

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MANDERA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

*The House met in the Assembly Chambers  
County Assembly Buildings at 2:30 pm*

[The Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi) in the Chair]

**PRAYER**

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Sergeant-at-arm, ring the bell for ten minutes.

*(Quorum obtained)*

*(Orders read)*

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members!

**STATEMENTS**

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): We are on statements. Leader of Minority, do you have anything to say? Majority? House Business Committee any Business for next week? Honorable Member representing Takaba.

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, for next week the House Business Committee has Notice of Motion for the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2020 on Tuesday and Motion on the same in the afternoon. We do not have any other business.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you, Hon. Bishar. We have a new statement by Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim Member for Guticha. Order Hon. Member!

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. My friend is jumping the gun. I think statement to be responded is coming up.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, knowing that our main source of livelihood in this county is Livestock and almost every person in this county is a pastoralist. I want to seek a statement regarding disease killing both livestock and human in this county.

Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 44 (2) (c), I wish to seek statement from the chairperson of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee on the following:

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1. Whether the department is aware of the reported mass death of livestock in Mandera County specifically in Mandera North sub-county due to the outbreak of mysterious disease.
2. If yes whether the cause of these deaths has been established.
3. The current status of the said disease outbreak.
4. What measures has the department put in place to stop more death and avert the spread of the said disease in the county.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee. Vice chair? Any Member? Honorable Zamzam.

**Hon. Zamzam Abdullahi** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, we request to be given two weeks to respond to the statement.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): It is okay. Two weeks. We go to the statement raised by honorable Alinur Hassan Ali Member for Dandu to the Committee on Water. Chair for water? Vice chair? Any Member of that committee? Honorable Members, the deputy clerk has informed me that they have received the response but it has not reached the committee for deliberation. Therefore, in their next meeting they will discuss it and bring it to the House for discussion. Hon. Member representing Rhamu!

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Last week when we were discussing this question, we discussed it as a matter of urgency. People's livelihood has been affected. It was a heated debate. The chair for water was in the House. I said categorically that come next week the chair for water will not be in the House to give the response to the statement and my statement has come to pass. This has been the order for the chair for water all through from the last session. When a Member raises a pertinent question to the department of water, the chair for water has been evading to bring a response to this House and he was the biggest noise maker by then. You need to give a direction. When I am the chair and I know there is a question that is supposed to be responded to, I have the obligation and responsibility to make sure that I will be available in the House. If I am not available in the House, my vice chair should be available and he is here. So, he better be given a chance to respond because that is a promise that he has made on the floor of this House. If the Hon. Member is cheating the House, the Standing Order is very clear. There is no need why an honorable Member promises the Assembly that he is going to bring a response within one week and he fails to bring the same. Therefore, the honorable Member for Shimbir Fatuma should be censured.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I think the honorable chair for water is around and he can tell us more about this statement.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I promised the House that the information will be available in a week's time and I want to confirm to the House, I am hearing what the honorable Member for Rhamu is saying, that our scheduled meeting is tomorrow and Friday but both responses is with the secretariat. We have received the response only that we cannot table it today because we will be sitting tomorrow. I want to confirm to the House that the information is available within the Assembly only that our schedule meeting is as from tomorrow. The response is ready and it will be tabled as soon as the committee goes through it.

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Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Ahmed!

**Hon. Ahmed Rashid** (Gither): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I share the pain of the person who asked the question and I also acknowledge the effort probably done by the Committee as mentioned by the honorable chair. When we take responsibility in this House and say that we are going to bring a response the following week and we know the committee is having their schedule meetings, there is nothing that bars the committee if you know that this statement is supposed to be answered within the week to ask for a special meeting for you to be given a special sitting so that you respect the promise and the assignment that you have been given by this House.

It happened many times that we asked question that requires urgent answers and this House is dragged until when the response comes. The subject matter under review is now obsolete and the answer does not help at all. Some questions require very urgent response so that if there are remedies that are supposed to be put in place then those remedies can be instituted as fast as possible. As much as the honorable chair is confirming that he has the response, I think dragging us to next week is a bit unfair to the people who asked this question because they expected this response to be with us this week.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Bishar Maalim.

