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Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 2:30 p. m

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(The Assembly met at 2:30 p. m in the

County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, I welcome you to this afternoon's session. As you are well aware, our calendar will be coming to an end this week. We are supposed to proceed for a recess of about two weeks. I urge all of you to use this time to attend the Committees and participate fully in the ongoing preparation of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). Secondly, this morning, I received a provisional list of the candidates who applied for the positions that were advertised by the Assembly. In total, we had 506 candidates who applied. The provisional shortlisted candidates are 252. For the breakdown purposes, the breakdown is as follows;

	Position	Applicants	Provisionally
	Shortlisted		
i.	Human Resource Assistant position	30	17
ii.	Internal Auditor	62	22
iii.	Communication Officer	30	7
iv.	Hansard Reporter	46	20
v.	Library Assistant	110	45
vi.	Fiscal Analyst	41	23
vii.	Research officers	88	62
viii.	Administrative Officers	76	56
ix.	Sign Language Interpreter	23	0
x.	Chairperson of the Audit Committee	5	3
xi.	Member of the Audit Committee	10	6

On the position of Sign Language Interpreter, none of the applicants met the qualifications. So, the board is yet to make a decision on what we will do. The board will meet tomorrow to fine-tune the same. I assure all of you that the whole process will be above board. I will also get back to you when all these are done. We shall also discuss any issues that arise along the way. I thank all of you.

Yesterday evening, I received information that one of the staff from the national government was involved in a fatal accident at Longisa. Unfortunately, she passed on and we pass our condolences to the family and the entire fraternity. I, therefore, ask all of you to exercise caution, especially during rainy seasons. Ensure your drivers are experienced and cautious. When they are overspeeding, be in charge and controlled. What was witnessed was sad. Otherwise, we pass our *pole* to the family.

Further, the Committee on Health and Sanitation should look into the state of our hospitals and check their preparedness to handle emergencies.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. L. Cherotich (Nominated Member, UDA): Hon. Speaker, my question is to the Chairperson of the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services. In is reply, the Chairperson should state;

1. Whether the relevant County Executive Department is aware that the access road leading to county department office of Gender, Culture and Social Service is impassible for persons with disability?
2. What steps has the County Government of Bomet taken to ensure that the public and the private places are accessible to PWDs?

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay.

(Hon. Member laid the paper)

(Members applauded by sign language)

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, the Chair is the Member of Embomos Ward. However, the vice chairperson is present.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Okay. The Vice Chairperson and the other Committee Members will get back with an answer to this House on 13th April, 2023.

So, the Member seeking the statement should be present on that day. That is the day the statement will be read.

MOTION

Leader of Majority (Hon. P. Kirui): Mr. Speaker, allow me to move a Procedural Motion that pursuant to Standing Order 28 (4) this County Assembly resolves to alter its calendar so as to adjourn today 21st March 2023 at 2:30 p.m until Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 9.30 a.m. Mr. Speaker, this adjournment is necessitated by the fact public participation in the County Integrated Development program (CIDP) is ongoing. It has been difficult for members to be rushing out and come back to the Assembly to continue with the Assembly business. So, allow them ample time to go and oversee what is going on. I think it is good that we just give our members enough time so that they participate.

Also, there have been a lot of reports that are being handled by the members and have not been brought to the Assembly as required by the deadlines that you gave them. We are about to finalize before we go on recess. I urge the Assembly to approve this adjournment so that we proceed starting today to 12th April, 2023. I, therefore, urge the deputy speaker to second.

Deputy Speaker (Hon L. Rotich): Honorable Speaker I rise to second the motion that this Assembly be adjourned to Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 9.30 a.m. Actually, we have a lot of work to be done. We will be able to use the period to attend the committees and the report from the table of the Liaison Committee indicates that the performance is still very low. We have not been attending committee meetings. This recess will give members time to attend public participation in their various wards. So, I support the motion and I bet second.

Hon Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): With all due respect Hon Deputy Speaker, you are not properly dressed. I give you some time to go and put on your tie.

(Question on the motion proposed.)

(Hon Kiprotich rose on a point of order)

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, is the motion well-constituted? Because you asked the Secunder of the Motion to move out and dress well. Anyway, you have proposed the Question and I support.

Hon. P. Korir (Kiprerer Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker, Hon. Kiprotich was supposed to state the Order he is rising on.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon Members next time indicate under what point of order you are rising on.

Hon. D. Ngeno (Kongasis Ward, CCM): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity also to contribute to the motion. There are a lot of activities going on, especially regarding CIDP. I think that this motion will assist most of us who are running the activities across the wards.

As earlier tabled in this Assembly and passed, we are supposed to go on recess from 24th March 2023 until 10th April 2023. This is an opportunity for us to move across our wards and also interact with our electorates. I really think this motion will help most of us, especially the PAC PIC committee to be able to embark on most of the activities which are already backlog in the committee. I Support the Motion.

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Before I support the motion on behalf of the people of Sigor ward and the area MCA, I want to register appreciation. Elkana from Sigor ward had drawn and we saw the support that this honorable Assembly gave the family. I also register an apology from the Honorable member from Sigor Ward who went to Condole with the family. I also urge the County Government to empower the divers of this County. I wish to support the motion that this Assembly be adjourned to 12th April.

