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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Ndegwa Wahome) in the Chair]

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is quorum)

Speaker: Hon. Members, quorum having been recognized Hon. Members, we can proceed with the business of the sitting.

First order.

STATEMENTS

(STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED)

(Hon. Wangari Methu rises on behalf of Hon. Samuel Mathu)

Yes the County Member from Kipipiri, Hon. Wangari Methu.

Hon. Wangari Methu: Mr Speaker, considering that the chairperson of the committee is not present, I seek leave that we issue the general statement during the next sitting. Thank you.

Speaker: Now that we are approaching Easter, and Thursday is considered one of the Holiest Easter days, I would not want to be more inquisitive. However, I would want to know why the Member is not present, especially considering that, he convened a meeting he did not attend. Moreover, he did not come to the House to issue a statement. Obviously, those kind of issues will not be tolerated. Nonetheless, we are granting the leave that the statement be issued on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 2018.

(Hon. Gathungu Kamau rises on a point of order)

What is it the Member for Leshau Pondo and the Leader of the Majority, Hon. Gathungu Kamau.

Hon. Gathungu Kamau: Mr Speaker, I would like to be enlightened; the general statement was on environmental conservation and tree planting during the rainy season and the committee has sought leave. The rainy season is nearing an end. Will the statement be of any help Mr Speaker, Sir?

Speaker: The Leader of Majority, I do not know what metrological report you have read because the information I have is that this rain will continue into May. Nevertheless, I know you are giving reservations on the statement sought by the Member for Kipipiri. You I am always getting information; I know the Members of that particular committee are not happy and it is not the first time. Additionally, the House would also not be happy that such a statement that would enlighten us on the role we require to play during the rainy season is not going to be issued today. What I wanted to say in short, though I did not want to on this Holy Thursday, is that in future we would expect very good grounds that are meritorious and that invite on themselves the grant for such leave. Today we are playing very cool and quite; we would not wish to hurt the progression into the Easter holidays. Next.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT FOR SHORT RECESS

Yes the Member for Leshau Pondo and the Leader of the Majority, Hon. Gathungu Kamau.

Hon. Gathungu Kamau: Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

That with the leave of the House and pursuant to Standing Order No. 29 (3), this House does adjourn for short recess from tomorrow Friday the 30th day of March, 2018 to Monday the 9th day of April, 2018 in accordance with the Nyandarua County Assembly Legislative Calendar, 2018; as such Mr Speaker, Sir, this House does adjourn today Thursday the 29th day of March, 2018 and does convene on Tuesday the 10th day of April, 2018 at 2.30 pm.

Mr Speaker, as we are all aware, this House has been quite busy this session. We have achieved a lot since assumption of office. We are better legislators. We have been able to pass the supplementary budget estimates, the supplementary appropriation bill and numerous committee reports, one being the one we passed yesterday on the second CIDP. We have debated several motions and I would like to thank the Committee on Education, Culture and Social Services, in particular, for bringing a lot of business. The deputy Speaker as well as Hon. Esther Mwangi moved motions on empowerment of polytechnics and awarding them tenders. Hon. Sambigi Mukuria has also moved some motions. The same committee brought a motion on alcohol control, a motion that was of county importance. All these and others we have achieved during the second session.

Mr Speaker, yesterday you commented that some committees have not brought any business to the House despite having held many meetings and conducted sites visits. After the short recess, these committee, who names I will not mention, should bring business to the House. This will go a long way in increasing the businesses of the House and incidents of the House holding a three-minute sittings will be avoided. As we always say, the County Assembly of

Nyandarua is in a class of its own and we want to be the best assembly possibly in the republic of Kenya. I believe after the short recess we shall have numerous businesses since the Assembly has committees that are equal to the task.

Several statements have been issued during the current session. I believe in the coming session we will achieve as much.

With that I wish all my fellow Hon. Members a happy Easter holiday.

I call Hon. Mwangi Maitai to second.

Speaker: Yes the Member for Central, Hon. Mwangi Maitai.

Hon. Mwangi Maitai: Thank you Mr Speaker. I thank the Leader of the Majority for recognising me, an Independent, for the first time to second a motion.