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): Thank you. I want to revisit what honorable Ahmed Rashid of Gither said. When a chair of a certain committee promises this House that this information will be responded to within the cause of one week, I think it is a very serious commitment as a chair of that sector. I want to congratulate the department for giving a prompt response to this committee. If today the chairman of water committee approached the clerk of this Assembly knowing that he made a commitment before Wednesday he was supposed to table a response to this Assembly and the clerk denied him that opportunity of a special meeting, we would have accepted.

*(Laughter)*

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members!

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I know there is serious lobbying going on.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members! Please do your lobbying silently. If you are lobbying please do it silently.

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): So, Mr. Deputy Speaker, what I am saying---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members! Honorable Yussuf get back to your seat please.

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, what I am saying is we need to stop this trend where a chair takes responsibility to provide response within that specific time and coming to defer for another subsequent week or two weeks or three weeks. I think we want to have a precedence that this issue has to be stopped forthwith. Why I am saying that is if this response was there by Friday last week or Monday this week then the chair of that committee---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Abass! Honorable Abass, get back to your seat.

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): Stop side shows when Barigi is on the floor.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Get back to your seat. Honorable Bishar, address the chair and wind up your contribution.

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): Let me wind up.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Order honorable Wariyo! Honorable Bishar get back to your seat first. Order honorable Members! Honorable Members we are in a session. Order honorable Member representing Kutulo! Honorable Members, I can see there is some lobbying going on but still we have to observe decorum. Honorable Member representing Takaba is on the floor. Give him the chance then we give one or two Members then I will give chance to honorable chair for water and make a ruling on that.

**Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi** (Takaba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, what I am saying is that the committee sittings has been distributed and shared with all the Members. So, when the chair for water knew that he is going to give a response on Wednesday today, he knew the sittings of the committee. He received the response last week or Monday, it was prudent for him, as the person in charge of that committee, to convene a special meeting because the response is supposed to be tabled before this House on Wednesday. What I am saying is that the issue of him telling us that he will sit tomorrow does not hold water because it was him who said within one week and the day is lapsing today. This committee would have sat between now and last week and they would have given us the response.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you, very much. Let me give it to honorable Hussein.

**Hon. Hussein Adan Haji** (Takaba South): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. In my opinion the Committee on Water has done their job. They have responded to this House because we have the response in the premises of this Assembly that means they have a response in their hand.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members!

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker!

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is your point of order honorable Alinur?

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, is the Member for Takaba South in order to mislead the Members of this House? He is telling us that the response is with the chair and we wanted that thing to be tabled in the House so that we debate. He is telling us that it is with clerk and he is not even the Member of that committee. He is misleading this House.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Okay. Hon. Hussein!

**Hon. Hussein Adan Haji** (Takaba South): Mr. Deputy Speaker, what I am saying is that the committee only sat on Thursday and Friday. He has mentioned his reason

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Order honorable Kulla! Honorable chair for water order please.

**Hon. Hussein Adan** (Takaba South): It is my opinion and you have to respect my opinion. The committee---

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker!

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You are out of order Hon. Yakub. Please get back to your seat. I have not given you any chance. Hon. Hussein, you have the floor.

**Hon. Hussein Adan** (Takaba South): Mr. Deputy Speaker, this House is guided by rules. The committee is an extension of this House. If the committee is deliberating they are deliberating on behalf of this House. If they have the response at hand, they have not brought before the House because they have not deliberated on it because their sitting is only Thursday and Friday.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Hon. Member for Morothile and Hon. Abass, have some order! Let us respect the Hon. Member on the floor.

**Hon. Hussein Adan** (Takaba South): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am saying that the reason given by the Chair for Water is valid. The committee can still sit and bring the response next Wednesday. As long as we have the response, then there is no problem.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you. I can see honorable Kula is having the Standing Order

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, is this man the chair of the House when he is giving out direction? He is giving out direction as who?

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You are out of order! Let me give it to honorable Rafat then honorable Kulla and the last person will be honorable chair for water. Hon. Rafat, you have the floor.

