

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, December 5, 2013

The House met at 2.47 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nganga) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION EXTENSION OF SESSION

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give a notice of the motion on extension of session.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

MOTION EXTENSION OF SESSION

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may present your motion.

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion. Aware that under County Assembly Standing Order No. 24, Section 1, which states that regular sessions of the County Assembly commence on the second Tuesday of February and terminate at the first Thursday of December, aware that the first Thursday of December is on 6th December, 2013 and further aware that this Assembly has a lot of pending and urgent issues which need to be

discussed by this House, I propose this House alter the date specified so as to stand on 19th December, 2013 to 14th January, 2014 as per the Standing Order No. 24 section 2. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Any member to second your motion?

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: I beg Hon. Anne Musyoki to second this motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Anne Musyoki, you may come forward and second the motion.

Hon. (Ms.) Musyoki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Members, the floor is open for the deliberations on the motion that has been presented for the extension of the sittings of the first session of the Assembly from 6th of December, 2013 to 19th December, 2013 and the recess session until 14th January, 2014. At this point I want to open the floor for discussion. Yes Hon. Katela.

Hon. Katela: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. While supporting the motion, it should be noticed that last time we gave out education bursaries, it was not even tangible so I suggest that we should not even go on recess because we have now started giving out bursary forms and our children, especially those in institutions of higher education who are also our electorate, have been going through rough times without fees. While supporting the member, she should have extended the dates so that we can close on 24th December, 2013 and re-open on 26th January, 2014 so that we can issue the bursary forms to our people who are really suffering.

Today, most of you might be aware that I am going out of the country tomorrow and I will be out for a week like most of us. When I come back, I will have no time to collect the bursary forms and most of the Assembly Staff will go for holidays so I suggest we close on 24th December, 2013 and re-open on 26th January, 2014. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Mine is to support the motion by saying that when the Assembly is on recess, nothing goes on because the offices are closed and we have many things for the County we have to do. You know that this is the first time to have the

County governance and when we say that we go on recess, many things will not be going on like bursaries. So we will not be having anything going on in the Assembly.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. We are taking contributions on the motion on adjournment of the first session; that is extension from 6th December, 2013, which is tomorrow, up to 19th December, 2013 which is a fortnight from now and setting the recall date at 14th January, 2014. Furthermore, members need to be guided that going by the practice and procedures of parliaments and assemblies, in the December holidays, we have to break and in every new calendar year, we have a new session of the Assembly.

Therefore, in effect that guides the contribution that has been made before and we note that we cannot go on up to the holiday season and be here immediately after. I would urge members to contribute on the dates that have been proposed by the mover of the motion. So we invite more contributions to the same. Yes Hon. Nzioki.

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker you will bear with us that there are so many pending issues and if it is possible that we extend the time for two weeks, we will have cleared some issues that are pending and by resuming earlier than the time stipulated, we will have time to clear with the pending issues. So Mr. Speaker, I support the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Any other contributor? There being no other contribution, I would want to put the question; that in as many as are of this opinion that we extend the sittings up to 19th of this month and be back by 14th January, 2014.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Ayes have it and therefore the motion is dispensed

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There being no other business of the day, the House stands adjourned until the next time when you are called. Thank you.

The House rose at 2.57 p.m.