

SAMBURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY



THE HANSARD

Thursday September 3rd, 2015

The County Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2.30 p.m.

(The Speaker, Samburu County Assembly (hon. Steve Lelegwe) in the chair)

PRAYERS

MOTION

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker, pursuant to interim Standing Order 30/1, I wish to seek leave of the Assembly to move for the adjournment of the assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite urgent matter of County importance concerning liquor licenses to the business community in Maralal town.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you hon. Leshoomo, the chair will propose the question before the assembly decides to adjourn. You need someone to second.

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): I request hon. Linda to second.

(Hon. Linda bows in seconding the motion)

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you hon. Members, I propose the question that pursuant to interim Standing Order 30 part 1, this assembly seeks leave for adjournment for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent county importance concerning the liquor licenses to the business community in Maralal town. I therefore put the question.

(question put and passed).

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): Hon. Speaker Sir, aware that the Samburu County Alcoholic Drinks Control bill, 2015, is yet to be passed by the county assembly, Cognizant of the fact that it is this bill that establishes Alcoholic Drinks Regulation Committee, which issues licenses in accordance to the bill; Concerned that the businesses have to continue to operate and noting that the police are demanding the liquor licenses from the business community therefore forcing closure of businesses; Further aware that the business community under the banner, Wines and Spirits Dealers, have requested for the intervention of the County Assembly of Samburu to have their businesses reopen as they await for the passing of the Alcoholic Drinks Control bill by the assembly for them to apply for the liquor licenses; Pursuant to interim Standing Order 30(1), I wish to seek leave of the assembly to move for the adjournment of the assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent county

importance concerning the liquor licenses to the business community in Maralal town. I beg to move.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Someone to second the motion.

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerius Leshoomo): I call upon hon. Leitore to second the motion.

(Hon. Leitore bows in seconding the motion)

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you hon. Members, I now propose the question, aware that the Samburu Alcoholic Drinks Control bill, 2015, is yet to be passed by the county assembly. Cognizant of the fact that it is this bill that establishes Alcoholic Drinks Regulation Committee, which issues licenses in accordance with the bill; Concerned that the businesses have to continue to operate and noting that the police are demanding the liquor licenses from the business community, therefore forcing closure of businesses; Further aware that the business community, under the banner Wines and Spirits Dealers, have requested the intervention of the County Assembly of Samburu to have these businesses reopen as they await for the passing of the control bill by the assembly for them to apply for the liquor licenses. If you all concur with the motion, then I will proceed to put the question. These are pertinent issues concerning the business community of Maralal and as representatives of the people; you may have something to contribute in regard to the motion. Hon. Leitore.

MCA Wamba West, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you hon. Speaker, as representatives of the people, this house will not sit back and watch our people being harassed. Especially with the government like the one in Samburu that is committed to empowering and improving the economic standards of its people. Yesterday and early this morning, we had a group of around 12 representatives of the business community in Maralal, especially those involved in selling of liquor drinks, and I was impressed by the representation because out of 11 members that we met the county assembly members and the Speaker, only one was a man. This shows a commitment on how this community is targeting to improve its economic status. As a matter of concern, a number of issues were raised. This is the time that schools are opening and parents are required

to pay fees for their kids. These people informed us that they also have people whom they have employed to conduct their businesses. It is shocking that, while the processes of legislation are understood, the police or the provincial administration is using the document before this house that has not been approved as a way of frustrating people. This is something that we cannot accept as legislators and we cannot call this bill a law. We are supporting the motion that this house should find a solution to the problem in order for the people to continue conducting their businesses and protect them from being interrupted by the police. I concur with the motion.

Specially Elected MCA, (hon. Linda Naserian): Thank you hon. Speaker, I am not going to give my contributions right now but I want to seek your guidance whether this is the right time to give our contributions because we have already passed the motion of adjournment and I expect the mess to be taken down so that we can deliberate the issue, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you hon. Members, I am persuaded by your contributions to put the question of suspending the motion for more deliberations because that is what you are requesting. Therefore I put the question to defer the motion... **(Interrupted)**

Majority Whip, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Mr. Speaker, before you do that, I don't know which side will win and we don't have... **(Interrupted by the Speaker)**

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Suspending for more deliberations hon. Leitore doesn't mean that... **(Interrupted by hon. Leitore)** This motion can come again next week on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Majority Whip, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to introduce an amendment to the motion if allowed.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): As a concern of the house, before you introduce your amendment, I will proceed to put the question to defer the motion for more deliberations. I therefore put the question that this motion be deferred to allow for more consultations. **(Question put and adopted)** Hon. Members, the time being 15 minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no

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other business, this assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, 8th September, 2015 at 2.30 pm, thank you.