(Laughter)

I rise to second the motion of adjournment.

We have worked hard as a House. It is always said that a change is as good as a... you can always remind me. Now we should break and have time with our families. This is the right time. As we are all aware, the Executive is currently awarding tenders. So we should take time to do oversight on the work they are doing. We want to see roads being upgraded, classes being constructed and other projects being implemented.

I join the Leader of the Majority (of course not forgetting the 'Leader of the Minority) in challenging the committees that did not bring businesses to the House. Today, for example, we have only one motion. As we resume from recess we should come up with a lot of businesses for the benefit of Wanjiku.

We would also want to realise value for money; we cannot just be coming to the House to sit for only two minutes and expect to be paid. That is not in order.

(Hon. Kariuki Muchiri points at Hon. Mwangi Maitai)

That is a wakeup call; do not point at me 'Maguna¹'. If that was the tradition, this is a different...

(Hon. Gathure Wambui rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it the Member for Kaimbaga, Hon. Gathure Wambui?

Hon. Wambui Gathure: Mr Speaker, is it in order for the Member for Central to call the former Majority Leader, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri by his nickname?

Speaker: Actually you are required to refer to a Member of a certain ward or a County Member by their particular names; but, looking back, I believe the Member for Murungaru is even happier being referred to as Hon. Maguna² because he has severally introduced himself as so. Proceed the Member for Central.

Hon. Mwangi Maitai: Thank you Mr Speaker for protecting me.

(Hon. Suleiman Kimani enters the Chamber without a tie)

¹ Hon. Kariuki Muchiri's moniker

² Ibil.

(Hon. Gathungu Kamau rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it the Member for Leshau Pondo, Hon. Gathungu Kamau?

Hon. Gathungu Kamau: Mr Speaker, we have a stranger in the House.

Speaker: A stranger in the House?

(Hon. Suleiman Kimani retrieves a tie and puts it on)

The stranger has miraculously become an Hon. Member. Proceed the Member for Central.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mwangi Maitai: Thank you Mr Speaker, I will go back to what I was saying; that we do not have many businesses even for today's sitting. That is why may be the Leader of the Majority is creating more 'businesses' like saying there is a stranger in the House in order for us to spend more time here. Once we resume from recess we should come up with many motions. We should also develop a tradition of supporting motions. There is this motion I have been trying to bring to the House on equitable distribution of resources but when I way the atmosphere nobody would be willing to support it. Should the Hon. Members be in support I would prepare a very good documentary, but now I do not want to be embarrassed. Nonetheless, I will continue doing my survey.

I beg to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Yes the Member for Githioro Hon. Sambigi Mukuria.

Hon. Sambigi Mukuria: Thank you Mr Speaker. I would like to identify myself with the motion moved by the Leader of the Majority. Even as go through the list of the achievement we boast of this session, we should not forget that we are going for Easter, a period during which Judas betrayed Jesus. There has been many betrayals by people here who were thought to be friends. I think it is the high time that people went and healed.

(Hon. Gathure Wambui rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it the Member for Kaimbaga, Hon. Gathure Wambui?

Hon. Gathure Wambui: Mr Speaker, I think the Member for Githioro is not in order by saying there has been betrayals. You know there are two outcomes of debates in this House. When a question on a motion is put, there are those who will support and those who will oppose. When I oppose one's motion I am not Judas, I only exercise my constitutional right.

Speaker: I think the issue is not supporting or opposing a motion. I thought that your point of order would be based on the fact that the Member for Githioro is casting aspersions at the character of Members; that they can betray like Judas. You can never cast aspersions on Members before you move a substantive motion, which must first be approved by the Speaker. So the Member for Githioro, abandon that line and contribute to the motion.

Hon. Sambigi Mukuria: Mr Speaker, I stand guided. I would like to preach about reconciliation; we should not forget that this is the period that Jesus was betrayed. In that spirit...

(Hon. Rimui Kaiyani rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it the Member for Githabai, Hon. Rimui Kaiyani?

Hon. Rimui Kaiyani: Mr Speaker, is the Member for Githioro to preach in the House rather than debate?

