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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber (P.C.E.A building) at 2.30 p.m.

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, in the chair

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

(Clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum)

Speaker: Quorum having not been achieved, I direct that the division bell be rung for an initial ten minutes or until such time within those ten minutes that the quorum will have been achieved pursuant to Standing Order number 34.

(Division bell is rung for three minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)

Speaker: Quorum having been achieved, let us proceed with the business for today. First order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

REPORT BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Hon. Members, there is a communication I wanted to make and I thought it was very critical but I was not able to do it in writing, but I believe I will be able to make it because it cannot wait. And the same concerns the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. I can see some of the members are here because I have seen a request for the committee to move out and do a report until Monday, 27th day of June 2016. And obviously I have given directions that that would not be tenable.

One is that we require to pass the budget report by Thursday of this week and therefore the Committee on Budget can only be able to work on that report today, tomorrow and Thursday in the morning session so that we have the report by one. This is informed by the reason that the Minister for Finance will require Friday and Saturday to do the Appropriations Bill which should be published by Monday so that we pass it by Thursday of next week which is the last day of the budget making process. And therefore I know most of the Budget and Appropriations Committee

Members are still in the run. But that is very critical and I think the Member from Njabini/Kiburu who is a member of that committee will pass the information that it would not be tenable to go and write the report until Monday because what we are saying in short is that we are not going to meet the timelines.

Secondly and mostly importantly, we can agree that we don't need to meet the timeline because it is not mandatory under the law. But then by 30th of June, what we can pass pursuant to Article 134 of the Public Finance Management Act is what we call vote on account. This is where we allow for the expenditure on the recurrent budget up to 50 percent. Even if we vote that on account under Section 134 of the P.F.M.A Act, then whatever money will be used from that budget without the appropriation law, then we shall have to return the budget to the C.E.C.M to incorporate that expenditure which has been used under the vote of account within the new appropriation law to be brought to the House.

Therefore, knowing that we require to pass this budget early enough as possible to enable release of the development vote because that is the only way we are able now to have the money appropriated since this is our last year. So that we start working on all the aspects of development such that we can start asking for these monies and use them in good time and so that we can absorb all monies that will be assigned to development in this financial year which is our last financial year in office.

Hence, what I have directed and what I am requesting the Budget and Appropriations Committee to do is to work overtime from today to around tomorrow and Thursday morning session so that we can have the report in the afternoon, we clear with it, we release it to the CECUM for Finance, we work on the appropriations law over the weekend and we have it published on Monday so that we deal with the law on Tuesday or Wednesday, so that on Thursday we pass it to comply with requirements of the law. Next order.

PAPER LAID

REPORT ON COSTING OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS BY TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY AND COMMISSION ON REVENUE ALLOCATION

Speaker: Yes the Leader of Majority Party and Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay in the House the Report on Costing of Government functions by Transitional Authority and Commission on Revenue Allocation. Thank you.

Speaker: I think we had agreed as House Business fraternity that the members would get a summary copy of the report. So, Leader of Majority Party on which committee to look at it and do a summary report for the consumption of the members of the Assembly.

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't think I was in that meeting that made the resolution.

Speaker: Okay. Hon. Members, this is a comprehensive document on government functions by transitional authority and we had agreed as a House Business Committee that we would refer the matter to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning. Therefore, this matter will be referred to aforesaid committee to look at the document critically and do an excerpt kind of summary. In case we have an input, we can do a message to the Senate for them to note. This is what we had agreed at the level of House Business Committee. Is there any member of the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning? Yes, County Member from Kanjuiri Ridge Ward, Hon. Rahab Wanjihia. Please indicate what time you would require to look at the document and when should we expect the committee to report back to the House?

Hon. Rahab Wanjihia: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think one month would be enough for the committee to go through the report and bring the summary. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay, so we expect the report within the next thirty days. Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

STATUS OF BOREHOLES IN THE COUNTY

Speaker: Yes, Member for Charagita and Chairperson of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Paul Kiruka Mburu.

Hon. Kiruka Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion:

THAT this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources in Response to a statement sought by Hon. Patricia Wanjugu Njoroge on the status of boreholes in the county as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Very well, notice is duly given and the House Business Committee shall allocate time for when the motion and report shall be moved. Next order.

