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Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 9:30 a.m.

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(The Assembly met at 9:30 a.m. in the

County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich):(Hon. L. Rotich) in the Chair]

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Kindly take us through the prayers in the order paper.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Members, there is a statement which is due today, 30th Wednesday 2025 where a comprehensive statement was sought from the chairperson committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing concerning Sotik municipal board. Chairman, Urban Planning, Lands and Housing committee?

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel ward, UDA): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request for a bit more time. We are still yet to report on the report of municipality of Sotik. We can be given until Tuesday next week. Then I think it will be ready. Let me fast track, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

(Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret ward, UDA) rose on a point of order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Rosaline.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret ward, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I remember this statement was supposed to be given by yesterday and I am seeing the reluctance of the chairperson. The report is already there, but he hasn't decided to go and pick from his clerk.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that Hon. Rosaline seems to know more about urban and I am the one chairing that committee. Mr. Chairman, she's basing on the hearsay. I'm the one who knows and we have to go through the report before we table the report, Mr. Speaker. I think we are going to go by what I am saying.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Bernard.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu ward, UDA): Since I'm the member of Urban Planning, Lands and Housing committee. Mr. Speaker, to support my chair, Mr. Speaker, the report which is ready is

the one which was concerned with the chairperson of affordable housing, which is ready. If you could ask us today or right now, we will table it. But the one for Sotik municipality, we are ready to discuss as a committee, of which our chair in our committee WhatsApp group has informed us to have a meeting after this session to discuss that issue of Sotik municipality, Mr. Speaker. Point of clarification.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret ward, UDA): Point of clarification, remember, Hon. Speaker, I'm the statement seeker. And when you are giving out the statement to the committee, you gave them 21 days. Now it is over by five days. So, I'm just feeling that the committee on urban are not fair to us. So, giving us an excuse, that is not satisfaction to me.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Chair, are you sure this statement will be ready by Tuesday?

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel ward, UDA): Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have scheduled a meeting with my members today. So, we are going through and then by Tuesday, it will be ready. I don't know, Mr. Speaker, why the statement seeker seems to know more about the question she is asking. It seems she knows the answer before I give her. So, Mr. Speaker, please grant us those few days and then we'll table the report. And I urge Hon. Member to be patient. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Thank you. The statement seeker is concerned that the statement is five days late. The 21 days elapsed five days ago. I think that is the concern of the statement seeker. But I want to ask Hon. Rosaline that you be patient. And I grant that this statement be answered on Tuesday afternoon.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret ward, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, remember also I raised another statement. It was two statements for urban and also for administration. So at least for urban, I can be patient, what about for administration? It was being ordered the same day and it was supposed to be answered today, all of them.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): It will be handled by the table office. The moment it is ready, it is always brought before the house. So be patient still.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret ward, UDA): Maybe, unless I get that request from the chair administration.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): **The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich):** The one for administration is not appearing in the order paper. So, it is your concern that maybe the statement may not be ready. But it will be handled and all of them will be answered.

(Hon. J. Samoei, Deputy Leader of Majority (Nyongores ward, UDA) rose on a point of order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Joseah.

Hon. J. Samoei, Deputy Leader of Majority (Nyongores ward, UDA): There is a statement which I had raised almost 60 days ago about Sagenya Water Project. I think the chair of water was the one to give the answers to this house and the CEC water, Mr. Speaker and up to now, I have never gotten any report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): I think your statement is also under consideration You had requested that the CEC be invited to come and answer.

Hon. J. Samoei, Deputy Leader of Majority (Nyongores ward, UDA): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): It will be communicated.

Hon. J. Samoei, Deputy Leader of Majority (Nyongores ward, UDA): Thank you.

Procedural Motion

Hon. P. Kirui, Leader of Majority (Ndanai/Abosi ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following procedural motion that notwithstanding the resolution made on 11th March, 2025 at 2.30pm approving the county assembly calendar, regular session 2025 and pursuant to standing order 28,4. This county assembly resolves to alter the calendar so as to adjourn now until Tuesday, 6th May, 2025, 2.30pm. And that calendar of the fourth session, regular session 2025 be amended accordingly.

Hon. Speaker, after this session, members will be visiting to condole with the family of Hon. Evaline and may not be back in the afternoon for the afternoon session and tomorrow is a holiday. So, I beg that this house amend the calendar. So that we back on Tuesday, 6th May, 2025, 2.30pm. I beg Hon. Richard Majority Whip to second.

