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[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

PRAYERS
MOTION

DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Hon. Erick Kimani: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Kahumbu Ward and also the Leader of the Majority Party, Murang'a County Assembly. I wish to move a Motion on the debate of the Governor's address:-

That, the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday, 21st September 2017.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to start with the introduction, Members have the Report in their files. The Report is big but I will make sure that I take the least time possible to go through the address point by point.

Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 22, during the official opening of the Second Assembly, the Murang'a County Governor, Mwangi wa Iria gave an address and focused on the following main areas: first was agriculture, second was health, third was water, fourth education, fifth trade, sixth lands and seventh social aspects.

Before the Governor gave or broke down the issues that he wanted to do or he is to do for this County this term, he thanked all the Hon. Members for finding their way into this Assembly and congratulated them because of the tedious process they went through. He also thanked those who were nominated in this House for getting the opportunity to be nominated MCAs.

The Governor also congratulated two ladies, the Hon. Member for Township and the Hon. Member for Kakuzi/Mitumbiri because they are the only ladies who were elected to this House. The Governor also thanked or congratulated one MCA who went through the position of Member of Parliament (MP) in Maragua, former nominated MCA, Hon. Mary Waithera Njoroge. The Governor also thanked the Speaker, Hon. Nduati Kariuki, for his second term as the Speaker of this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, in his address, the Governor warned the current Assembly over other influences from outside, more so political influences from outside like in the former Assembly where politics were coming from outside the Assembly. He warned them that, as the MCAs, they should take duties and responsibilities without the external forces, either politically or other kind of forces. He requested the MCAs to be sober enough to take up their mandates and responsibilities and work for the people of this County.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor started his address by assuring the Members of this House that the Executive would have a cordial working relationship with the MCAs since the main aim was to serve one singular purpose. The Governor noted that the Executive and the Legislature were there to enhance the livelihood, social and economic wellbeing of the people and emphasised that the people of Murang'a expect the Assembly and the Executive to work together to improve their social economic wellbeing.

The Governor stated that his philosophy of devolution, having gone through the first term, was about households; those are the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) whose social set ups are not about big projects. He reiterated that the devolved functions are the functions that focus on the livelihoods and that devolution was about livelihoods.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor also highlighted that, during the first term, his main focus was on micro-activities meant to address needs at household levels. Agriculture was prioritised because it is the breadwinner of the people. He stated that, if we get it right, we will have fed our people and brought income. That is about the issue of agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, going into the main focus areas that the Governor dealt on, was one, the issue of agriculture. In terms of agriculture, he described the areas with mass impact at the ground level; one is dairy farming. There was focus on dairy farming which was a pioneer project in changing lives through agriculture, whereby the price of milk was improved. Previously, the price of milk was not fixed and the average price was Kshs17 per litre. The County Government committed to improve the price of milk from Kshs17 to Kshs35, thus doubling the price.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of dairy farming, the Governor insisted that the previous government crafted a dairy program covering the whole value chain from production to marketing and co-operatives formed in almost all Wards. He reiterated that it is the duty of every MCA to ensure that every Ward is covered by his program. The Governor also talked of the 35 milk co-operatives that were created and through them, farmers were able or have been able to get dividends from milk. Although the dividends have not been realised or achieved every year, we found that in two years of the last term, members of the co-operatives got their dividends. The government was able to ensure that Murang'a dairy farmers got over Kshs100 million from the sale of milk in that previous year.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor also said that in the next phase of this program, the County Government intends to open a milk processing plant whose construction has spent close to half a billion shillings which would soon be operational and would raise the price of milk to Kshs40 per litre per day.

Still on agriculture, the Governor talked about the improvement of coffee production and one of the points that he raised in the issue of coffee production and improvement was that coffee was highlighted as the next area of focus. The Governor noted that the County Government was in the process of putting up a system to improve the coffee earnings in the County.

Mr. Speaker, we are aware that there is this program that is running in our County, known as *Kahawa bora*, where the County Government intends to manage 50 plants of coffee for every farmer in our County. This is in the spirit of improving coffee production, the quality and also making sure that the sale of coffee price is high. He, however, lamented about coffee production in the County and called upon the MCAs to partner with him to improve coffee farming. He reiterated that they had started a program called *Kahawa bora*, as I have mentioned, whose purpose is to enhance coffee production at the households' level.

