

REPUBLIC OF KENYA**NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY****1ST ASSEMBLY- 4TH SESSION****OFFICIAL REPORT**

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The Assembly met at Manunga Catholic Hall at 2.30 P.M.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Wambugu King'ori, in the chair.

PRAYER**QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING**

(There is quorum as confirmed by the Clerk-at-the-table)

Speaker: There being quorum, we can proceed with the business of the session. First order.

MOTION

1. TRANSCRIBED ADDRESS OF HON. ENG. MURIUKI KARUE, THE SENATOR NYANDARUA COUNTY

(Hon. Peter Maina rises on behalf of Hon. Kariuki Muchiri, Leader of Majority party.)

Speaker: Hon. Peter Maina.

Hon. Peter Maina: Thank you Mr Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of Majority, I beg to move the following motion:

That the assembly be recorded the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Senator, Nyandarua County. As you are aware, last week we had a session with the Nyandarua County senator, Hon. Muriuki Karue. The Senator highlighted issues based on our development within the county. Protect me, Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Order Hon. Members!

Hon. Peter Maina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In our deliberation with Senator Muriuki Karue, he hinted on issues concerning the development of this county and touched on devolution. We would like to appreciate the people of Kenya who voted in the new constitution which ushered in devolution. As you are aware, devolution has done a lot in this county bearing in mind that our produce never used to reach the market in good time. This time, we appreciate the work done by

the government headed by His Excellency Waithaka Mwangi for seeing to it that most of our roads are all weather roads. Hon. Muriuki Karue touched on the Ward Development Fund and it is important to note that this devolved fund has undertaken mass developments that reach *Wanjiku* directly.

(Hon. Suleiman Kihika rises on a point of order)

Hon. Suleiman Kihika: Mr Speaker, is it in order for members to consult in the plenary while standing?

Speaker: Come again Hon. Suleiman.

Hon. Suleiman Kihika: Mr Speaker, they have realized that they are making a mistake and have walked out.

Speaker: Okay. Proceed Hon. Peter Maina.

Hon Peter Maina: Mr Speaker, I was on the issue of the Ward Development Fund where members of this house passed a bill which became an Act that gave members a ward development kitty which really assists the ward representatives to develop issues pertaining *Wanjiku* on the ground.

You realize, as much as the Ward Development Fund is shared equally among the wards, it needs to be increased in percentage so that it can reach *Wanjiku* and so that it can do something which can be seen by everyone. Mr Speaker, the main agenda here was the milk processing plant which was to be built in Kipipiri ward near Miharati. Hon. Muriuki Karue said that the government needs to set apart some funds, about Kshs. 30 million, so that we can buy a piece land to have a milk processing plant within the county. As you are aware, we have many co-operative societies within this county but we don't have any processing plant within the county. Hon. Muriuki Karue was trying to insist that Hon. Members try to fit in the shoes *Wanjiku* who is a farmer and also a voter. That is why he came fronted the idea that we need to have one milk processing plant within this county, in Kipipiri, bearing in mind that it is at the centre of this county.

The idea is very good and very wise but we are approaching the end of the financial year 2016/2017, I understand that there is nowhere we could get the funds from in our supplementary budget. Maybe, next year we could think of having that processing plant in this county. The people of Nyandarua are in dire need of marketing their milk without the interference from the *brokers* (middle men) in order for them to sell in good price and that is where agree with Hon. Muriuki Karue that Nyandarua needs a new processing plant as early as today.

Mr Speaker, to wind up my remarks on the issue of the speech from the Senator, I would urge the Hon. members to discuss it for the benefit of this county but not for one individual. With those few or many remarks, I now call Hon. Patricia Wanjugu to second.

Speaker: Yes, Hon. Patricia Wanjugu.

Hon. Patricia Wanjugu: Thank you Mr Speaker, for giving me this chance to second the motion. This is a very important address because the project the Senator was proposing is very important to *Wanjiku*. *Wanjiku* is in need of that processing plant. In Nyandarua, we don't have even a single factory and I would, therefore, urge members to support this project because we only have two coolants and we would like a processing plant which will add value to the milk we have so that our farmers can benefit.

At the moment, our farmers are selling their milk at a throw away price and are not reaping any benefits. They are selling unprocessed milk and we would like the milk to go through a process of value addition so that its price will go up.

