over twenty and this was a result of unknown reasons.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make a passionate appeal to our County Government that, this time round they need to conduct investigations. I am aware that the County does not have a laboratory to authenticate such causes. Mr. Speaker, the other time we were compelled to seek these services from the County of Kericho. I want to appeal to the County Government of Kisumu to this time around assist us unearth this and have a lasting solution to these catastrophes. Mr. Speaker, you are aware that in my community residents earn their living through raring of cattle, they take their students to school moreso at this time with the little that they make from the sale of livestock, from the little that they manage to get from the sale of their proceeds from their farms. Mr. Speaker, now that three years down the line, the Ward has lost over fifty heads of cattle and we are lost of words and don't know what to say.

Mr. Speaker, in 2019 tests were conducted and taken to Kericho County, reports reached our community but that was the end of everything. I want to say that, as a Member of County Assembly representing North Nyakach, many people celebrated and that is the reason as to why you may not have seen me in the list of nominees who won the just concluded ODM Party Nominations and this is because my constituents say that, the mandate they gave me to deliver and request on their behalf did not get any lasting solution. Now again, we have experienced the same calamity. Mr. Speaker, what is it, who is doing this to our community. Is it our neighbors Nyando Sub-county or is it some farmers intoxicating their crops and grass. What about it?

Mr. Speaker, I want to send a passionate appeal to the County Government and make the same appeal to my neighbouring MCAs to assist me solve this problem. Mr. Speaker Sir, because this is a phenomenon that has really interfered with the livelihood of my community, I would humbly request that you allow Honourable Members of the Assemble to add their voice on this matter. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members. Hon. Rashid had indicated to me that this was a Personal Statement but though from the content and the context in which he is presenting it, it is a matter of topical concern. I will agree with your request that is there is any Honourable Member who want to give a comment though it is a matter that I cannot put a question.

(Silence)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, it looks like there is none.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker…

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. George Ogutu, I am not aware why you are thanking me…

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, I am appreciation you because you have allowed us add our voices on what has just been raised by Hon. Rashid Miruka…

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. George Ogutu, I did say that we move to the next order because I did not notice anybody rise of their feet.

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, I arose on my feet, maybe you were blind. You know that sometimes when you are seated in that seat, it is assumed that you are blind.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): So, Hon. George Ogutu, what is it?

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to give my contribution.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogutu, I will give you one minute.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is really a sad moment from what Hon. Rashid has narrated to this House. Mr. Speaker, this is a phenomenon that is happening not for the first time that Nyakach in facing sad news. It is well known that sometimes back Hon. Rashid in his Ward lost numerous heads of cattle. Mr. Speaker, until today, it is my belief that the conclusive report on this matter has not come so that we are made aware exactly what caused this. In fact it is very sad because we are all aware that, it is this time that students are supposed to be taken back to school and us as Luos we solely depend on these animals. When it reaches a time like this, when our children are sent back home, it is the only thing we can resort to and take to the market to enable us offset the required school fees which our brothers and sisters who sat for their examinations and are expected to join form one and those continuing with their education could get help from.

Mr. Speaker, if it is anything to go by, this is because North Nyakach has numerous challenges which is necessitated by the extreme side where we have our neighbours the Kalenjin and in the opposite side we have our neighbours who are also our County men the people from the land of

Kano Plains. Mr. Speaker, this ward has had a myriad of challenges as a result of differences in these borders. Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether this issue is coming as a result of this hostility which has been there for time immemorial especially between our neighbours who are equally our county men from Kano side. But, Mr. Speaker, I believe that from what Hon. Rashid has just appealed for, it is my belief that investigation on this matter will be conducted so that we can establish exactly the root cause experienced by the people of Nyakach.

Mr. Speaker, let me similarly appreciate Hon. Rashid because he has been steadfast. The other time I had a talk with him about this particular election which has wounded almost ninety percent of your Honourable Members of this House. Hon. Rashid confided in me by stating that, Hon. Oluoch, I am not going to contest in any elective positions from any other political party apart from the party I love most which is ODM. Mr. Speaker, it is true that now Hon. Rashid has confirmed that he is exiting this House but it is equally fundamental that he leaves behind concrete evidence that he was fighting for the needs of his Ward. This is to his successors who will come after hi. If such a calamity can rare its head again, reference will be made that Hon. Rashid stood with his constituents at the ground.

Mr. Speaker, my only humble appeal is that, let this particular incident be investigated and a report is furnished to us so that the people of Nyakach and not only North Nyakach will be aware of what is happening. It was said that if your neighbour is suffering, you should also be ready to face the same. Maybe tomorrow this may happen in West or Central Nyakach or in any other wards neighbouring North Nyakach. Mr. Speaker, let the truth be told. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogutu, thank you for those sentiments.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogutu, Next order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Thursday, 28th April 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 03.10 p.m.)

Addendum

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