Mr. Speaker, also on the issue of coffee, the Governor stated that the County Government was dedicated to improved production of coffee by procuring manure for free for every coffee farmer to resuscitate 50 bushes. The objective of this project is to raise quantity yields and quality from the current level to the 1970s level of 10 kilograms per bush. This program has been on-going and some of the Wards in our County have experienced this, although the buying of manure has not been successful to every Ward.

Mr. Speaker, still on agriculture, is the issue of avocado production. The Governor said that the avocado was the other area of focus in agriculture and noted that four years ago, the price of hass avocado was Kshs1 to Kshs5 per fruit but the price improved to Kshs8 per fruit due to County Government intervention through collaboration especially with various market players. He added that Murang'a County was the largest producer of Hass avocado in the country, with Kandara sub-county as the largest producer of Hass avocado. The Governor said that in the coming season one hass avocado will sell at Kshs10 and emphasized that one avocado tree has a potential of earning a family Kshs 10,000 in a year. He pointed that the County Government has invested in the avocado since the study has shown that European market demand for avocados cannot be satisfied. The County Government has been giving out seedlings in order to increase the population of avocados in this county. The Governor noted that around Kshs 60 million will be used in the funding of avocado projects.

Still on the issue of Agriculture, the Governor talked of the issue of farming the white sorghum where he said in the lower parts of Murang'a, the executive will focus on sorghum as a dry crop, whose advantages is that it is a dry crop, and does not require irrigation and you can harvest any time no matter the amount of rainfall.

Also the Governor stated that the executive have entered into a deal with East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL) for supply of white sorghum and the County Government will introduce the white sorghum as a cash crop in the lower part of Murang'a. The County Government will fund the project by giving free seeds to farmers in lower parts of Murang'a to enhance the farming of white sorghum. The Governor stated that the market is there and price is assured and said that the county government was ready to do any infrastructural investment to make sure that the project is successful.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor mentioned issue of soya beans and sunflower where he emphasized introduction of other crops that can do well in the lower region to enhance the level of earnings within the farming communities. He said that this crop has ready market from oil refinery companies and other food processing industries.

Still on agriculture Mr. Speaker, the Governor mentioned sweet potatoes where he stated that the County Government had introduced sweet potatoes in previous years. He noted that an acre of sweet potatoes has a potential of producing 50 bags of sweet potatoes in a year and a bag was equal to 100 kilograms. He stated that earning from sweet potatoes is not less than Kshs 500,000 in a year translating to Kshs 40,000 in a month. That is sweet potatoes planted in an acre and harvested twice in a year.

Mr. Speaker that was much that was said by the Governor on the issue of Agriculture and the next item is the issue of health. Where the Governor noted that Health is a fully devolved area. He termed it as an area where the County Government will deliver affordable health and avail health services in every corner of the County.

Mr. Speaker as the Governor put this issue of health across, it was noted that health is one of the big four agendas of the Jubilee government where agenda of the health care to all

livelihoods in our country and in this case in our county, is a key area that the government wants to focus on.

Also the Governor noted that over the last five years about 30 new health facilities were opened and he committed that he will ensure every sub- county has at least a level three health facility.

The Governor appreciated Murang'a and Maragua hospitals are level four, further he promised the people of Gatanga that in the next three months, Kirwara will be expanded to level four hospital, at the same time he said Ithanga will have a level four hospital too.

It is good to note that as we sit Mr. Speaker, Murang'a district hospital is already to be a level five hospital. Those are plans that are underway and we expect that Murang'a district hospital will be level five very soon.

Also, the Governor talked of expansion of Murang'a level four hospital to a level five and he noted that once this is achieved, the county will receive Kshs300 million annually in support of the level five facilities.

The Governor highlighted introduction of Kenneth Matiba eye hospital which has been able to change lives of not less than 200,000 people despite the hospital being on a rented facility. The County Government has plans to shift the hospital from rental facility and construct a dental and eye hospital at Kimorori grounds.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor said that the cost of health services has been a challenge, and he said that the County will start to experiment on a Universal Health Care system and start to gradually explore the possibilities of providing free health services. The Governor said that the Executive Member in charge of finance is working together with National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) to have a scheme put in place towards making health services affordable.