**Hon. Abdinoor Dakane** (Khalalio): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members!

**Hon. Abdinoor Dakane** (Khalalio): Mr. Deputy Speaker, the issue of water is very critical and Hon. Kula asked a very pertinent question which was supposed to be responded to this week. We know that if any response comes to this House, it belongs to the House although it goes to the committee first. If the committee sees that the response is not satisfactory, they have to sit, check and make sure that it is admissible. They cannot just bring to the House something which is not palatable. Sometimes we have to respect the committee and these committees have been formed by this House. Hon. Kula is a chairman of a committee. How many times has his response taken two weeks or three weeks? Why is this one very essential? Mr. Deputy Speaker, we need your indulgence.

Thank you, very much.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Kula then last person will be the chair.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, when we formulated the Standing Order, the Standing Order---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Okay, honorable Yakub what do you want to say?

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): This is the House of rules, as the honorable Members are coming in, because there are protocols, some Hon. Members were made to sit out but you allowed Hon. Robow to go round and sit. There is no protocol here.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! You cannot say that. Order honorable Members! Order! Order! We have heard you. Get back to your seat. Order honorable Member! Honorable Members, listen to me first. Honorable Abass, honorable Robow please get back to your seats.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Hon. Robow is in sleepers.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Honorable Yakub, you are out of order! Hon. Abdullahi, get back to your seat. Order honorable Members! Order! Order honorable Members! Hon. Shamsa and Hon. Meymuna, order! Order honorable Members! Honorable Alinur, get back to your seat. Order honorable Members! The Speaker is on his feet. Hon. Members, I am on my feet.

Hon. Members, your behavior is not acceptable in this honorable House. You always say it is the House of rules and procedures. We must observe decorum. Even the newly elected Members are here for almost four years and still you are not abiding by the rules. What is wrong with you honorable Members? We do not want to put much time on this statement. Before I give chance to Hon. Kula, first we have to observe the laid protocols on Covid-19. I think the seats are fully occupied. For those who are coming in now, let them have somewhere to sit at the back. When an honorable Member is contributing, give him chance to contribute. I understand that some of you are lobbying. Do it silently. Hon. Kula, you have the floor and take two minutes.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to bring it to your attention that the honorable Member for Lagsure is not properly dressed. Let him explain why he is not properly dressed. This is the House guided by rules and regulations.

The Hon. Member for Shimbir promised on the floor of this House that the response will be here today. I want to bring it to your attention Standing Order No. 106 (h). It states; -

“The conduct is grossly disorderly if the Member concerned deliberately gives false information to the County Assembly”.

So, the honorable Member for Shimbir Fatuma actually gave false information to us last Wednesday when he deliberately said he is going to bring response on the floor of the House.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Get back to your seat. Hon. Kula is on the floor.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Standing Order No. 106 (h) must be complied with because it is the rules and regulations and it comes with certain punishment from the chair.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): For that case, before I give it to honorable chair for water, for the case of honorable Robow, are you are properly dressed? Order honorable Member! I think you are out of order honorable Members.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lag sure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am not properly dressed. I have a problem on my feet and the information---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members! Honorable Members, if you are discussing on the issue of his shoes we have information that he had a problem with one of his toes. If he is not properly dressed otherwise, you can tell us. Honorable chair for water you have the floor.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. To be fair to everyone, I want Members on the floor to be heard in silence because when honorable Kula is repeating and making statement so many times, we are listening. He should also have patience to listen. If we do not listen to each other, I do not know why we are here.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Okay honorable chair you have the floor.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): I seek your indulgence that it is Members who said that the information will be available in a week's time. When I made that statement, I want to make sure that this information will be available as soon as possible. I know some of the

chairs who are making unnecessary noise like Hon. Kula cannot even confirm to this House when he will deliver the information the Member for Takaba and the Member for Dandu inquired. They only asked for information, that information is available and I am still again promising the House that it will be available In Sha Allah next Wednesday because the administration of this institution have confirmed that they have received the response. I know where this pressure of water is coming from. They should just come out and say the direct thing not the issue of the statement raised by the two Members. I will say it. If Members cannot have patience because I will deliver the response in a week's time, I will say why they are burning on the floor.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Abass, what do you want to say? Order honorable Members! Hon. Abass, you have the floor.