Speaker: That one is a new one. You know preaching is a mode of communication and here we normally debate. I do not know whether you can debate through song or whether you can be allowed to debate through preaching. If you cannot debate through song you also cannot debate through preaching. Therefore the Member for Githioro should debate the motion at hand.

Hon. Sambigi Mukuria: Thank you Mr Speaker. As always I stand corrected. We are the representatives of the people. We know there are many challenges facing the people out there. As I stand here I know we have sinned through omission and commission and I am asking all of us to use the Easter period as a period of reflection so we can become better Christians or better followers of our religions.

We should also use the Easter period to reenergise ourselves in order to come back with fresh and big ideas to propel this House to greater levels.

As I finish Mr Speaker, let us all go to church and learn about betrayal. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes the Member for Kaimbaga, Hon. Gathure Wambui.

Hon. Gathure Wambui: Thank you Mr Speaker. We have had motions such as the one at hand moved by the Leader of the Majority. I think they are two. I am on record as having opposed the first motion. I supported the second one with reservations. But today Mr Speaker, I have to categorically say that I support the motion at hand with no strings attached. When I reflect back, the reasons I opposed other adjournment motions were valid. An example is when the Hon. Members were required to go on recess without their pay. However, today it has been proven that this House does not come here to debate and pass resolutions that are not acted upon. You can see that the members are happy because I have been informed that the Human Resource department has done something. Therefore, I appreciate that the issues we raise in this House are not usually taken for granted because they are acted upon. They take the issues positively.

Mr Speaker, I agree with the Leader of Majority that the House, during that period, was able to pass various motions, bills and particularly the supplementary budget, CIDP and other documents that are crucial in this County even if the one that was passed yesterday had some of us left out. Let me not revisit the matter but we were totally defeated but I wish the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. James Gachomba, was in the House; that amendment would not have passed.

I would also like to concur with the Hon. Member for Githioro for saying that we are going for recess because it happens to be a Christian festival. It is therefore very important that these Hon. Members do a soul-searching during this period and review their relationship with God. How has your Christian path been? In as much as we are Hon. Members, we are Christians save for Hon. Hussein Kassana who might need to clarify on which religion he subscribes to. You know it might not be good to generalize that all of us are Christians and maybe he is not, of which, he will clarify later. So, it is time for us to do some soul-searching and our faith will have deepened by the time the break is over.

Thank you Mr Speaker, I support.

Speaker: Yes Member for Njabini Kiburu, Hon. James Kiiru Gachomba

Hon. James Gachomba: Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to support the adjournment motion that has been moved by the Leader of Majority. We are headed for Easter festivities and it is in order for us to go and enjoy with our families and get in touch with the people that have elected us. Today, we had so many reverends and pastors in this Assembly who are trying to preach the word of God. This is quite in order because we need to reconcile and cooperate as we come back from the short recess. And again, we have a duty to serve our people and the County at large.

Mr Speaker, many issues have been raised and it has been said that as we come back from the recess, we need to generate more business for this House. We also need, as the Members of this House, to help the House Business Committee in terms of sponsoring motions so that we can move forward and do what is supposed to be done. We owe our people oversight, legislation and representation duties. We should also encourage other departments that have been doing things wrongly to use the Easter break so that they can change and deliver in accordance with the expectations of the people.

Thank you Mr Speaker, I wish to support the adjournment motion.

Speaker: Yes Member for Charagita, Hon. Catherine Wairimu Njane.

Hon. Wairimu Njane: Mr Speaker I rise to support this motion that we proceed for a recess. It will be very good because it coincides with the closing of schools. We shall have time with our families and also have time to rejuvenate. The recess also coincides with Easter holiday which, as other Hon. Members have mentioned, is a good time to reflect on our Christian life and also to remind us that Christ is the reason for the season. Therefore, as we go for recess, let us do good to our families, *Wanjiku* and to ourselves so that we come back with renewed energy.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes the Deputy Speaker and Member for Nyakio, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru.

Hon. Zachary Njeru: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion. Despite the fact that we going for Easter, we should remember that we are the representatives of the people and we have to interact with them so that we can establish and know their needs and problems. At the same time, we can have time to prioritize on their needs.