Mr. Speaker, other investment around health is creating specialty health care services, just like Kenneth Matiba Hospital which focuses exclusively on eyes and dental services, various specialty areas will be identified so that the County can have speciality hospitals. arthritis, orthopaedic were identified as possible areas of having a speciality hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor pointed on chronic non-communicable diseases such as arthritis, cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure as a major problem in the county and it was noted that most of these diseases target the aged segment of the population. The Governor said that he will introduce a free NHIF service to make sure that all aged in the county who are suffering from those chronic diseases are covered.

Those are the few issues that the Governor pointed out on issues of health and the next item was the issue of water.

Area of water is somehow related to area of agriculture but it has two angles, there is clean drinking safe water and then there is irrigation. 70% of people in this County do not have access to clean, safe drinking water.

Drinking water program is a function of water companies and there are five water companies. He emphasized that as a government they will observe one point, that water is one of the most expensive commodities in this county. He lamented that despite having around seven major rivers the water companies have not been able to provide people with clean water since 70% cannot access piped water and those who have access cannot afford to pay.

He noted that water is a devolved function and county government should be in charge of water including the appointments of those water service boards and organization of how the boards are operating. He was of the opinion that those companies should be consolidated into

one water management organization directly under the County Government and oversight of County Assembly.

On availing clean drinking water is a program which is targeting at making sure there is clean water in nearly all high population areas. The program has already started and resources dedicated to make sure that free water is provided on continuous basis to communities which cannot afford to have piped water. There are about 30 or so boreholes which are providing water for free.

Mr. Speaker, also the investment in irrigation will be done; an irrigation project will be done at least in every sub-county. The Governor committed that most of the budget approved under water will go towards irrigation. He sought support from MCA's in setting up dedicated projects which will be developing over the years.

Mr. Speaker those are the few points or the many points that the Governor talked on about water.

The other issue was area of education. Whereby the Governor dwelt much on ECDC and polytechnics.

On ECDE, the Governor pointed that the County was running a program on free nursery education and further the free school milk program has been launched. He reiterated that the milk for this program will come from the County Government milk processing factory which will in turn directly support our farmers. The Governor insisted that the County Government through the department of education will make sure that they provide good facilities to the young children so that the learning process in those institutions will run smoothly and without many challenges as there are today.

On the issues of polytechnics Mr. Speaker, the other programme the Governor said that the County has already initiated Ufundi kwa Vijana program which is a polytechnic based program. The Governor said it is a skills improvement program which is targeted at school drop outs either at form four or in very unfortunate circumstances class eight. Also the Governor said that the County Government was dedicated to offer short term based trainings to an average of over 10,000 young men and women for a period of every three months.

The Governor said that the County Government has trained at about 30,000 young women and men in all polytechnics. Also the Governor said that the trainees should be put into a co-operative which are known as Ufundi kwa Vijana co-operative. Through the Assembly the County Government would create a Fund to provide short term credit facilities for the co-operatives.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue on trade, the Governor said that all licenses charged have been reduce by 50% this was in a manner to encourage as many people as possible to enter into trading and we have also reduced market charges from Kshs50 to Kshs30.

Mr. Speaker the Governor said that during the previous Assembly the County Government procured 34 acres of industrial land along the super highway close to Kenol, the County Government intend to partner with investors to create an industrial park, which was procured during the last Assembly.

Mr. Speaker on the issue on land, Governor called on all to be sensitive to the needs of specific households, he recognized existence of serious issues on succession in this County and nationally. The Governor said that no one addresses succession issues yet they are government issues and not family issues, stating that elected leaders were voted to address such issues. The Governor directed the CEC in charge of land to resolve all succession land issues.

Also the Governor said there are areas without title deeds giving an example of Mjini which has since not been resolved. He said in urban areas there are people with plots but no titles, he emphasized the County Government is ready to carry out physical planning and produce title deeds for people living in those areas.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor also noted the issue on land on squatters, and where still there are people living as squatters within the County. He cited lower part of Murang'a as hard hit by squatters' issue. The Governor said that the executive has a formula on how to deal with the issue asking MCA's to raise up the matter as soon as possible.