Hon. R. Ruttoh, Majority Whip (Chemamer ward, UDA): Asante sana mheshimiwa spika, kabla sijaiunga mkono hoja hilo, niruhusu nichukue nafasi hii niweze kutoa neno la shukrani kwa bunge hili mheshimiwa spika wakati nilikuwa na msiba nyumbani waheshimiwa wote walisimama na mmi na sina budi niweze utoa shukrani kwa niaba ya familia yangu pamoja na wakaaji wa Chemamer jinsi ambavyo mlisimama na kunionyesha heshima kuu.

Ningependa nihukue nafasi hii Mheshimiwa Spika kwa niaba ya bunge hili pia nitoe shukrani kwa mheshimiwa Ben Langat abaye alikuja kusimama kwa niaba ya assembly tangu mama aage hadi wakati tulipomzika na ninaamini ya kwamba hata kama aliweza kukosa kuingia bunge hili wakat huo, nataka nisemem alisimama kidete nami na aliwakilisha bunge hili wakati huo wote.

Mheshimiwa Spika pia nataka nichukue nafasi hii niweze kutoa shukrani kwa wafanyikazi wote wa bunge hili kwa sababu pia walichukua nafasi yao, wengi walikuwa na shughuli mingi ya kufanya katika bunge hili. Waliweza kusimama na mimi wakiongozwa na clerk wetu na sina budi pia niweze kusema ni asante kwa sababu walionyesha urafiki na undugu wakati huo. Pia siwezi nikasahau msimamo wake Mheshimiwa Spika wa bunge hili ambaye pia aliwakilisha kila

mmooja wetu ambye angefaa awe pamoja nasi wakati huo kwa sababu alikuja mara kadhaa kusimama na mimi na kwa hivyo nataka niseme ni asante kubwa kwa kila moja wetu ambaye alipata nafasi ya kuomba nasi na vilevile ambaye alitoa rasilimali zake kwa minajili ya sherehe ya mamangu ambayo ilifanyika kwa njia ya kipekee.

Mheshimiwa Spika siwezi nikasahau pia nitoe shukrani kwa kila moja wetu ambaye amekuwa akishiriki katika ufanisi wa shida kama hiyo. Kwa wakati huu tumesikia ya kwamba mheshimiwa wetu mpendwa Evaline Mibei pia amempoteza mamake na kama kuna wakati mgumu ni wakati ambao mtu amempoteza mzazi wake mendwa na naamini ya kwamba shida ambayo nilipitia wakati mamangu alipoaga ni shida ambayo mweshimiwa Evaline anaipitia wakati huu.

Hivyo basi nimesimama hapa niombe pia bunge hili waweze kuairisha mjadala ambayo ingefanyika wakati wa masaa ya mchana ili tuweze kupata nafasi ya kuenda kuomboleza na kushika mkono mweshimiwa wetu kwa wakati huu ambao mi najua ako na huzuni mwingi. Kwa hivyo ninachukua nafasi hii kwa niaba yangu na kwa niaba ya ya familia yangu na kwa niaba ya kila moja wetu niseme ni asante kubwa kama mtu anakukumbuka wakati uko na shida, ni wakati huo unajua uko na urafiki wa undani na urafiki wa ukweli wakati huo kwa hivyo mista spika ama mweshimiwa spika, ninachukua nafasi hii niseme nimeunga mkono hoja ambayo mweshimiwa kiongozi ya wengi ametuambia ya kwamba tuweze kuairisha biahara ya mchana ili tuweze kupoata nafasi ya kuandamana moja kwa moja hadi kwa mweshimiwa Evaline kwa minajili ya kuomba na kusimama naye wakati huu. Asanteninamuunga mkono. Asante mweshimiwa spika.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Thank you the motion mover and the seconder; I now want to propose the question that notwithstanding the resolution made on 11th March 2025 at 2.30 PM approving the county Assembly Calendar regular session 2025 and pursuant to standing order 28 (4), this county assembly resolves to alter its calendar so as to adjourn now until Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 2.30 PM and that the calendar of the fourth session regular session be amended accordingly. The floor is now open for debate. Hon. Rosaline.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Thank you Hon. Speaker allow me to also support the alteration of the calendar. Before I continue Hon. Speaker, allow me Hon. Speaker to convey my condolences to the family of Hon. Evaline Mibei, also to give out my condolences to one Sally Kirui who was the chair of Maendeleo ya wanawake, Bomet County. As you are aware Hon. Speaker, Sally Kirui was one of the advocates who was against the gender-based violence. Yesterday Hon. Speaker, we were laying to rest madam Beatrice Chepkemai who was a teacher at Kamureito secondary who was killed by her husband. She was brutally killed and we really condemn the killing which has really been rampant in Bomet county. Most of our women and