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, the supreme law in this County Assembly is the Standing Order. Hon. Wariyo contravened the Standing Order and he has not admitted. He said that he made the promise and it was his wish.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Abass, get back to your seat. Let me correct you on that matter. We are guided by the Standing Order and it is very unfortunate when you are reading one side and you are not reading the other side of the Standing Orders. I would like to bring to your attention Standing Order No. 163; the duties of the committee chairpersons. If you read 163 (b), the chairperson cannot bring information without the resolution of the committee. Order honorable Members! I think you must also read that one.

For record purpose, I would like to correct honorable Members who said that the chair is misleading the House. He is not misleading the House because the committee has not resolved. That is one thing. Are you arguing with the Speaker? You have said your bit. Order honorable Member! Hon. Wariyo, you are out of order. You are disrespecting the Speaker and you are telling us we must follow the Standing Order.

Hon. Members, for record purpose, we said the committee must resolve and bring that response by next week. It was very unfortunate when the chair said he will bring it within a week. Now for record purposes, next time when business is there you must look at the committee sittings and decide based on that.

Hon. Chair for Water, this is a matter of urgency, let it be ready next week.

We go to the next statement raised by Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi to the Chairperson for Water.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We have discussed both responses and I only made a commitment for one statement for one week but the second statement I requested for two weeks. I believe the time is not even due but I am confirming the responses are ready. By next week we will deliver both as required.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you, very much. I think that is the end of the statements. Order honorable Members!

## MOTION

### ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

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**Hon. Abdi Adan** (Neboi): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members! Hon. Mohamed of Guticha, you are consulting loudly. Give chance to the honorable Member on the floor. Hon. Member for Dandu, Senior Member, observe decorum.

**Hon. Abdi Adan** (Neboi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; -

THAT pursuant to Standing Order No 28 of Mandera County Assembly Standing Orders as adopted by the House Business Committee of the House on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 this County Assembly approves the Mandera County Assembly Calendar for 2021 as set out in the schedule below; -

COUNTY ASSEMBLY CALENDAR 2021	
PERIOD	DAYS
<b>FIFTH SESSION</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021</b>
<b>FIRST PART</b>	Tuesday (morning and Afternoon) and Wednesday (morning and Afternoon)
<b>A: Sitting Days</b>	
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021 – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2021	
<b>B: Long Recess</b>	
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021 – Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021.	
<b>SECOND PART</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021- Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
<b>C: Sitting Days</b>	Tuesday (morning and Afternoon) and Wednesday (morning and Afternoon)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021 – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021.	
<b>D: Short Recess</b>	
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 –Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021.	
<b>E: Sitting days</b>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021- Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021.	
<b>F: Short Recess</b>	
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021 - Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October.2021.	
<b>THIRD PART</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021– Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2021.
<b>G: Sitting Days</b>	Tuesday (morning and Afternoon) and

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<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 – Wednesday 1st December, 2021.</b>	Wednesday (morning and Afternoon)
<b>H: Long Recess</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021 – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.</b>	

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we arrived at this timetable at the House Business Committee and we were satisfied that the sitting days and recess are enough. So, as it was set out before, we only had a change and that change was done on the request of our honorable female ladies. Because of Ramadhan, most of the Members requested that we go for recess during the holy month of Ramadhan. That is the month we bow and pray to Allah and fast. That is the month we ask for forgiveness from Allah, it is the month of blessing. Because of the request of one week we reduced the calendar from 28 to 21<sup>st</sup> because our honorable Ladies are having their husbands at home. They have somebody whom they attend to at home. We have considered that and we have reduced by one week.

Therefore, I want to ask because I have been hearing some small talks here and there. We will allow people to vote or say whatever they want. We are not gagging anybody. Every Member has his right to say the way he wants. Mine is only to ask and plead that we accept the request of the honorable ladies. We give them that one week so that we go on recess.

I ask the Minority Leader to second.