The other issue I would like members to think about is the Emergency Fund we have in our county. I think this is an urgent project because we are headed to an electioneering period and we would like the projects to be completed. Therefore, I am requesting the members to support it so that if the budget cannot favour the project, the money can be withdrawn from the emergency kitty because we are short of time.

The other issue I would like to support is the issue of the Ward Development Fund. The people who brought the Ward Development Fund got the idea from the CDF (Constituency Development fund) and so I would urge members to support the address by the Senator because they are beneficiaries of the Ward Development Fund.

The activities of the senator brought services to the people. He started educating the community that services should not be managed from the national government but, instead, should be managed at the community level. Today if you go to an old woman, she knows about CDF.

Mr Speaker I am urging members to support the address by the Senator because he is a person who has a vision. Honourable members if we can follow that vision, we can go far. I will stop there and urge the members of this assembly to support. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Kieru Wambui.

Hon. Kieru Wambui: Thank you Mr Speaker. I remember everything the Senator said when he was here. What he said was good. He had a very good message and I support his sentiments. The only problem is the timing. The issues the Senator brought here are very good and worthy. If I remember Isaiah 1:18 which is enshrined in this speech, he said that the word of God says that we should come and reason together. Even though your sins are red as scarlet, the Lord promises to forgive his people. He did not go to that extent Mr. Speaker. He only read the part of come and let us reason together. Reasoning together is okay, but at this moment where people have got different opinions and views on development priorities, in mind that campaigns have started, his speech is rather wanting. It gets to a point of questioning the intentions of reasoning together which is a good thing and I have no problem with it.

You remember one scenario when the County Government of Nyandarua had questions to answer with the Auditor General. The same person who is saying that people should come and reason together left us outside and went to share with the public audit queries that were supposed to be shared with this house. He had his time to speak and air his views which is actually contained in this address. He will read this Hansard because I know he is a hands-on person. I know he will want to read what people said.

His address was good and so were his opinions. Although there was no platform to ask questions, I have a question I would have wanted to ask. When an audit report is done, Article 228 of the constitution provides that there shall be an office of the Auditor General. The Auditor General shall audit the national government and the forty seven county governments. Article 229 says that once the Auditor General's has done that report, he shall forward it to the relevant house and the relevant county assemblies. The article does not say that the Auditor General shall hand the audit report to the senator who will then take it to the public. Article 229 sub-article 7 says that if any house does not consider the audit report then, in the case of the county assembly, shall be considered by the Senate. The Auditor General will audit the national government after which the audit report will be forwarded to the national assembly. If the audit report is not considered by the national assembly within thirty days, the constitution does not say what should happen. If the Senate does not consider the audit report for the county assemblies and if a certain county assembly did not consider that report, the constitution does not say what will happen to that county assembly.

I want Mr Senator to know that it is good he said that, but we are reading the same constitution. It is not fair for someone to go and tell the people of Nyandarua County that Hon. Kieru and other members of this assembly did not travel to Malaysia according to the Auditor General's report. Surely, can someone with the status of a senator go and stand at Ol'kalou and tell *Wanjiku* that because the Auditor General's report said that the County Assembly of Nyandarua said that it had travelled to Malaysia and yet they had not travelled but, instead, they squandered the money. I cannot allow that. It is wrong and false information because the office of the Auditor General is also a political office as I say today.

We already gave our passports and they know that we went to Malaysia but he continues to say that we never travelled. What documents does he check? As regards the said report, the same Senator who stood here went to discuss it with *Wanjiku* in Ol'kalou. Is that reasoning together? That is not reasoning together. We should reason together in matters of importance. Now that he wants to vie for the governor's seat, is it the time he realizes that people should reason together? It is important that people reason together but this time round, he cannot reason with Waithaka Mwangi. Waithaka Mwangi is the governor and the Senator wants to be the next governor. So, these people cannot reason together. Therefore, he cannot say that he now wants us to reason together. Let me now separate politics from development.

He then came to matters of development. He said that "*Mtoto wa Nyandarua analia.*" The child of Nyandarua is the real *Wanjiku*. The Senator said that we should construct a milk processing plant in Nyandarua. I have no problem and this should be done as quickly as possible. If it is possible for it to be done, by all means let it be done. If it happens that the Governor should now approach international investors, let him do so. If he as the Senator is able to approach any company or any other institution to get the Kshs. 30 million, let him do so and we are all going to support him. However, I am sorry to say that his proposal was very late because we were about to table the supplementary budget. Imagine getting the Kshs 30 million from the budget. This would mean that our projects would have to be reduced.