Also the Governor noted that the biggest matter on land is the issue on Delmonte where he said that Delmonte have been in this region for ages and we are happy they are investors and have employed most of our people, but the Governor emphasized that there is need to realize that circumstances changed. That was the issue on Delmonte on the lease and the County Government quest to have some acres of land to do business for our people and also for the construction of the cottage industries and provide a business hub for our County.

Also Mr. Speaker, the Governor said that when they were setting foot here, there were no economic activities around that area of Delmonte, but now we even have a super highway running from Nairobi to Isiolo and beyond; that is a commercial highway. There is need to appreciate that they are our commercial partners but we need also to realize we have a county to run. We have commercial activities to run and to develop.

The Governor recognized Delmonte limited as investors but said circumstances change. He informed the Assembly that in previous session the County started engaging with Delmonte to have them cede around 6000 acres of land to County Government. He said as negotiations were ongoing a court case was lodged and thus the matter cannot be further deliberated upon though it is one of the agendas to be driven on behalf of Murang'a people.

On the issue of social aspect Mr. Speaker, the Governor stated that alcoholism is at the top of the social issues, there is no way a County can be run and be economically viable when dealing with drunk population. He noted that the first Assembly and executive were able to put up an Alcohol Drinks Control law which is in effect and should be fully operationalized. The County Government was able to rehabilitate over 1000 alcoholics, the Governor called for Assembly's partnership to desalinate the alcoholic rehabilitation program. He said that the County Government have developed a facility at Kambirwa which will be a rehabilitation centre.

Also Mr. Speaker, the Governor noted that, the other area the County Government will focus on is the issue on widows, Mjane co-operative has been established and money set aside to make ensure that community is taken care of. Also Mr. Speaker on social aspect, the Governor said on People Living With Disabilities (PWD), has started by recognizing that the Assembly does not have any representation of the disabled community and urged that something needs to be done to ensure that people with disability are represented.

Also the Governor called on upgrading of Muriranjias PWD centre, noting that school gives artisan courses only, he said the school has enough space and they will utilize it by building a primary school and preferably a secondary school for physically challenged students. Also Mr. Speaker, on the social aspect the Governor recognized churches as part of social circle and informed the Assembly that he will be bringing a proposal before the House to have the County Government donate five acres from 34 acres that were acquired for the industrial park along the super highway be given to the churches. He said the five acres will be donated to the church on an interdenominational platform to build a theological college.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue on roads which was one of the main focus of the Governor, the Governor said on the roads programme, he urged members of the Assembly to submit roads in terms of priorities from their wards that require to be maintained or constructed. This is to be done in this financial year and in the progressing years.

Mr. Speaker, those were the main areas that the Governor insisted on and I call upon Members of the County Assembly to debate on these matters and I would wish any member can debate on any area. Also a chair of a certain department can also take up the issue and agenda that appertains his or her docket so that we can raise more points and add more value on this report so that we can have a good County and also insist on good policies for the County to soldier on. And to have impact on the five years that we will be in this Assembly. So Mr. Speaker am grateful and I call upon the honourable members to exhaustively debate on this report. Mr. Speaker I wish to call the honourable member for Ichagaki to second this Motion, Thank you.

Hon. Charles Ng'ang'a: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would wish on behalf of the Assembly to support this Motion. As the majority leader has said the Governor has an interest of improving our standards of living, our standards of wellbeing and an interest of having Murang'a to prosper. I believe the written message on whatever that has been said by the majority leader, to me the Governor has gone beyond on looking on how Murang'a can be stable. When it comes to a question of the super highway; Thika Road, I believe from time in memorial, from when we were in the colonial state and now we are in the right manner where we can manage ourselves. With those few remarks I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Kihurunjo Mwangi: Mr. Speaker, first I want to say few things about this report or this address of the Governor. It is a good report and we have gone through it as read by the Majority Leader and to highlight some few things on my side.

One, if you look at some sectors there they were not fully addressed; one, the issue of youth, I have not seen anywhere in that report where the issue of youth is well captured in collaboration with sport and culture bearing in mind that we have a lot that we can do in this County concerning our youth. We need to engage our youths a lot in so many activities because our youths are going astray due to lack of income generating activities and that is why they are so much idle outside there. I request that the issue of our youth who are our future leaders to be addressed properly in that report.

