

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 9.30 A.M.

*[The Deputy Speaker*

*Hon. (Mr. John Killo Dawe Loltome) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION(S) FROM THE CHAIR

*(Quorum bell is rung)*

**Hon. Buke Diba: (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am here to represent the House Business Committee because Halkano Konso is not around at the moment,

*Aware that this County Assembly has just resumed its second session of the second County Assembly, further aware that the Standing Order number 25 provides that the County Assembly Business Committee shall with the approval of the House determine the calendar of the County Assembly, cognizant of the fact that the County Assembly calendar is an essential tool which determines and guides on the period of assembly programmes and recess, I hereby request this House to approve the County Assembly Calendar tabled by the House Business Committee for approval.*

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. While it is prudent to second the motion which is on the floor of the House, I think it would be wise for this House to

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transact its business when the quorum is fully in place. I don't know what guidance or direction you may give but I think any matter that is brought before this House would actually be relevant when the quorum of the House is in place for the betterment of the Honourable Members and the people that we represent.

Due to lack of quorum, I need your direction on this.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The quorum is OK.

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Then if the quorum is OK, Mr. Speaker, I think while I was speaking a member just came in, we can transact any business. Just to second the motion moved by the Minority Leader Mr. Speaker... should I say it is the Majority or the Minority Leader because the Order Paper reads....?

*(Hon. Killo interjects)*

**Hon. Speaker:** The Minority Leader on behalf of the Majority Leader.

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** The motion by the Minority Leader on behalf of the Majority Leader! So, Mr. Speaker it is good that the House Business Committee has come up with a calendar which is of course relevant in execution of duties and responsibilities of this House.

I take the opportunity to second. Any other Member can contribute.

**Hon. Speaker:** The motion has been seconded. Any debate will come later.

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I hereby request this House to approve the County Assembly business calendar tabled by the Committee.

The Motion is now on the floor for members to deliberate. Yes, Honourable Tura.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** I stand to support the motion.

For any meaningful progress and smooth running of this Assembly, we must have a calendar. Going through I think a good calendar has been prepared and I therefore fully support the motion for the adoption of the calendar.

**Hon. Elema Diba Guyo:** Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the motion.

Mr. Speaker, indeed calendar is the first thing we should have in place for the smooth running of this County Assembly. This calendar is the product of the House business committee. The Committee has considered every aspect of the running of this House in preparing this calendar and came up with those dates as sitting dates and the recess dates.

For example Mr. Speaker, this first week, 13<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March is when we expect the County Fiscal strategy paper, a paper that informs the budget by setting the ceiling for every department of this County. Therefore for the House to properly dispense with the issues of this paper, these first four weeks is really enough.

Then we have Easter break, a sign of respect for the religions and then we resume on 3<sup>rd</sup> April when we expect the budget to be tabled in this House. And actually that is what we have come here to do and that is where resources are shared and our resources come in and tabling it needs time.

A small recess then comes in to allow the Budget Committee to do public participation and for ourselves to also fill those gaps and correct when we opt to pass our budget between 12<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Therefore, I think the calendar is well placed and it has accommodated every activity of this House for the year and without much ado, it's my humble appeal that the House pass the calendar as tabled by the House Business Committee.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as Hon. Elema had put it, we have made amendments on the calendar of the House yesterday, .....*(inaudible)* interest of the Members. We expect the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to be here any time between now and 16<sup>th</sup> of March for a deliberation and then Easter break, this will allow Members to at least have one training that is sometimes in March. Then the Budget will also be presented to the House in 30<sup>th</sup> of April, the recess will also allow Members to go back to their constituents and allow the Members to do public participation on the budget. Sometimes in July, we will almost have one month recess, this will give us an opportunity to go back to tour Wards.....*(inaudible)* problems that are there for the House or the County government to address. With that I think the calendar is quite.... *(inaudible)* each an every Member of this House, I kindly..... *(inaudible)* to approve the way it is, thank you.

*(Hon. Sadia Araru stood in her place)*

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Sadia is the one to guide the rest of the Members that is specifically for Budget Committee, thank you.

*(Hon. Sadia stood in her place)*

*(Hon. Elema Diba Stood in his place)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

*The Assembly rose at 3.25pm*