The sentiments of the budget committee are very valid. The said project was not subjected to public participation. I do not know whether the Appropriations Bill for the supplementary budget is subjected to public participation. If it is supposed to be subjected to public participation, maybe *Wanjiku* could have been informed at that moment. I support what he said that he has a donor who is ready to finance Kshs. 1.2 billion which is very okay with me. If the resolutions of this speech are supposed to be taken to the office of the governor, I would urge Governor Waithaka Mwangi to take the land in Kipipiri and build a milk processing plant because it is good idea and I support the senator for that.

Apart from this milk processing plant, everything else he spoke was very political only that he did not declare what he wanted. We can say that we understand devolution. I understand devolution like any other person in Kenya because I am the closest person to *Wanjiku*. The MCAs here are the closest people to *Wanjiku*; leave alone the Senator. We do public participation with common people, and these public participations are mostly done here at the ward level. Can somebody tell me when the Senate did a public participation in Nyandarua? They do public participations in the KICC. So, we are the people who understand devolution properly. We are closer to the people because we are in Nyandarua and this is where the county assembly is. So, no single person can say claim to know devolution more than us. We know devolution well and also know what the *Wanjiku* of Nyandarua wants. We also know where developments should be done. You can imagine doing a public participation for a Potato Bill in KICC and expect Hon. Kiruka Mburu and his people to travel all the way from Charagita to take their views on a Potato Bill to

KICC. It is not fair. Yet, they say that power and positions have been devolved. I support this speech by the Senator on the issue of the milk but all other parts are sideshows and politics. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Gachari, member for Shamata Ward.

Hon. Gachari: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. It should also be noted that I am also the Majority Chief Whip in the Nyandarua County Assembly. I stand to support and also disagree with bits of the speech by the senator. Mr Speaker, the Senator is supposed to be addressing this house quite often as stated by the act, but this was only his second time to come to this assembly. As a father representing to this county a representing it in the national government, our senator has had a very good time to give us counsel and advice instead of fighting the county government. He has made us fail to operate effectively as a county government should. Mr Speaker, his aim was to paralyze this County.

From the time we passed the Potato Bill, instead of the Senator advising us on how to go about that bill, he went to fight it and the potato brokers went to the court of law to get a court order arguing that we did not pass the bill lawfully. We expected him to come with a bill from the Senate but he never brought it. Our farmers now do not know how they will sell their potatoes because of the Senator. In light of this, I dare say the Senator has failed this county government. Mr Speaker, he was elected to represent the members of the county assembly in the Senate. We expected him to bargain for a lot of wealth in terms of money from the national government for the people of Nyandarua. And yet, he has never brought us anything more than what we are allocated. To me, this speech is just a mockery Mr speaker. He is coming in the last minute to tell us to sit together. How can we sit together and we only have four months in this electoral term? He came out saying that he wants to contest for the governorship. We expected a lot from him because during his campaigns, he was saying that he can bring a donor to this county. He has never done it. To me, he is a failure. He could have come earlier for us to give him our problems.

Back then, we did not have a county headquarter, we did not have any more money than the little we were allocated. We cannot compare ourselves with Kiambu County that has big towns from where they were collecting rates. We were just operating from the little money we were getting from here. Mr Speaker, we were wrongly represented in the Senate. It is good that we are now here to take this message to him and tell him that he has failed the people of Nyandarua. Even if they have differences with the governor, he was not supposed to fight us. We are the people of Nyandarua and the children of Nyandarua. He could have come so that we sit down and decide the way forward for this county by looking for ways through which we can uplift the living standards of the people of Nyandarua. Yes, it is our obligation to give him a helping hand as the Senator of this county, but he has failed us. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, Hon. Paul Nderitu.

Hon. Paul Nderitu: Asante sana bwana Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi hii ya kuongea kuhusu hiki kijikaratasi cha mheshimiwa Seneta. Najua ya kwamba hiki kijikaratasi kina mambo mazuri ambayo nitaunga mkono na pia kina mambo ambayo siwezi nikayaunga mkono. Jambo la kwanza, tangu Mheshimiwa Seneta achuguliwe amepata nafasi mbili pekee za kuja hapa bunge na kukaa na wabunge. Kuna mambo ambayo Mheshimiwa Karue alisema na ni vizuri mambo mengine yaache kuchanganywa na siasa kwa sababu nilikuwa naona kama hii ilifaa kuwa hotuba, lakini ukiiangalia vizuri utaona siasa ndani yake. Aliongea sana na akaingiza mambo ya siasa ya Nyandarua. Kuna pahali alisema ya kuwa tumepoteza wakati mwingi na inafaa watu waje wakae chini waongee.