ladies and even children, we have experienced within I think five months in Bomet county, we have lost more than five people. We want to condemn this act because we believe everyone has a right to leave. We want to urge our young men and even old men so that they can have that respect and honor to women. So, as I am condoling with the family of Sally Kirui, Sally Kirui stood with women and the right of women in Bomet county. She was among the committee for peace along Borabu and Sotik Border and 2007 we experienced a lot of violence and sally was among the committee members. Also, we also experienced the right of women in leadership. Sally Kirui was among the people who mentored women. Even the late governor Joyce Laboso was mentored by Sally Kirui so I stand firmly to condemn the act of Killing of Women and ladies so we also have a role as leaders. I am happy because we have members especially nominated women. They are here on behalf of other women. They are representing women. I really want to urge them so that we can stand firm and fight for the right of women and against gender-based violence. I support the motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Busienei.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the motion at hand. Mr. Speaker but before, I am seeing one member of the public in the gallery; one Sammy Koech from my ward who is administrator in Chemagel ward. Let me take this opportunity Mr. Speaker to Welcome him in this Hon. house because when he is here, he is privileged to be in this house and see for himself the business of this house. Mr. Speaker, I also want to, before I continue supporting the motion that is in the table, Mr. Speaker, let me also pay condolence to the families who lost their loved ones. One, the said Beatrice Chepkemai comes from my village. She was brutally murdered by his fiancée. I think it was not the husband. If it would be the husband, Beatrice would have been buried in the said person's ancestral home. But she was buried in my neighborhood because she was not actually married to the man. Mr. Speaker, we are seeing this violence just across the whole country but there is a problem in society. And maybe, Mr. Speaker, it is attributed to drugs and these illicit brews. So, Mr. Speaker, there is something that we should do in the society. It is reflecting that there is something that we are not doing right. That should be done. So, Mr. Speaker, having said that, let me pay my condolence. Another thing, Mr. Speaker before we continue, we also lost some five people at Angata Barrikoi. I think it is fair that we mention (*inaudible*), the land is a motive issue and if you go to the constitution Mr. Speaker, it says that all lands in Kenya belong to the people of Kenya collectively and whoever holds that land, holds it in trust. So, Mr. Speaker, besides having the titles in this country, that land belongs to the people of Kenya (*inaudible*) we should take time and go to that place to say sorry to the family because we are the government. So, Mr.

Speaker, that issue should be addressed, because we have had historical injustices on our people. Remember Mr. Speaker, that community from Angata Barrikoi are the ones who were displaced by the Europeans in these multinational firms, which we still have got dispute about the ownership. So, Mr. Speaker, they were displaced and when they are in that place, they are also having troubles Seventy years later. So, Mr. Speaker, it is now almost 100 years and generations and generations have suffered in that place. So, Mr. Speaker, let me pay condolences to those families who lost their loved ones and I support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Bernard.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me also, as far as I am supporting the motion Mr. Speaker, allow me to lay my condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones, especially to our Hon. Member Evelyn Mibei who lost her mom. May her soul rest in peace. Also, Mr. Speaker, allow me to give my condolences to the people of Angata Barrikoi in Transmara for the loss of their loved ones Mr. Speaker. Let me thank the leaders who yesterday went to pray with the families, led by Hon. Johanna Ngeno, Aaron Cheruiyot; Majority Leader, former Governor Isaac Rutto, we have Nelson Koech; MP Belgut and MCA for that ward, and our own Hon. Mutai who went on our behalf to condole with the people of Angata Barrikoi. As Hon. member who have raised the issue of land as an emotive issue Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage the government, when dealing with the issue of land, allow the people to be part of the process, if we want to avoid this issue of disputes in the near future. So, I am urging the public, let's restrain for violence, at the same time, the government, let's do it in a better way, rather than killing our people. Otherwise, I am saying pole to the family. Thank you. I support the motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Thank you the members who have contributed. I now want to put the question that that notwithstanding the resolution made on 11th March 2025 at 2.30 PM approving the county Assembly Calendar regular session 2025 and pursuant to standing order 28(4), this county assembly resolves to alter its calendar so as to adjourn now until Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 2.30 PM and that the calendar of the fourth session regular session 2025 be amended accordingly.

(Question Put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): This sitting is adjourned to Tuesday, 6th May 2025 at 2.30pm.

The Assembly rose at 10.20 am