

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Third Assembly – First Session

Wednesday 30th December, 2022

The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Fredrick Omoro) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR.

Hon. Otieno: Hon. Members, I would like to give notice of Motion as follows:

Aware that, Assembly Standing Order 25(1) stipulates that the House Business Committee shall with the approval of the House determine the calendar of the Assembly,

Further aware that according to the approved calendar (Regular Sessions) for the First Session Assembly should proceed for long recess from Thursday 1st December, 2022 to 7th February, 2023,

Noting that this House will still have important business that is the Siaya County Finance Bill 2022, the Siaya County Supplementary Appropriations Bill 2022, committee reports on Motions,

Further noting that County Appropriations Bill 2022 which is key in ensuring that the Budget is appropriated is yet to be considered by the honorable House before proceeding for the recess,

Concerned that if the House proceeds for the recess without considering the statutory document then the status of the county will adversely be affected therefore pursuant to Standing Order 25(4) which stipulates that *the House may by resolution alter the calendar of the adjournment*,

This Assembly resolves that it should alter the calendar of the Assembly (Regular Session) 2022 by extending its Sittings from Tuesday 6th December, 2022 to 15th December, 2022 in order to allow for the adequate time to conclude the pending business.

MOTION

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Hon. Otieno: I wish to move the following Motion:

Aware that Standing Order 25(1) stipulates that the House Committee with the approval of the House determine the calendar of the Assembly,

Further aware that according to the approved calendar (Regular Sessions) for the First Session Assembly should proceed for long recess from Thursday, 1st December, 2022 to 7th February, 2023,

Noting that this House still has important business that is the Siaya County Finance Bill 2022, the Siaya County Supplementary Appropriations Bill 2022, committee reports on Motions,

Further noting that the Siaya County Supplementary Appropriations Bill 2022 which is key in ensuring that the Budget is appropriated is yet to be considered by the honorable House before proceeding for the recess,

Concerned that if the House proceeds for the recess without considering the statutory document then the status of the operations of the county will adversely be affected therefore pursuant to Standing Order 25(4) which stipulates that the House may by resolution alter the calendar of the adjournment date.

This Assembly resolves that it should alter the calendar of the Assembly (Regular Session) 2022 by extending its sittings from Tuesday 6th December, 2022 to 15th December, 2022 in order to allow for the adequate time to conclude the pending business.

As you are aware we just passed the Appropriations Bill the other time and just as the documents stipulate it's in order that I ask for extension of that time so that our county can run. I ask the Deputy Whip to second.

Hon. Okelo: I second.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omoro): Yes, Hon. Booker.

Hon. Booker: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. I stand here to support the extension of the calendar of the Assembly. When I was in my old school long time ago in the 1980's I read a book *Horns* written by Major Mwangi. He said a toad does not sleep in daylight unless there is something to it.

The committee that is involved in arranging for the business of the House has thought it wise to ask the House to extend the Calendar of the Assembly. There is nothing that happens without any plan. They know why they want us to extend the calendar.

We don't just come to this Assembly in vain. We don't care about what time what day we are going to spend here so long as we are going to spend it in a good way in a manner likely to suggest that we want to promote a good business of Siaya County and in a way that will help our people.

You understand that there are very many Bills that are before us, the Siaya County Appropriations Bill. It is not bad that we extend the calendar of the House and as I stand here

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today I support the extension and I ask all Members present in the House today to support the extension because we are here to do business.

We are not here to joke. We don't care whatever we are going to do here or what time we are going to spend here. We are here to do business that will help the county. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omoro): Yes, Hon. Angule.

Hon. Angule: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. As I read this paper there is the part that says that "then the operations of the county will be adversely affected thereof", with that I would say that being that we were elected to represent our members in the House we should therefore be ready to do anything to make sure that the county runs.

With that phrase, I beg to support that let's extend till the date that is suggested because we should not just sit back seeing our county operations not moving when we are just seated at home yet we had come to work for our county. With those few remarks I beg to support.

Hon. Achieng': I stand here to support the extension of the Calendar because we are still behind and we were elected to work for the county especially our Wards we have to do this work together for us to move. For everything to happen we have to be here and work because we are still behind I support that the time should be extended.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omoro): Yes, Hon. Rabinya.

Hon. Rabinya: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. Just like fellow colleagues I will also support the extension of the date because we are the leaders and remember as a leader you are a servant and you should always be ready to sacrifice yourself and your time.

I don't see the point or the reason we should decide to go for the defense and yet the work we were elected for is not yet finished or the time for doing it is not adequate. The House Business for deciding on this way is that they care for our people. So I feel with other colleagues let us support the extension. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omoro): Yes Hon. Arika.

Hon. Arika: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. I also arise to support. They expect you to deliberate on Motions such as the Appropriations Bill and I think the extension is good.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omoro): There being no other Business this House adjourns until as proposed unanimously that this House extends up to the 15th day of December. Next Sitting will be tomorrow Thursday 1st December, 2022 at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 3.15 p.m.

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