Bwana Spika, hatuna huo wakati sasa. Wakati umeisha. Hata kama mtoto analia, alianza kulia mwaka wa kwanza na sasa tuko mwaka wa mwisho. Mtoto alilia, akamaliza, na sasa mtoto ni mkubwa na hata anaweza akatembea. Hivi sasa, hatuna namna ya kukaa chini ndio tumsaidie. Wacha mtoto analie mpaka dakika ya mwisho kwa sababu wakati wetu umeisha na tunaeklea kuomba *Wanjiku* kura. Kuna pahali Mheshimiwa Seneta aligusia mambo ya Biblia; akagusia Kitabu cha Isaiah 1:18 ambacho kinasema kujeni tukae pamoja. Ni sawasawa na ni vizuri lakini tumechelewa. Haya mambo yote aliongea, ni mambo ambayo tungeongea tulipochaguliwa. Tukae chini, atuletee haya mawazo, tuungane na tufanye kazi tukiwa kitu kimoja. Nadhani kwa wakati huu, sioni akitusaidia.

Jambo la pili Bwana Spika, hili jambo la kiwanda halina haja na siliungi mkono hata kidogo. Kazi yetu hapa Nyandarua ni kuzaa mtoto na kumtupa. Tunazaa mwingine na tunamtupa. Bwana Spika tuko na *Midland* hapa ambayo haisaidii mtu yeyote. Pesa zote ya *Wanjiku* ziko hapo. Halafu, tunaanza mradi mwingine pande hii. Hata pesa anazopendekeza kwa hii hotuba ambazo ni kiwango cha milioni thelathini zingepatikana, mimi ningeunga mkono hizo pesa zitumiwe kufufua mradi wa *Midland*. Hii ni kwa sababu hawa wakulima wa Nyandarua tunaongea juu yao, ni walio Ndaragwa, Kinangop, Nyahururu na kwingineko. Bwana Spika, hata kama huyu mtoto wa Nyandarua analia, hatuwezi msaidia saa hii. Hata kama Seneta ana mawazo mazuri ya kiwanda ambayo ni sawa hata kama amekuja wakati ambapo tumeshapitisha mambo ya bajeti. Isipokuwa mambo haya yapangiwe mwaka ujao, kwa wakati huu sioni tukisaidia. Mimi sina mengi. Ahsante.

Speaker: Hon. Githinji Mwaniki, Member for Geta Ward.

Hon. Githinji Mwaniki: Thank you Mr Speaker for giving me this opportunity so that I can now be able to air my views towards the speech of our Senator. It is too unfortunate that this is the moment our senator has recognized himself as the person who represents the interests of the people of Nyandarua. His work and role is to bargain the interests of our county. Where as we know that we are a marginalized county, yet, we have never had any input or advice from our Senator. We have never heard or seen him bargaining for our county to be allocated more funds towards our headquarters, or other infrastructures. I do not object his idea. I believe dreams are always valid. This was his dream but it was not timely.

In my own thinking, this is a campaign tool. Why was this idea brought at the end of the tenure? This is a campaign tool. Last week, we as the County Assembly of Nyandarua approved the NHC (National Housing Corporation) which wants to partner with Nyandarua County. In order for us to believe that we can realize his dream, the Senator was supposed to table documents signed by the donor so that we can go through them comprehensively as the assembly. It is our mandate to approve any partnership that needs to be undertaken by the county government and any other donor. That is why are saying that these are dreams by the Senator. He wants to juggle with our minds. Again, why is he insisting on spending Kshs.30 million on a parcel of land? If the county wants to purchase a parcel of land, what is the procedure? One, you have to advertise. Then, the letter of offer should be given to those landowners who want to sell their land to the county government.