Also I am a bit concerned to do with the Health sector. First I want congratulate our Governor because he has addressed the issue of our health sector, but, I want to put some input there, I come from Mathioya sub-county and in the whole of Mathioya sub-county there is no ambulance in that sub-county of Mathioya, and this one I get concerned, in the whole of that sub-county without an ambulance.

I have a scenario where there was a patient at Kiria-ini Mission Hospital, they do not have an ambulance, we requested for the ambulance from the County and it is so unfortunate, we were told it is engaged, we do not have an ambulance. We were referred to Kangema, the one that is in Kangema that was donated by Constituency Development Fund (CDF) we were told it has problem of tyres. The unfortunate part of it where the patient was referred to Kenyatta National Hospital, the lady died before the ambulance arrived.

So Mr. Speaker, a request that we need the health sector to be addressed also properly in terms of things which touch on the common *mwananchi* because I have toured my ward in Gitugi where we have around four health centres and it is so unfortunate that if you go to the whole of also Mathioya sub-county for the public hospitals there is no any incinerator in those hospitals, so if they want to go and dispose their syringes they have to go to Kiria-ini Mission Hospital; that is an unfortunate part of it.

We also need to look at this issue of drugs, how will it be addressed? There is a problem with the issue of drugs and if you go to those Mr. Speaker, look at those health centres, you will find patients being referred to those other chemists. So in that report of the Governor I could expect to see him addressing the issue which is touching the common *mwananchi*.

Which analysis was done to these chronic diseases, how many diabetic, how many cancerous in order for us to be able to address the issue according to priority because I know there are some issues which are touching common *mwananchi* in the health sector.

So I am so much concerned that the issues like the drugs, the issue like gloves. I interacted with those doctors who are there, they told me even some gloves they borrow from Kiria-ini. Even renovation I quote Nyakianga health centre, one of the oldest health centres in Murang'a County. Mr. Speaker if you go to that health centre you will get worried because even some roofs are leaking. How can we proceed unless the issue of cancerous and then the small things which are down to common *mwananchi* are not addressed?

If you get to look at the polytechnics, I am a bit worried because we are hiring some frauds in our areas to proceed with this Ufundi Kwa Vijana Co-operative but there are some polytechnics which are existing and they don't have facilities.

I have one in my area called Mutitu polytechnic, I was there and I got surprised. I did a physical analysis, a physical audit. Mr. Speaker if you go there you will find guys that are doing carpentry, in their tent they are sharing one, what we call the--- what do we call it? Mr. Speaker we call it *randa* (hand plane). I do not know whether, is it in English name that it is called *randa* (hand plane)? ---Yes that one.

It is so unfortunate, if 10 trainees can share that one. So I could request that before we proceed to hire those, we can first equip the existing ones and upgrade them. First we appreciate what the Governor and his team are doing to the areas which do not have already existing, that is they are hiring that one but also to those that already exist to be properly equipped with facilities and also with personnel because that is an issue of concern.

Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate the Governor, to do with the issue of education, still under the Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) we have the milk program and we have the feeding program, I think that was not a political tool during the campaign.

Yesterday I was in my area and the issue of the milk program they cannot remember when it was proceeding and even the feeding program, there is a problem. If it was a political tool, let the Kenyans know and the people of Murang'a know that it was a political tool for them not to expect from the County Government because when they see me in my ward Gitugi they ask me where is this milk? What happens? And I do not have any information. So we could ask that if it was a political tool let us know, instead of it to be put into the report.

Because I get surprised in the report of the Governor, page 10, it was noted that last year we introduced sweet potatoes and it was a major joke all over, it was a political tool for my opponents. I am reading this one, which is on page 10 that is a very serious thing. Mr. Speaker,

we cannot joke around with the taxpayer's money because it is a political tool. Sweet potatoes and it is recorded here that it is a political tool.

So my point is this, let us go down and let us do the analysis properly. If I come from Mathioya, let us know which product we can give the people of Mathioya because of the climate of up there Mr. Speaker, that is in my area, it is a tea and coffee zone so it is a mixed climate so most of the foods they do well in that place.