MOTION

REPORT THE STATUS OF RELIEF FOOD IN NYANDARUA COUNTY

Speaker: Yes, Member for Kaimbaga and Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Hon. Kimani Njiraini.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I beg to move the following motion: THAT this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in response to a statement sought by Hon. Jane Mwathe on the status of relief food in Nyandarua County as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

I suppose that every member has the report in his or her file Mr. Speaker. I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the invaluable support accorded to the Committee by this House to ensure the Committee delivers its mandate.

I wish to commend the Hon. Members of this Committee for the efforts and commitment accorded in writing this report. Our gratitude also extends to your office and the office of the Clerk for making the entire report writing process successful.

Finally, Mr. Speaker Sir, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development to present this report to the House for Adoption.

(The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome leaves the chair)

(Temporary Speaker, Hon. Dorcas Kihara assumes the chair)

On 29th October 2015 Hon. Jane Mwathe requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development addressing the following issues:

1. How much money was spent and what was the quantity of the relief food that was bought and distributed.
2. How many wards benefitted from the programme, and how many families benefitted?
3. What was the criteria used to select the beneficiaries of the programme
4. Whether the relief food programme is still ongoing
5. What measures the department has put in place to avert food shortage in the County

Madam Speaker, the committee held various consultative meetings and later on proceeded to Naivasha to compile the report. We shall now go to the background of the report.

Madam Speaker, drought in any county or country is expected to produce a complex web of effects, which spans majority of the economy sectors and extends well outside the area going through physical drought. This complexity exists since water is inherent to the ability of the society to produce goods and offer services. Majority of economic impacts affect agriculture and related sectors, mostly losses in yields in both crop and livestock production, due to the reliance of these

sectors on runoff surface water, as well as groundwater supplies. The approach used by the relevant Departments (Agriculture), however, will largely determine how drought will affect these sectors.

During the month of January in the year 2014, the Government of Kenya made a declaration of an approaching drought, which was expected to affect about 1.6 million people. This was followed by a low amount of the long rains between March and May 2014. Also following the findings of the Long Rains Assessment (LRA) in 2015 it was indicated that about 1.1 million people were had no food and could not meet their basic dietary requirements, thus required immediate food assistance.

In Nyandarua County, the situation was not different as there were estimated 15,000 people who were food insecure out of which about 7,000 people and 16 institutions benefited from the relief food. Despite the fact that Nyandarua County is an agricultural rich county, some of its parts are semi-arid rendering them prone to drought if the rain patterns change in a particular year. It is however saddening to have even a single person in Nyandarua who is in need of food assistance. This is because Nyandarua County is rich in terms of fertile soils, plenty of water, as well as energetic people capable of enhancing agricultural production. Nyandarua being a county that supplies water to three other counties should be able to sustain agriculture, through irrigation, to some of its areas that are usually affected by drought each year i.e. Ndaragwa Sub County and lower Ol'kalou Sub-county. Due to this emergency, the Executive arm of the Nyandarua County Government, through a cabinet meeting, recommended procurement of relief food for distribution to the affected individuals.

Madam Speaker, I will now go to the findings and observations. After interrogation of several documents received from the Executive and several deliberations, the Committee observed the following....

(Hon. Githinji Ngumba rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Leader of Minority and Member for Magumu?

Hon. Githinji Ngumba: Thank you madam Speaker. I rise to inform the chair that the House lacks the requisite quorum. Thank you.

QUORUM CALL

(Clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum)

Speaker: There being no quorum, I direct that the division bell be rung for the initial eight minutes or until such a time within the eight minutes that the quorum will have been achieved.

(Division bell is rung for two minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the Clerk-at-the-table)

Speaker: Having achieved quorum, let us proceed with the business that was being transacted. Continue Hon. Kimani Njiraini, Member for Kaimbaga and Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you. I was on findings and observations of the committee.

Mr. Speaker Sir, after interrogation of several documents received from the Executive and several deliberations, the Committee observed the following;

- i. There was a huge discrepancy in the number of vulnerable people that were estimated to be affected by drought and those that received the relief food, *(Annexure 1)*
- ii. Some recipients were categorized per family and others, individually,
- iii. There was unequal distribution whereby some wards with high population of vulnerable people received less food.
- iv. It was discovered that the objective of distributing the relief food was not met because the food was distributed equally and not equitably. The committee found that food was distributed in productive areas that were not affected by the famine.
- v. In Ndaragwa sub county Kiriita ward, 326 elderly people and 435 PLWHA benefited from 80 bags of maize (90kgs), 47 bags of beans (90kgs), 112 bags of rice (25kgs) and 852 pieces (1/2litre) of cooking oil
- vi. Kanguu Secondary, Weru primary, Oramutia primary and Secondary, Kiheo secondary and Karandi Secondary were some of the vulnerable schools that benefitted from the relief food program.