Mr Speaker, as it has been said, we are social beings and sometimes we should have time with our families and constituents. Socializing is the only way we can have cohesion in our wards. Again, it is through these interactions that we will be able to tell our constituents on the status of our county and the nation.

I would also like to congratulate the House Business Committee for coming up with a very commendable legislative calendar for this Assembly. However, being the Chair of the Chairmen, I would like to challenge the Chairs of the committees to be adventurous, as we always give directions during plenaries. Let us use this time to generate business and come up with motions aimed at addressing the problems that affect our people and Nyandarua at large. By doing so, I think the business to be transacted in this House will be more than enough although I will address the same during the Liaison Committee's meeting. I think we shall meet after the plenary.

Mr Speaker, I congratulate our Leader of Majority for a job well done. He has requested for many statements in this House. Without much ado, I support.

Speaker: Yes Deputy Leader of Majority and Member for Karau, Hon. Kenn. Mukira

Hon. Kenn. Mukira: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support my boss.

(Laughter)

He is my senior in the office that we jointly serve.

Mr Speaker, I also need some rest having served and being under pressure. I was traversing my ward some few minutes ago identifying matters of priority and more specifically about roads. I had requested for a motor grader but I found that the motor grader was working on roads that my people have not prioritized. One of my opponents manipulated this.

This period has been very nice and interesting and I hope that we shall have even more interesting sittings when we come back. Being a member of Public Accounts and Investments Committee charged with interrogating all audit queries, I will carry out my duties to the letter. We shall no longer spare people because we have always been diligent. We are also charged with legislating and representing. To do it in a better way, we require some rest and prepare ourselves to perform our duties.

Mr Speaker, people out there think that the government has become insensitive and irresponsible to their needs. We will pray for those letting us down and our good Lord will accord them favours but outside this County. I camped in a certain office for almost two weeks. From my House, the office is located less than two hundred meters and I would go there every morning to request for motor graders to address problems facing my people however, as I was coming to this House from a burial that was in my ward, I smiled because I reminded myself that I play three roles; representation, legislation and oversight.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Paul Ngeche Wambaire.

Hon. Paul Ngeche: Thank you Mr Speaker. I am eagerly waiting for tomorrow's way of the cross and meditate on the love that Jesus Christ had for mankind when he died on the cross. When He was in this world, He healed, He fed and took care of people but He was not appreciated and that's is why will be remembering His crucifixion tomorrow. The good part of it is when He resurrected. I am eagerly waiting for it since I will be among the congregants at Manunga Parish witnessing that day.

As a matter of fact, when we adjourn, the rejuvenation that comes along is important. We shall not only come back here and legislate but we shall also have new ideas because we shall have interacted with our electorates. The people out there want to know what has been happening in this House and as one member said, it is that moment of reflection. It is also a time we will be able to undo all the betrayals that we could be facing outside there.

I support. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support this adjournment motion. It is good for the members since we shall have an opportunity to spend time with our families and the electorate we represent in this House. We shall also have an opportunity to do some oversight work on the Executive because as the members are aware, this is the time the Executive is preparing contracts and issuing of tenders and I am sure that members will ensure that our people get those tenders. You know there are people outside this county that normally get these tenders. The work is done in this county but then, our people are not economically empowered. This is very important. We might do so many roads, construct so many classes and hospitals but what is it that goes to our people? It is nothing! We need our people to see and say that they get something from the county government by empowering them. I take the issue of economic empowerment very dearly.

It is time for members to go and rest because you cannot work all round. You need time to go and rest. This is the right time to do so. As we go out for Easter holidays, we should not go and rest completely. The committees are waiting for us to come and answer requested statements and

the questions that were raised. We need to do some of those reports and conduct some field visits so that when we come back we shall have business.

As we reflect on the issues of Jesus Christ, the way he died because of our sins and for the salvation of mankind, we also need to interact with our people and help them. The needy will always be there. So as we celebrate with our electorate, we also need to remember the needy people in our localities and assist those we are able to.

With those remarks Mr Speaker, I wish everybody a happy Easter Holiday. I support.

Speaker: Yes the Member for Engineer, Hon. Samuel Njatha.

