

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 18th March, 2020

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m

The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Lempere Solomon) in the Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members, as result of Corona virus that has taken over the whole world, we deemed it that the House Business Committee sat today and considered whether we need to adjourn or not. And we are going to go as per the directives by the President and the very resolution advices from CAF and other bodies. We've considered all that and we saw it fit we get to adjourn so that we minimize any kind of transmission or spread of corona within the vicinity of the institution. We also gave all the staffs, as the Service Board yesterday, two weeks off duty except a few who will be here just to ensure that the Assembly is in order. So the staffs have been given two weeks from today to go home and monitor how the situation gets along.

As an Assembly, there is a Motion that The Majority Leader is going to move today so that we go for a small recess as we see how things get to move along as far as corona virus is concerned in the country. Mine is to urge all Members to consider the precautions measures that have said by the experts; the World Health Organizations and the Ministry of Health, the National Government. Let's see how we can get to abide by the resolutions given so as to protect ourselves from corona virus.

MOTION

The Leader of Majority, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move a motion, THAT, aware that the World Health Organizations has declared CORONA virus disease (COVID-19) to be a public health emergency of international concern.

Further aware, that the government, upon confirmation of corona virus cases in the country, has taken various measures aimed at containing the spread of the disease, including the suspension of learning in all educational institutional and minimizing attendance to various gatherings, and that all sections of our society ought to play their roles in stopping the further spread of the disease following the recommendations by the County Assembly Forum.

Noting that, the public authorities around the world are also taking unprecedented measures to contain the spread of the disease. Deeply concerned that, this pandemic which said to have no known cure has spread to many countries with the potential of affecting a large percentage of the world's population since the impact of the virus is still unfolding

Now therefore, this House resolves as follows;

- a) That notwithstanding the approved calendar of the House, that is regular sittings for the Fourth Session 2020, the House adjourns its sittings from Wednesday 18th March, 2020 until Tuesday 14th April, 2020 at 2:30 PM.
- b) During the period of adjournment, that the County Assembly Service Board institute the appropriate measures to enable the House to sit upon reconvening taking cognizant of the public health emergency and,
- c) That the calendar of House for the Fourth Session 2020 be hereby altered accordingly.

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Leshoomo to second the motion.

(The question was proposed)

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the adjournment of the sittings of the House. As said by the Hon. Majority Leader, this is an international emergency concern. As an Assembly we should also take some measures in ensuring that we are aiming to contain the spread of the disease, hence it is also our wish to suspend the sittings of the House. Also following the directives of the President Mr. Speaker, I think it is in order for us and also to show that we are concerned as an Assembly. So I stand to support the adjournment for the same purpose. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(The question was put, and the Motion to alter the calendar of the House as per grounds given by The Leader of Majority was passed)

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The Speaker, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members, the time being 7 minutes to 11 o'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday, 14th April, 2020 at 2:30 pm.