1. Amount of money spent and the quantity of the relief food bought and distributed

Food Items Purchased

S/NO	ITEM	QUANTITY	Unit cost	Total cost
<u>1</u>	Maize	1000 (90kg bags)	4000	4,000,000
<u>2</u>	Beans	500 (90kg bags)	8000	4,000,000
<u>3</u>	Rice	1000 (25kg bags)	2450	2,450,000
<u>4</u>	Cooking oil	8000 (0.5ltr packs)	150	1,200,000
Total				11,650,000

2. Number of wards that benefited from the program and number of families that benefited

Beneficiaries of Famine Relief Food

a) Ol-Joro-Orok Sub County

WARD	Maize 90kg Bags	Beans 90kg Bags	Rice 25kg Bags	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)	Beneficia ries
WERU	4	2	2.5	2	30
	3	1	1.5	2	20
	1	0.5	1	1	5
	1	0.5	1	nil	5
	26	14	29	30	300
	35	18	35	35	360
GATIMU					
	5	2	6	5	38
	4	2	4	4	17
	4	2	3	4	15
	13	6	13	13	70
CHARAGITA	8	3.5	7	7	72
	4	2.5	5	5	60
	12	6	12	12	132
	8	3	6	10	60
	4	1	3	3	28
	3	1	3	1	27
	2	0.5	1	nil	20
	1	0.5	1	nil	9
	18	6	14	14	144
INSTITUTIONS	Maize 90kg Bags	Beans 90kg Bag	Rice 25kg Bags	Oil 0.5lt	
Kanguu Sec. Sch.	1	0.66	1	1	
Oljororok Pry Sch.	1	0.66	1	1	
Oraimutia day & boarding pry	1	0.67	1	1	
Kiheo Sec. Sch.	1	0.67	1	1	
Karandi Sec. Sch.	1	0.67	1	1	
Weru boarding pry Sch.	1	0.67	1	1	

WARD	Maize 90kg Bags	Beans 90kg Bags	Rice 25kg Bags	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)	Beneficia ries
	6	4	6	6	
Sub-County Total	84	40	80	80	

b) Kipipiri Sub County

Ward	Maize (90 Kgs Bags)	Beans (90 Kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)	No Of Beneficiarie s
Kipipiri	18	9	18	18	145
	16	8	16	16	144
	16	8	16	16	198
Wanjohi	10	5	10	10	107
	10	5	10	10	80
	10	5	10	10	100
Githioro	20	10	20	20	227
	22	11	22	22	558
Geta	2	1	2	2	15
	2	1	2	2	15
	2	1	2	2	15
	2	1	2	2	15
Sub-County Total	130	65	130	130	1619

c) Ol'kalou Sub County

Ward	Maize (90 Kgs Bags)	Beans (90 Kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)	No Of Beneficiaries
Karau	8	4	8	8	89
	8	4	8	8	133
	8	4	8	8	79
	8	4	8	8	63
	8	4	9	8	108

Rurii	10	5	10	10	70
	12	5	12	10	99
	4	2	5	5	52
	4	2	5	6	92
	5	3	4	5	38
	5	3	4	4	58
Kaimbaga	22	11	22	22	278
	22	11	22	22	270
Kanjuiri	3	1	4	5	20
	3	1	4	3	19
	12	8	12	9	50
	6	2	8	8	60
	4	1	4	4	28
	3	1	4	4	24
	10	8	4	9	50
	3	1	3	2	26
	3	1	3	4	20
	3	1	3	2	22
Mirangine	4	2	4	4	34
	10	4	6	7	104
	3	2	4	5	39
	3	2	3	2	33
	6	3	9	8	80
	200	100	200	200	2038

d) Kinangop Sub County

Institution	Maize (90kgs Bags)	Beans (90kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)
School Of The Deaf	13	6	13	13
Rehema Children Centre	13	6	13	13
Kag Children Centre	5	2	5	5