Why do we want to go a single-sourcing way and yet the procurement act is very clear? How can we do a single sourcing and debate the Kshs. 30 million. We have the national land valuer who usually values the parcel of land. The Senator is not a valuer but an engineer by profession Mr Speaker. How was he able to arrive at a figure of Kshs. 30 million? Not unless he is interested in a certain person he knows very well from whom he wants to purchase that land. I don't object his idea because as I said, but, the Nyandarua County Government has several parcels of land that we can be able to give for the same Mr. Speaker. So, this was not timely. If this is the moment he

is realizing himself, then we are doomed. Basically, we are in a campaigning period and I think if we wait for him, this will turn out to be a campaign tool. He will go to the public saying that the County Assembly of Nyandarua that we refused to buy the parcel of land for the sake of this. So, we shall be in a position of engaging him fully. The way he came to address this assembly, it is like a person who was going to his own garden but later realized that he was meant to address some people. I do not want to expound on this Mr. Speaker but it is not timely. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Dorcas Kihara.

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I support the idea of a milk plant which we really need. The idea is good but it was not timely. The Senator was persuading the assembly to see to it where to get the money to purchase the land. We all know that this house is run by rules and procedures, and there is a process of budget preparation. We are all adhering to the ADP (Annual Development Plan) and a new processing plant is nowhere in our ADP. We have many milk plants in our county and, therefore, there is a need to have processing plant. However, it would not be procedural to purchase land at this time when we have gone and started the budget process which has been informed by public participation. The Budget and Appropriations Committee went out for public participation on the 2017/2018 budget and there was nothing on a milk processing plant. Then, here we are being told to purchase land for a milk processing plant on a single-sourcing. We all know that the Procurement Act states that we need to advertise for any procurement. This is defeating a lot of logic and if we just buy through a single sourcing, although the idea is so good, we will be breaking so many rules on procurement, the PFM Act. This is a noble idea but is not founded in the law.

The Senator also raised an issue of us coming together and talking. We are now heading to campaigns. This government has been there since March, 2013. The County Assembly has been there and the Senator has also been in the Senate. It is now a few months to the campaign period. The thing about us coming together and talking is a campaign tool. He is pushing this assembly to issues things we cannot be able to handle. Later, the people of Nyandarua will see as if we refused to allocate money to buy the land Mr. Speaker. I will say again and again that the idea is noble but we also have to know that the people of Nyandarua do not only have the problem of milk processing. We all know that our slogan says that we are a county of milk and potatoes.

Our senator was very vocal on issues to do with potatoes when he was the Member of Parliament for Ol'kalou. He was advocating for potatoes to be sold in a 50 kilogram bag. It is still an issue even today and I expected that the Hon. Senator would touch on that because this is an agricultural county. I expected that he would also plead with the assembly on some issues concerning agriculture and especially on potatoes.

It was also my expectation that he would mention Midlands. I cannot fail to say that. This house did the best to investigate and urged the government to allow us to take over the factory. Like now we know that when it is raining and there are a lot of potatoes, our farmers sell their potatoes at a throw away price; the same way they do with their milk. Therefore, being an agricultural county, those are the two issues the people of Nyandarua have a problem with. I thought he would come and talk about the Midlands since he very well knows its genesis. Midlands was built because our people of Nyandarua had nowhere to take their potatoes, vegetables and carrots. Mr. Speaker, right now the people of Turkana County are suffering because they have nowhere to get vegetables.

We know very well that Midlands which was a community initiated factory, the people of Nyandarua bought shares in the company. During the rainy season, the people could be selling their vegetables to Midlands for processing. At times like now when Turkana has no supply of

vegetables, the processed vegetables from Midlands could be bought by the government and taken there. Same case to carrots. During the rainy season, the potatoes would be stored and when the dry season comes, they would be sold fresh as when they were harvested from the shambas. Therefore, in as much as this idea of a milk plant is good, there are other issues he could have raised as a citizen from Nyandarua County. I feel he could have raised other issues regarding value addition in other agricultural products. This way, he could help *Wanjiku* not to cry anymore and ensure that what the *Wanjiku* from Nyandarua is producing in agriculture is added value and sold at a good price to make profit.

The Senator gave us an example of a value added milk and unprocessed milk saying that the farmer who sells value added milk is more than what a farmer who sells unprocessed milk gets. The same case applies to potatoes. The potatoes are sold raw to Nairobi where they are peeled and the peels thrown away. Then, the owner of the hotel where the potatoes were sold makes potato chips and he or she is the one who benefits more than the farmer who has done a lot of work to make sure that the potatoes are fully grown and ready for sale. If the Midlands is still in progress, there would also be a benefit of animal feeds production which would be done hand in hand which would in turn ensure a clean environment in Nairobi.