**Hon. Jimale Abdi:** Seconded.

*(Question proposed)*

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Members, you can now contribute but let us respect each other's views. Give chance to the Members to say their bit and then from there we will decide. Whatever you decide, will be the decision of the House.

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Before you said that statement, my mind was not conscious because two senior Members have visited your desk. I have no apologies to make because----

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You are out of order!

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): I am not compromising. I have a lot of respect for the Speaker but what I said is that Honorable Robow and Minority Leader whispered to you. That is the only thing I have said.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Fine. Leader of Minority! Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim, get back to your seat.

**Hon. Abdi Jimale** (Guba): Withdrawing the statement when already the Speaker has given another Member to speak is not in order. Whispering to the Speaker does not mean that you are lobbying with the Speaker. People should get that right. I do not know why there is unnecessary tension today. If we have tension because of the House Calendar, then we are very sorry. Something must be wrong somewhere. There is no tension and we are discussing the Calendar of the House. We can approve it the way we want and we can approve it the way any other person wants. Let us respect the opinion of others.

Thank you.

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**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Members, we have the Standing Order and there is a reason for that. Some Members think that they are very smart and they have mastered the Standing Orders. We will enforce the Standing Order based on your behavior. Hon. Members, we will not tolerate the kind of behavior that we are witnessing this afternoon. Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim, you have the floor and take little time to say what you want to say.

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I will have my time to contribute but I want to move an amendment to the Motion. Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 54(1), I beg to move an amendment to the Motion on the proposed Mandera County Assembly Calendar 2021 as follows;

1. Sitting Day of Part I ending Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April to be extended to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
2. The long Recess period of Part I starting Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to be extended to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are just from recess. We are the leaders mandated by the people in this county. Today, our people are facing serious drought. We have been away for two and half months for recess. Every other time, we cannot be enjoying in Nairobi and any other places while our electorates are suffering.

Water trucking which is not enough is done by the County Government. It is our responsibility as Members representing the voices of this county, the people who have been ravaged by drought in this county. It is us whom they are looking up to today. We stay two weeks here and most of our times we spend in Nairobi. We cannot be doing wrong in 11 Months and try to correct it in 1 month in the name of Ramadhan. God will judge us badly if we misuse the responsibility bestowed on us by the people of Mandera. I want to persuade the Members who want to rush and stay in Nairobi in the name of Ramadhan that history will judge us harshly. Our people are suffering because we were from recess the other day; just two (2) weeks ago. If we stay here three (3) weeks and then we move to Nairobi, then we will be on the bad side of history. I want to plead with you. There is no unnecessary tension; there is no drama here. We want to effectively execute the mandate given to us by the people of Mandera. Because of those serious concerns, we are adding one (1) week.

**Hon. Ahmed Rashid** (Gither): Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Member is misleading the House because from the calendar that was proposed here, by the time the proposed date is going to elapse this House will be here for 8 or 9 weeks. He is saying that we will be here for only three (3) weeks and that is not true.

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): Hon. Ahmed Rashid should first adhere to the rules of COVID-19 by wearing mask. I have said that because---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim, before you go far, do not respond to Members.

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): I am concluding. This Assembly has secretariats who are very competent and they know their role, and they have everything at their fingertips. The Clerk's Office has prepared a calendar that is in tandem with other County Assemblies, the National Assembly and the Senate which guarantees time to execute our mandate and time to have holiday with our people or our families. It is not wise or prudent to change that calendar.

My humble request is that we follow the calendar. This amendment is just saying we follow the calendar the way the Clerk has prepared. I invite Hon. Yakub Hassan to second.

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**Hon. Yakub Hassan:** Seconded

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Ahmed Rashid is on the floor.

**Hon. Ahmed Rashid** (Gither): The Honorable member is continuously misleading this House for the second time because I do not know when the Secretariat is mandated to prepare a calendar for this House. As much as I know that calendar was set and prepared by House Business Committee. When he says that we stick to a calendar that was prepared by the Secretariat then I do not understand. He should clarify what he is talking about.

Thank you.