Hon. Samuel Njatha: Mr Speaker, I rise in support of this motion whose objective is to have Hon. Members proceed for a recess and probably be able to do the other role that we play – oversight. I find it appropriate that I will be able to visit and tend to the areas which I have not had enough time to look into.

I would like to highlight the issue of lack of business to transact in the House. I sought a statement but it has never reached the floor of this House.

(Laughter)

So, I wonder why we have no business yet a statement I sought has never reached the House. I therefore need your guidance. Thank you, I support.

Speaker: Yes Member for Githabai, Hon. Rimui Kaiyani

Hon. Eng. Rimui Kaiyani: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion for adjournment with the following few remarks. First, as other members have said, it is time to go and rest, reconnect with electorate and understand what they have been going through especially during this rainy season and explain to them why the roads have not been done contrary to our promises. I would also like to reiterate what the member said, that the reason for the season is Jesus Christ and I believe that we are Christians. In spite of the fact that this House is meant for debate, we have to mention a few words about our spirituality. I am aware that the member for Magumu must have heard of these good news and probably converted.

I also want to say that it is a good time for us to reconnect with our families now that children have closed schools and are coming back home. Those of us who are privileged to have some children, it will be a good time to socialize with them and guide them. And for the few...

(Hon. Hussein Kassana rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is Member for Magumu?

Hon. Hussein Kassana: Mr Speaker, I would like the Hon. Member for Githabai to clarify how I am not saved.

(Laughter)

What parameters is he using?

Speaker: Member for Githabai, I also got concerned as to what intelligence you have gathered around the Member for Magumu to make those conclusions. Unless you substantiate, that one would call for withdrawal and an apology to the Member for Magumu.

Hon. Eng. Rimui Kaiyani: Thank you Mr Speaker. May be I spoke too fast but I said the Member has probably heard the word and taken heed of it. I did not say he is not converted. If he is not converted I apologize. If he is a converted as Christian, then, I have no apology to give.

(Hon. Gathure Wambui rises on a point of order)

Speaker: Order Member for Kiambaga! You are the chairman of the independents caucus but informally you refer to yourself as the Minority Leader and that one cannot go on record because it is unconstitutional.

Therefore, Member for Githabai unless you are clarifying that that was not what you said, I think we shall stop the debate at that. Proceed.

Hon. Eng. Rimui Kaiyani: Thank you Mr Speaker sir. I did not mean any ill to the said member and if he is offended I withdraw and apologise. I did not mean to take offence on him.

For those who have families it is a good time to meet our children most of whom are closing school. The latter need our guidance and direction. Many of us here have kids; for the few that have no kids they should probably reconnect and do the right thing to become family members.

(Laughter)

With those few remarks I beg to support.

Speaker: Yes the Member for North Kinangop, Hon. Edinald King'ori.

Hon. Edinald King'ori: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion. Before I move on Mr Speaker allow me to applaud the newly elected chairperson of the Nyandarua Jubilee Party Caucus, Hon. Sambigi Mukuria, who is always on my neck. He is a neighbour and a friend.

(Hon. Sambigi Mukuria rises on a point of order)

What is it the Member for Githioro, Hon. Sambigi Mukuria?

Hon. Sambigi Mukuria: Mr Speaker, as much as I appreciate the appreciation by the member, is it in order for him to say that I am always on his neck yet I don't kiss him?

Speaker: Yes member for North Kinangop, do you want to clarify what it means that you're always on his neck is.

(Laughter)

You may want to clarify what it is that you're always on his neck, it might mean that you have always been whispering to him. Let us know what that means.

Hon. Edinald King'ori: Mr Speaker, I always pass at Githioro, a place called Mawingu, so at any one time I must see the gate to Hon. Sambigi. Nothing more nothing less. All the same, by extension allow me to also applaud my neighbour here Hon. Kariuki for him coming back into this honourable house. Though the matter is in Court, it is good to appreciate that he is in this Honourable house as an Hon. Member who represents the marginalised and elderly people/business community.

(Laughter)

Mr Speaker, this recess, whoever set it to be here, did a good job, because it is very timely. It is in time with when Jesus was betrayed by one of the twelve disciples. It is good that the members remember this and maybe not kiss at this time if possible.