The idea of a milk processing plant is good idea but it has been brought at the wrong time because we have to adhere to the law. I would wish that we nurture what we have now instead of going to what we don't have. Mr. Speaker, this is a child who is not yet born. We already have Midlands which is there ready with machines and only a few things need to be done for it to be operational. In our constitution, Article 96 defines the roles of a senator and I would have expected that our senator could have told us the much he has sourced for this county. He has tried to get us funds for the headquarters which has happened even in other counties like Tharaka Nithi for example. It is a good thing but the money has delayed and yet that is one of the roles of a senator which is to look after the interests of the county he represents.

A lot was not addressed by the Hon. Senator especially provisions of Article 96 concerning the county each and every senator represents. He only concentrated very much on the milk processing plant. Another thing is that he informed us that there is a donor who is ready to come and fund the building of that plant and so our only input as the county assembly is to make sure that we get a budget to buy the land. It, therefore, seems as if there is a process that has already started in which the County assembly of Nyandarua has not been involved. This assembly is now being involved to buy the land. We could have wished that the County assembly of Nyandarua could have been involved from the onset so that when push for the money to buy the land, we would be knowing the details of the donor who is planning to build the milk processing plant. We know that there also land issues in court regarding Midlands.

Now, we are expected to buy land and a donor comes and builds a plant. Doesn't that donor fear to come and do an investment? What could have inspired this donor to come and invest in a county where there is a factory in place and there are issues fighting what is already there? That is a very big concern which made me wish that our senator could have been the first person to look at the issue of Midlands and make sure that everything is done because the county assembly has done its bit. The County Assembly has heard the concerns of the people and understood that they need the Midlands to be revived so that people can get a place to sell their products. As I said, this is a noble idea by the Senator and I am not fighting it. However, it was brought at the wrong time when our hands are tied considering that there are laws on budget making and there is also a procurement law to be followed when procuring any asset for the government using public money. By his saying that there is land somewhere where he intends us to single-source, he wants us to

break the law when using public money as enshrined in the PFM Act. I believe that this is an idea the next assembly can look at.

On the other hand, this sub county of Kipipiri has other public lands where donors could come and build the processing plant as this would be easier since not so many procedures would have to be followed. Mr. Speaker, the issue of Tahal is still fresh in our minds and even the Senator himself spoke about it where there was an issue of single sourcing. We now want to do another single-sourcing. The senator's idea is good but we need to follow the due processes and procedures so that as a house that makes laws, we don't break any law. I support this speech despite its having a lot of gaps and other few concerns that I have raised.

Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Michael Kirumba, Member for Kipipiri.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Mr Speaker. When I study the mood of the house, I want to cite standing order number 23 (4) where this debate on the speech of the senator or a governor has provisions of not exceeding four sittings when being debated. I am also aware that there are some members who have not fully participated or discussed this matter and they would have loved to do so. Now that there was a hiccup right from the beginning when there was no written speech and we had to rely on the Hansard, I would want to cite standing order number 41 (1) where I would like to ask for your direction on where we pause this debate. We shall the resume its debate when the rest of the members are there to meet the threshold of the four sittings to allow members to debate it exhaustively. We cannot have the question put at this very early stage when some members are outside discussing the supplementary budget and the rest inside the plenary. Mr Speaker, I would urge you to apply those two standing orders so that we adjourn this motion and resume it tomorrow or any other time. So, I am seeking your indulgence in the two provisions that I have cited so that we have everybody putting in their remarks. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Michael Kirumba, I think you are referring to standing order number 41 (1). It is good that you read it.

Hon. Michael Kirumba. Yes, pardon me. It should be standing order number 31 (1). Thank you for the correction.

Speaker: Hon. Members it is like Hon. Kirumba Is trying to move a motion of adjournment. Pursuant to standing order no. 23 and 24 the speaker finds it important for that motion of adjournment be moved.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Dorcas Kihara.

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to support the motion. It is prudent that every member is given chance to contribute to this speech. We were given this motion today as the mover of the motion said. According to the standing orders we have not exceeded the timelines on contributing on the same. It is good that we adjourn so that the members are given time to go through the speech and look out for the issues that they may want to address. I support the motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The house adjourns to the next sitting which is tomorrow Thursday 24th November 2016 at 2.30 pm.

(The house rose at 3.40 p.m.)