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): Let me clarify. What I mean is that it is HBC that changed the calendar that the Clerk presented to it. It is House Business Committee that changed and this is the amendment. I am not misleading.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim, get back to your seat. Hon. Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim, I think you were moving a Procedural Motion. Move it, let us propose what you are suggesting and after that let it be discussed.

**Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim** (Guticha): I thought I have done that. It is only that I have raised some contribution.

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2. The long Recess period of Part I starting Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to be extended to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

I ask Hon. Yakub Hassan to second.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): I stand to second and contribute at the same time. There is no war here. What we have is a healthy discussion. We are not fighting for ourselves but for the interest of our community. The calendar which is brought to this House determines how we are going to work. If I may refer to what has been said by the Majority Leader who represents Neboi ward that they have reduced by one week, simply because of our ladies; it is not true. We want to listen to each other. You will not come and contribute to help our specially elected Honorable ladies when they are going for recess, chase them out of this House to go and rest at home when you refused to help them during resource allocation. Let us be very sincere with each other. We are Honorable Members and we should not misuse each other unless we understand from one perspective that all of us are Honorable Members. We have a problem in this House.

Whenever there are issues, whenever there is benefit, when there is a pressing issue somebody somewhere comes with a programme to reduce the calendar of this House so that this House is left because people leave here and by the time the Honorable Members come back then issues have been done. I do not want to say it here. We have four (4) major issues pending in this House between now and the second week of June. The idea of reducing this calendar from 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to 21 is that there was an issue between these dates. For us who were here for the last seven (7) years, we have suffered. There are people who have suffered because of this calendar. We have lost millions and millions because of reducing the calendar. That one, I have discussed with few individuals who were in the First Assembly. We are waiting for a car grant. There are people who are in this House who are not ready to get this car grant.

Let me tell you, I will say it on HANSARD. It is a healthy discussion.

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**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You are on the floor, avoid allegations. Otherwise you are right.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): I just want the Honorable Members to understand me because you were hearing when the Honorable Speaker was reading the calendar.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Yakub Hassan, get back to your seat.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): ‘*Hakuna kitu tunaficha*’. This is an Honorable House.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Leader of Majority is on the floor.

**Hon. Abdi Adan** (Neboi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are discussing the calendar whether it is extended or reduced. The issue of pointing fingers and talking about other Members is wrong. Let the Member stick to his point on the calendar but not pointing fingers at other Honorable Members. You have all the rights.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Robow Mohamed, what do you want to say?

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I am privy to information that Honorable Yakub Hassan and his group have agreed that each Member should take 30 minutes so that this House will not finish the business of today. Can we limit the debate to three (3) minutes)?

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members! I will give you Hon. Kulow Alio. Hon. Yakub Hassan, I think you are seconding what Honorable Mohamed Ibrahim has proposed. Now, I will allow you to contribute. When you are contributing do not go that far of making allegations about money. Please, restrict yourself to the calendar.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): The Honorable Member for Derkhale has misled the House. For every Motion that is being debated, each Member is entitled to 20 minutes as per our Standing Order. It cannot be amended when the debate has already started. Therefore, every Honorable Member in this House is entitled to 20 minutes whenever he is contributing. That cannot be changed now. And the time cannot be limited as per the Standing Order.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I have not proposed the question. I think Honorable Yakub Hassan is just seconding. Let me propose the question. I want to tell you the time you are supposed to contribute on this matter because this is an amendment. Before we go to the main Motion, we want to take less time and then we go back to the main Motion.

Hon. Yakub Hassan!

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): There are very important issues that we cannot discuss in this House because of HANSARD. But if we reduce the number of days, most of the Honorable Members and the public will go and suffer. There are issues specifically for----

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): All of you will talk when we start the debate. I think Hon. Yakub Hassan is in order. He is just seconding then I will propose the question. All of you will talk and you will say your version. Hon. Yakub Hassan, please wind-up.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): First, there is a problem with the Assembly. Secondly--

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**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): That explanation is not needed.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Allow me to--- it is the way I want to discuss.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Yakub Hassan, you are out of order. What we are discussing is the date.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): I am trying to explain why----