Institution	Maize (90kgs Bags)	Beans (90kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)
Kinangop Youth Polytechnic	8	4	8	8
Neema Children	8	4	8	8
Ituabas Children Home	7	4	7	60
Little Eden Children	10	5	10	80
Mukeu Youth Polytechnic	10	5	10	80
Flying Kite Youth Polytechnic	8	5	8	64
Njabini Polytechnic	8	4	8	60
Sub-County Total	90	45	90	391

e) Ndaragwa Sub County

	Institution	Maize (90kgs Bags)	Beans (90kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)
Leshau Pondo	Kiandege Pry	10	4	-	40
	Ngaindeithia Pry	10	4	-	40
	Ndogino Pry	10	4	-	40
	Kagondo Pry	10	4	-	40
	Kirera Pry	10	4	-	40
	Nyakinyua Pry	10	4	-	40
	Muthiga Pry	10	4	-	40
	Ngawa Pry	10	4	-	40
	Kihingo Pry	10	4	-	40
	Mbuyu Pry	10	4	-	40
	Mithuri Pry	10	4	-	40
	Pondo Pry	10	4	-	40
	Raichiri Pry	10	4	-	40
Mayu Pry	10	4	-	40	

	Institution	Maize (90kgs Bags)	Beans (90kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)
	Umoja Mbuyu Pry	10	4	-	40
	Mahianyu Pry	10	4	-	40
	Ndivai Pry	10	4	-	40
	Shauri		4	30	76
	Kiandege		4	30	76
	Ndogino		4	20	76
Totals		170	88	140	1,024
Central	Murichu Primary	10	4	-	40
	Kiriogo Primary	7	2	-	40
	“	3	1	-	-
	Nyonjoro Primary	10	4	-	40
	Uruku Primary	10	4	-	40
	Subego Primary	10	4	-	40
	Suguroi Primary	7	1	-	40
	Kiharo Primary	6	1	-	40
	“	3	1	-	-
	Muririchua Primary	10	4	-	40
	Kiandongoro Primary	10	4	-	40
	Wangu Primary	10	4	-	40
	Matuiku Primary	4	1		36
	Ndururi Primary	6	3		40
	Father Baldo Special Sch	-	4	20	40
	Ndaragwa Special Sch	-	4	20	40
Kivuli Special Sch	-	4	20	40	

	Institution	Maize (90kgs Bags)	Beans (90kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)
	Uruku Chiefs Office	-	4	40	76
	Kianjogu Chief Camp	7	4	17	17
	Ndaragwa Public Office	16	8	16	16
	Office		4	20	76
	Elderly		4	30	76
	Kanyagia Chiefs Office	7	3	7	7
	“			2	24
	Kiriogo Chiefs	14	8	14	14
Totals		144	71	138	904
Shamata	Shamata Chiefs Camp	10	6	16	16
	Kirima dispensary	10	5	6	6
	“	3	0	3	108
	Mwihoko Chiefs Camp	14	6	10	10
	Pesi Co Op Society	8	4	10	10
	“	5	0	5	327
Totals		50	21	50	477
Kiriita	Ritaya Primary	10	4	-	40
	Kimaru Primary	10	4	-	40
	Kimaru Special		24	20	40
	Kwanjora Special		2	10	40
	Mutanga Primary	10	4	-	40

	Institution	Maize (90kgs Bags)	Beans (90kgs Bags)	Rice (25kgs Bags)	Cooking Oil (½ Litre Pieces)
	Leshau Chiefs Camp	19	9	31	440
	Mairo-inya Chiefs Office	31			20
Totals		80	47	112	852
Sub- County Total		450	229	440	3256

3. Whether the relief food programme is still on going

The committee discovered that the distribution of the relief food programme was on-going.

4. Measures have been put in place by the department to avert food shortage in the County.

The following are some of the mechanisms put in place by the departments to ensure food security in the County:

- i. Excavation of water pans in dry areas to harvest water which will be used for irrigation during drought seasons.
- ii. Drilling and, rehabilitation of boreholes and Installation of irrigation systems to ensure food production throughout the year.

We can also put solar panels for those boreholes to ensure that there is power to pump the water from the boreholes for use during irrigation. That is what Turkana County has done yet it is drier than Nyandarua County.

- iii. Promotion of greenhouse farming technologies in schools

This ensures that very little water used during irrigation. We can be using this during the dry season because we receive a lot of rainfall during a larger part of the year.

- iv. Training farmers and farmer groups on value addition e.g. potato storage, promotion of cottage industries e.g. potato crisps making.
They can dry food even vegetables so that they can be used during the dry season
- v. Training farmers on use of high quality seeds, farm inputs and timely land operations.