Hon Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): On Behalf of the Members we register your Condolences. Hon. Ann.

Hon. A. Chepkemoi (Silibwet Township Ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker I support the adjournment for Members to interact with their electorates. We also have CIDP running in our wards. I support the Motion.

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute and support the motion led by the by majority leader. Before I proceed to support the motion, I want to emphasize what Hon Vincent has said about empowering our divers. Our young men are suffering when it comes to safeguarding the lives of many and also assisting the families who faced the challenge the way it happened to the boy from Sigor Ward. It was sorry to the family because the family had stayed for almost one week and some days waiting for the body of the boy to be seen which was very complicated to realize.

I realized that if this Assembly is not in a position to support the disaster department, our wards will be in a serious problem when such things happen which we do not expect to happen but if it will happen, it will be a great challenge. Hon. Speaker, Sir, it is a great day for us because we have had a lot of activities running up and down. Today, we were in Ndaraweta Ward where Hon. Dancel had a lot of questions from the members of the public which I believe if we have enough time with our electorate we shall reduce many questions. Spending time with the electorate reduces a number of questions from them and instills confidence in us.

I, therefore, support this motion and wish everyone the best as they interact with their electorate. Hon. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Ruttoh, thank you. Hon. Eric.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. I rise in support of the Motion that we adjourn. I feel that this is an important opportunity for all of us to attend to the noble duty of attending public participation, especially in regard to the CIDP process that is ongoing. Hon. Speaker, I know that this season will also provide us with the opportunity to reflect on our mandate in the Assembly and I know that when we resume to the plenaries we will be more productive and also be able to catch up with the businesses that have been left in our desk. I, therefore, support this Motion and urge the Hon. Members to support it as we pass it. Hon. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Dennis

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to register my reservation in this Motion. I do not know what warranted this motion to be brought this afternoon. We have got a lot of business pending like in the Committee on Urban Planning that I chair. There were recommendations that we wanted to table. We had categorized market centers in the entire county. We wanted to table it. I am not one who reads the mood of the Members but I can tell that they want to go on recess. I am only concerned with the number of days because the business of this Assembly is equally important to attending to the electorate. The business we transact here also affects our people.

Hon. Speaker, I can see that most of the Members have been away from the electorate. As for me, I have been trying to balance from waking up in the morning to moving around the ward until almost 9:00 p.m. I do not know where the other Members have been going to but I want to agree with them.

Hon. Speaker, I would have wished that this recess goes for about between 10 – 12 days but having said that, let me go as per the wishes of the Hon. Members from the way I have read their mood.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Dancel Kirui

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndarawetta Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to amend the Motion under Standing Order 61. Hon. Speaker, the twenty days are too many. Make it ten days, Hon. Speaker. Should I read the Standing Order, Hon. Speaker?

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndarawetta Ward, UDA): Or maybe I should do it in writing.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): That is fine. I wanted to inform you that you passed in the calendar of the Assembly. It is not a creation of the Speaker. It is only that between now and 24th,

we have CIDP. That is what you were trying to explain. 10th is also a holiday. This means that the next probable day is 12th. That is what was passed earlier.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndarawetta Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to withdraw my amendment because it was already passed. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Ernest

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to support the adjournment. This adjournment is important because we have a lot in our Committees and it also gives us an opportunity to inspect what is going on in our wards. Let me just remind Hon. Busienei that he was trying to impute an improper motive that they got lost though we were not interested with what he does every day. This Assembly is an Assembly of respected leaders and we have a program to run. He ought not to have said that and I would request that he retracts so that it is not recorded that we got lost in our work place.

Hon. Speaker, I support this Motion because it would give us an opportunity as Members. For example, in the committee that I chair, we have a report that is pending and the 14 days that you had given will fall on the recess and will allow us enough time to deal with that and the many site visits that we have set for ourselves. This recess has come on time and will assist us to rejoin and take time to reflect on our Christianity and our faiths, bearing in mind that we have the two Holidays in between.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Busienei, Honorable member asked you to withdraw and apologize.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): I was reacting to what was said by the members. I thought it was obvious, maybe I quoted it the other way round because I don't want to say it wrong. I said it properly because of them said it in a way I could understand. They don't well mingle with their electorates. I know some of them like Hon. Ernest Kipkemoi, they are still young. When I say that am waking up early, I know he has a lot of duties to do. I would like to withdraw my earlier statement. I do respect this Assembly. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): The mover of the motion, you now have the right of reply to those who were against the motion.

Leader of Majority (Hon. P. Kirui): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to appreciate the fact that members have departed on this Procedural Motion. I think that it is in order that we view all this in the same way. I am satisfied in the way it has been put. And I think that Mr. Speaker shall turn to question. Thank you.

Question put and agreed to

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much. We will now proceed for the short recess. I want to encourage you members, kindly go through the CIPD deeply having in mind that you are the great people of Bomet County. We take into account the concerns that some of the members raised about the business in the Assembly. All is well we will start with PAC/PIC reports and the questions that had been asked before. We will start we them on 12th April 2023. As we proceed for the holiday, I want to wish you happy Easter holiday with your electorates and families. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): There being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned to Wednesday 12th April, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:25 p:m