So if this kind of things, I could ask Mr. Speaker, we want to know about the Mjane co-operative, whether this co-operative still exists. Where are the policies of this co-operative, where is the constitution of this co-operative. I am talking from a point of concern, there was a meeting at Kangema, General Kago for the widowed women and I get surprised because I met those people desperate, they were called there, there is no one who catered for them, they were told to pay their fare, I met some old men and women who asked me to pay their fare back home and they call themselves Mjane co-operative. We want to know who manages these co-operatives, how is the constitution? For us to be able to save our people, we do not know whether it exists or it's for people's own benefits. Those are my few remarks and I thank you for that,

Hon. Moses Murigi: As I was perusing this paper, first I want to congratulate the Governor for the address that he was making when he was swearing in, I want to say a few things about infrastructure.

When I was perusing the document, I did not see where the Governor settled on matters infrastructure, as he was addressing agriculture and dairy farmers. My question is when our farmers will come out for help from the *shamba*, I want to clarify that the Governor had actually kept issues on infrastructure; it is a bit difficult. Those are my remarks. Thank you

Hon. Alex Makau: First I want to appreciate this report from the Governor; I see it as a basket full of good things for Murang'a people.

I want to talk on three issues about land, I appreciate that our Governor is recognizing that the issue of squatters especially in the lower parts of Murang'a needs to be addressed, it would be good for these people to be settled at least to be on their own land and this is a good issue for them.

I will also talk about trade, I must appreciate that the Governor is lowering trade licenses by 50%, which is a good thing, actually this will promote trade in our county but it is also important to understand that there are these areas which are marginalized, and businesses in those places is not like in urban centres. It would be my request, if these marginalized areas can be considered with a special fee; I think a trader in Murang'a will sell ten crates of soda while some one elsewhere is selling one in a day. It is important to understand that.

Coming to matters health, I appreciate that the Governor is also considering that some places require these health facilities and I must say that where I come from there is a very serious need for a level four facility. In this place there are only dispensaries and level four facilities. There is a need to look at this and do so urgently because it is needed there.

Mr. Speaker, last night there was robbery at my place and a couple lost their lives and there is nowhere they could be assisted because the only facility that is near is Thika level five, I think there is need for a level five in this place down there and with the few remarks, I support and say that it is a good thing for our Governor. Thank you.

Hon. Sospeter Nyoko: I congratulate the Governor for the work well done. Looking at the issues addressed by the Governor, I see that if all is said and done, in fact we should not be having a poor person in Murang'a.

Looking at the issues for the youth, we have polytechnics for them, if they go to these polytechnics, they will get skills and they will be out of problem of unemployment.

Two on the issue of health, in fact Mr. Speaker, today I had to part with Kshs2000 which I had to give to someone detained in a hospital for failing to pay the bills. Infact if the issue of National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) was addressed earlier, in fact I could have retained my Kshs2000. Once that one is implemented I am in support of this and my fellow members will support, in fact those poor people who are staying in hospitals because of bills, in fact they would be relieved off the burden.

Looking at the issue of Kahawa Bora, when I was in class two, three and five, my older brother was in form one, two and three and my father and mother used coffee to pay the school fees, so it is better if that coffee idea can be revisited in a better way. We call it Kahawa Bora and this Kahawa Bora will boost our families once this idea is well addressed. So I say this one is very much ok.

Looking at the issue of trade, if this one can be addressed as written in the governor's report here, more people especially the youth will open up businesses in most areas and we shall be able to develop Murang'a because every one of us will be able to earn some coins.

Looking at the land issue, there is a case where you find an old man of over 50 years has not owned land because he has no title deed, his father died more than 40 years ago leaving all these succession cases pending. If this one can be well addressed, in fact others especially the poor people will be relieved off the burden. With these few remarks, I support the motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, it is good to note that we have no business at all in the afternoon, and since we cannot stop the session in the afternoon, we would like to continue with this debate, otherwise, if we exhaust it now, there will be nothing to do in the afternoon. I will adjourn the house until 2:30p.m. when we shall continue with this debate.

ADJOURNMENT

The House rose at 10:40 a.m.