We are here to represent our people and I am expecting the members in their ward to be more vigilant on conducting oversight on what the Executive is going to implement within this short period before the lapse of this 2017/18 Financial year. I will be more vigilant, in North Kinangop and get to oversee all the projects in my ward. I am aware we have an able governor, with an able executive who are going to implement what is going to be approved by this house.

In addition, just like the members have stated here, being close to their families and especially the nuclear family, this is a high time to be with them, and more importantly show them the importance of forgiveness. Jesus was betrayed but by the end of the day he had forgiven. I believe when we come back we will be more alert and informed for I believe that we have now gained experience. On coming back we will have more vibrant debates that will help the *mwanchi wa kawaida*³ in this county. I call the mover to respond.

Speaker: The County member from Kaimbaga Hon. Jacinta Githae.

Hon. Jacinta Githae: Thank you Mr Speaker, I stand to support this motion and thank those who came up with this idea. Jesus Christ died for our sins, and God has awarded us with different gifts apart from serving people. So let us make use of what we have by sharing with those who do not have. And let us remember that we belong to one family, Nyandarua, Kenya, and one God. I will refer to one verse that I have in my song: ‘Nikikosa leo, niite kando niambie makossa yangu, usiniharibie sifa maana kesho utanihitaji. Tukiweka makossa yote kando, Mungu atakuwa nasi.⁴’ We will be well even after coming back. I support the motion and God bless you.

Speaker: Yes member for Wanjohi Hon. Isaac Kung’u.

Hon Isaac Kung’u: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion and commend the majority leader for the work done. I also want to commend the members, since we came back after the long recess, we have been able to achieve some things, one of them being the passing of the supplementary budget and the CIDP. I think it is time we go and reflect, get to spend time with our constituents and family. I therefore take this opportunity to wish all the members a happy Easter and hope that we will come back renewed. My call is that when we come back we be prepared for bigger businesses to be able to achieve more mile stones. I wish all of us a happy Easter holiday. I support.

Speaker: Yes the County Member from Wanjohi Hon. Jane Nyambura.

Hon. Jane Nyambura: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support this adjournment motion, as members we need more time with our kids and families, we also need more time with Wanjiku on the ground. We also need to relax our minds so that when we shall be back from recess, we will be fresh and be able to give more motions. Another purpose for this motion is to give us more time to give us more time to celebrate the death of our saviour. I support

Speaker: Yes member for Kanjuiri Ridge, Hon. Suleiman Kihika Kimani

Hon. Suleiman Kihika: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion by the majority leader. It is good for this is the best time to have time to relax, and see our electorate. We are about to come to an end of this financial year, a mistake is a mistake when it is repeated. What I want to say is that, what we have done a s mistake this financial year, let us not repeat is as a

³ Ordinary people (residents of the county).

⁴ Should I wrong today, make known to me my mistake secretly. Do not tarnish my repute for tomorrow you will need me. If we put aside our mistakes, God will be with us.

mistake again in the next year. In saying this I mean, we have the timelines of some programmes brought into the assembly like the annual development plan, the CIDP, CFSP, let all this programmes be brought at the right time so that what is budgeted for maybe implemented at the right time. I am worried, we have only one and a half months to the end of this year and we have not done the implementation of the projects. I hope the executive will move with speed so that we are able to implement all the projects in the supplementary budget. I support

Speaker: Yes County member for Shamata Hon. Mary Wangari

Hon. Mary Wangari: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion, I first want to commend the leader of majority for a job well done. We need time to meet our electorate, communicate with our families, and also time for oversight. With this break, we will come back refreshed. I support this motion and I call the mover.

Speaker: Yes the mover and the Leader of the Majority, Hon. Gathungu Kamau.

Hon. Gathungu Kamau: Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir. I rise to thank all the Hon. Members who have supported this motion. It shows that most of us are in agreement that we should go for a short recess so that we can have time with the electorate and also our families. I want to appreciate Hon. Maitai and Hon. Gathure because we know in most cases the independents oppose. The two have supported the adjournment of this Hon. House.

I want to echo the words said by the duly elected Member for Githioro that, as Hon. Members, we should be our brothers' keepers without backbiting.