After several deliberations, meetings and interrogation of documents the Committee came up with the following recommendations;

1. The Committee recommended that the Department comes up with long term measures to mitigate the drought issue.
2. School feeding program should be implemented in the drought prone areas to make sure children continue attending school.

Nyandarua County received people from Rift Valley during the clashes. So many people need food. So many children may fail to go to school because of lack of food. We went to Mombasa City County and found that children from nursery school to standard eight get half a litre of milk every day. Milk come from Nyandarua County but we have not been able to start such a programme. The departments of agriculture and education need to work together to ensure that there is such a feeding programme in the dry areas of the county such as some parts of Ndaragwa. We have talked about this with the executive.

3. Proper identification of vulnerable people should be done so as to capture the needy and root out the joy riders.

There were people that benefitted from relief food but they were pretending. They take the food and sell it to the shopkeepers and they use the money they get for taking alcohol. We need to identify those that really need the relief food...

(Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a raises a point of order)

Speaker: What is it county member from Magumu, Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a.

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: Thank you Mr Speaker I raising a point of order on Standing Order No. 31

- (1) A Member may at any time, for reasons stated, seek leave to move "That, this House do now adjourn."

The motion on the table is very important and it touches every ward. I do not see the importance of this motion if it will be moved in absence of most of the elected members and they are the people who can confirm whether what is in the report is what is happening on the ground. Madam speaker guide us.

(The speaker consults with the Clerk-at-the-table)

Speaker: Hon. Members, the point that county member from Magumu, Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a has said is valid. The motion on the table cuts across the whole county. And at this juncture I would allow for comments from the members of this House after which I will give the ruling. Hon. David Ndirangu county member from Weru.

Hon. David Ndirangu (County Member): Thank you Madam Speaker, I wanted to support the report but it is very unfortunate that when such a report that touches all the wards is on the floor of the house, the elected members are not with us. This was very important motion that needed their attention as the elected member of the said ward. This is not the first time that the nominated members have found themselves alone in this house supporting motions while the elected members have gone to other offices probably trying to follow up on the services to their wards. I would urge that this motion be adjourned to the time that the elected members will be in the House so that we can deeply debate on this. I commend Hon. Joyce for making that observation.

Speaker: Yes Hon. Jane Muthoni Mwathe County Member from Wanjohi ward.

Hon. Jane Mwathe: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion of adjournment. I remember sometime last year nominated Members suffered a lot when the House was passing the budget. Remember the elected members are the ones who oversee implementation of projects that have been allocated money in the budget. As you can see, there are only four elected Members in this House. The rest are absent. We have remained quiet on this for long but now we are not going to sit back and watch. We cannot continue approving budgetary allocations for the wards when the elected Members are absent in this House yet they are the ones who do oversight on the implementation of the projects in the wards. Let this be the last time the elected Members record absence in the House while a serious matter concerning them is being discussed.

Finally, I support the adjournment. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Wanjohi, Hon. Mumba Gichini

Hon. Mumba Gichini: Thank you Madam Speaker. I think most of the elected Members are absent because they are addressing the concerns of *Wanjiku*. If we, the elected Members, fail to visit the relevant offices of the Executive, no implementation would be done in the wards. So, I think the elected members who are not in the House are busy addressing matters pertaining implementation of projects in their wards.

It is better we adjourn until the time that all elected Members will be present in the House. That is very essential.

Thank you.

(Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a raises a point of order)

Speaker: Yes Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: Madam Speaker, I think what we are discussing now is not a motion in itself; I sought your guidance on whether a Member could second the motion of adjournment and then the question be put as a matter of procedure.

Speaker: Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a, put your question well. What do you want?

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: My concern was on how to adjourn. No motion of adjournment was moved. According to the Standing Orders, a motion to adjourn could have been moved and seconded, after which Members' contributions could ensue.

Speaker: So now you want to move a motion of adjournment?

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: Yes Madam Speaker

Speaker: Okay; permission granted. Now move the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (1), I do pray that this House adjourns to a time directed by the Chair during which the motion at hand can be moved. I call upon Hon. Nancy Ng'ang'a to second.

Speaker: Yes County Member from Kipipiri, Hon. Nancy Ng'ang'a

Hon. Nancy Ng'ang'a: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to second the adjournment motion moved by Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a. The motion that was being moved before the adjournment motion was proposed is very critical since it touches on matters pertaining to projects in the wards. Thus moving the motion demands presence of the elected Members who should directly oversee implementation of projects in the wards. As you can see, a majority of the members present in the House are the nominated ones.

In view of this, the Office of the Speaker should do something about absence of elected Members mostly when motions addressing matters that directly affect Wanjiku are being discussed. Remember we, the nominated Members, may not answer some questions on matters that affect *Wanjiku* directly.

Nonetheless, as a County Member, for example, I can be asked a question on issues affecting *Wanjiku* by a resident not only from Kipipiri but also from another ward like Ndaragwa Central. The nominated Members do not represent the people from a specific ward but they represent the people from the whole County.

Issues pertaining to quorum need to be checked carefully. Mostly, nominated members are the ones who are in the House when motions are being moved. Suppose a motion on distribution of food in the wards was moved and, for example, the residents of Shamata never got the food yet it was agreed that they be given the same. If the Member for Shamata was not in the House during the debate on the motion, what would he tell his people in the event they question him about the failure to receive the food? We would not be complaining if three quarters of the elected members were in the House but in this case, only two elected Members were in the House when

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a, Hon. Jane Mwathe and I consulted about the absence of most of the elected Members in the House. Madam Speaker, I reiterate that the issue of quorum should be addressed seriously.

I beg to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Yes Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Hon. Kimani Njiraini

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Madam Speaker. I thank Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a for moving the motion of adjournment. I also thank the nominated Members for their continued determination to contribute to motions concerning the *Wanjiku*.

It is worrying that most of the elected members are not in the House to clarify whether the Ksh. 11,750,000 in question was well utilized in the wards.

It is of no value to talk about improvement of roads and education if agriculture, which is the backbone of our County's economy, is not boosted.

We should appreciate that motions that are moved on the floor of this House address matters affecting our County. The motions help us to develop modalities and mechanisms of addressing problems facing our County's development. We have discussed matters pertaining to upgrading of roads and provision of clean water, for example. That is why we represent people in this House. I should, for example, represent the people of Kaimbaga in this House in all its sittings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Remember we have Mondays, Fridays, weekends and recess times to meet and interact with *Wanjiku*.

The elected Members should be present when the motion of which adjournment we are discussing is being moved.

I beg to support. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Majority Whip, Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion brought by the Chairman. Most of us, the elected members, were consulting with the Speaker and that is why we were not present in the House. Some are still consulting with the Speaker on matters pertaining to businesses of this House. Madam Speaker...

(Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a raises a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a?

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: Madam Speaker, it is not clear which motion the member is supporting. He has said that: "I rise to support the motion brought by the Chairman". We are now discussing the motion of adjournment which I moved. So, Madam Speaker, guide the Member.

Speaker: Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari, we are now discussing the motion of adjournment which was moved by Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a due to the reason that most of the elected Members were not in the House when a motion touching on pertinent issues of the wards was being debated on. In view of this, you should state clearly which motion you are supporting Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Madam Speaker, I support the motion of adjournment moved by Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a that was premised on the fact that most of the elected Members were not in the House. Apart from the elected Members who were consulting with the Speaker, the others who are not present are in Mairo Inya attending public participation on budget estimates. So they are out on official duties of the Assembly.

With regard to the above, it is good to adjourn to a time when all the elected members will be present in the House in order to move the motion that was being moved before the adjournment motion.

I now call the mover to respond. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Speaker: The mover, Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a: Thank you Madam Speaker. I thank the Members for their contributions. We need to leave a legacy based on the fact that we were serious with what we were doing. As much as we are pressed by issues emerging in the wards, we must remember the three major roles that we were called to perform.

Considering the information by the Majority Whip that some of the elected Members were consulting with the Speaker while others are in public participation forum at Mairo Inya, we should adjourn until the time the said Members will join us in the House in order to debate on the motion of which we have discussed the adjournment. As a matter of procedure, the House Business Committee should give the interrupted motion the first priority in the next sitting.

I beg to move Madam Speaker. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: Hon. Members, the motion that was interrupted is of serious concern to us and the people we represent. If the re-allocation of the interrupted motion is to be done by the House Business Committee it means that the motion will be slotted for next week since the House Business Committee meets on Thursdays. In view of this and considering the request of the mover,

I direct that the interrupted motion be considered the first business for tomorrow's sitting. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 32 discussion of the motion will be resumed from where it was stopped. I hope all Members will be present to debate on the motion after which the resolutions of this House emanating from the same will be forwarded to the Executive for the relevant action.

Now the House is adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, 22nd June, 2016 at 2.30 p.m.

(The House rose at 3.42 p.m.)