It is during this session that I was carjacked and I want you, Members, to be cautious when moving around at night, and if you have to ensure that you are secure because what I experienced is not something you would want to go through.

On the same note, the deputy Majority Leader has said that he is supporting the adjournment though we have a long way to go with the Executive. We have almost four and a half years ahead of us. The opponents whom we were competing with are monitoring the work done on our roads. That's a recipe for disaster, which may more animosity. With regard to this, I would like this House to make a communication to the Executive to the effect that, even if our positions are not in rhyme with what the Executive needs, we are the representatives of our people. If, for example, a grader was to be deployed to Nyakio Ward, the Hon. Member for that ward should be involved because he knows areas of priority in the ward.

People come to us to raise issues. But why do we preach water and then take wine? We need peace in abundance. So as we proceed Mr Speaker, I think your Office can make a communication to tell the Executive not to use our opponents to silence us. We have to say whatever we have if it is for the good of our people.

Finally, I wish each and every one of us a happy Easter and let us meet again here as better legislators. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members for that very good and resourceful debate and discourse on that particular motion. As you are aware, under Article 29 (3) of the *Standing Orders*, we don't require to put a question on the motion. It is assumed that the motion will have to go through unless the House decides to change the Calendar. Otherwise, this is a matter of course and I think you have utilized the occasion very well by commenting on issues that are salient amongst ourselves. That's what is expected in an adjournment motion.

I also wish to take this opportunity to wish you, the Members, a happy and safe Easter Holiday. Let us connect with our families, relatives, the electorate and the people in general because we are always tied here by our duties that we do not even have time for ourselves, leave alone our families. We should ensure that this time is not only very good but also very quality to

be able to understand our families. As I always say, whatever happens, the family is always the last destination. It's only the family that cannot turn its back on you. So, whenever we have an opportunity, let's give reserve them time, and grant them understanding. Let us also listen to them.

This is also an opportunity where we are able to interact with our constituents to know the exact needs on the ground. Sometimes we are made to come here and legislate some issues that do not exactly relate to the public needs. The Member for Karau has said that the roads that need attention are not the ones being attended to. So when we come back, let the motions and the statements we bring to this House be straight from the mouths of our voters. I would also wish to encourage and assure the Member for Karau that you do not suffer because you are a bad person. When Jesus' case was being executed in a public forum, notwithstanding the fact that He had not committed any error and that He was only performing miracles, the public said that the thief should be set free and Jesus crucified. So when you find yourself in a tight corner, just remember the example of Jesus. The public gave the thief a green card and gave Jesus a yellow card. That will encourage us to move to the next step. As leaders we should also ask ourselves: If Jesus was killed so crudely, what are we able to sacrifice so that at least *Wanjiku* lives a dignified life. We are not being killed; neither are we being oppressed nor tortured. What small thing can we sacrifice in terms of time and commitment?

I also would wish to encourage the Member for Central that leadership is not about bringing a motion here and winning. It is about making sure that your vision goes to record and appear in the Hansard. Many people will not agree with what you say today as a forward-looking leader. The simple groups you start for example, maybe of thirty people, only ten people remain and prosper. So as a leader your vision will not be shared by many people. Accordingly, the Member for Central, bring your motion on equalization. It might fail but the Hansard, as well as history, will judge you correctly. I assure you, if that motion does not pass today it will pass tomorrow, but let it go down on record. The Hansard will also record that there are people who opposed it. History will come back to haunt us. So if your conscience drives you to bring a particular motion, please do it. Motions, bills and elections come and fail, but never stop your dreams because of the fear of what might happen.

I am happy that the Member for Kaimbaga recognized this, I was very worried that we might proceed to Easter without the salary. In this regard, I thank the staff involved. Although our brothers and sisters in the Executive are the ones who do requisition for us, they were not able to get their payment but we stationed people at the Treasury and we were able to manage.

Finally, thank you very much. I appreciate the cooperation, the decorum and the dignity in which we have conducted ourselves and when we come back for the second part of this second session, let us proceed with the same dynamics and infrastructure and we will prosper together.

So we adjourn to Tuesday, the 10th day of April, 2018 at 2.30 pm.

(The House rose at 3.36 pm)