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You have taken over 10 minutes and you are still explaining the same thing.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): You are stopping me. Allow me to discuss.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please wind-up.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): There are issues that we want to discuss as an Assembly informally. There are lots of pending issues for Elected Members and Specially Elected members. Nobody wanted to discuss but we have come up with a four point agenda. To push this Ramadhan programme not to the last 5 days or even the last 10 days because there are issues we want to correct in this Assembly once and for all specially for Specially Elected Members and people do not want to say. If you allow me to say, then I will say it.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please do not say it.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Our ladies have a long standing problem. Everybody knows that we have been putting it under the carpet but it is the time to help them; and the only way to help them is to extend this calendar to 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.

I stand to second.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdinoor): Before I propose the question, Honorable Yakub Hassan has raised a lot of things. Unfortunately he said some informal things that we need to discuss. I think informal things can be discussed in a 'Kamukunji'. If it is formal, then it cannot be discussed on the plenary. If it is good for all the Honorable Members, let him call for a 'Kamukunji' and all of us will attend to benefit what he is saying. Allow me to propose the question.

*(Amendment proposed)*

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): This issue has a lot of interest and because of that I will allow the Honorable Members to contribute for a maximum of three (3) minutes if given the chance. Hon. Abdinoor Rafat, you have the floor.

**Hon. Abdinoor Rafat** (Khalalio): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have some issues over that amendment. One thing which Allah said is Bismillahi Rahmani Raheem, wallathina maahum ashudahuu Allahkufari, Ruhamahun Baynahuu. When it comes to Ruhamahun Baynahum, it is between us. When a request comes from our ladies, there are ladies who are breastfeeding and also undertaking their family chores. It is difficult if we tell them to come to this House during the time of Ramadhan. Whatever you are giving us in this House then Allah does not allow it and it shall not happen. People will suffer if Allah wills and they will not suffer if Allah says. But the situation should not be brought just because of Ramadhan. Ramadhan is a Holy month and we are supposed to agitate for it. But now because it is a special thing, Allah will give you if it is there. If it is not there, then God will not give you.

So, the issue of the amendment is not there. Seven days is not a problem. Let us adopt it.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Shankaron Sheikh.

**Hon. Shankaron Sheikh** (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I stand to reject the amendment brought by the Honorable Member. Let me tell you one thing, the Honorable Member representing Derkhale, I do not know what he wants to do in one week.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Shankaron and Yakub Hassan get back to your seats. Hon. Yakub Hassan is a senior Member of this House. Under the Standing Order,

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there is no offence of mentioning somebody's name, if it is in good faith. He is saying why don't we give chance to the Honorable Member to say her bit and if she is not correct then we will correct her. Hon. Shankaron Sheikh, please stick to the calendar.

**Hon. Shankaron Sheikh** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I will stick to the calendar. I just wanted to inform the House that people are misleading the House by saying that Specially Elected Members have issues with the one week. We do not have any issue with one week. We will tackle anything concerning ladies. Our Chair lady is here. We did not ask anyone to talk for us. Personally, we have to go to the Wards and give people food relief during the time of Ramadhan. How can I stay here and my people are dying of hunger? It cannot happen. I stand to oppose the amendment.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Abass Abdille!

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I am a person who likes rules. In this Assembly, there is something bad happening. A Member just puts on the Microphone without the Speaker giving him the chance and then he says point of order. Mr. Deputy Speaker, kindly control that matter in this Assembly

Secondly, I am a person who likes rules and I need clarification. The issue you ruled that we limit our contributions to three (3) minutes should have been generated by the Members. I need clarification on that also.

Coming to the amendment, I think the last Ramadhan, we lost Ibada through Covid-19. In the last Ramadhan, we have not participated in Tarweeh and Tahajud. I think the amendment is not in good faith in my view.

*(Applause)*

I stand to oppose the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Abdullahi Siyad!

**Hon. Abdullahi Siyad** (Lafey): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I stand to support the amendment. I am a Member of House Business Committee. Yesterday we were outnumbered, today you might outnumber us but our voices must be heard. Why we are supporting the amendment and I said yesterday that the calendar of the House is clear and there is a tradition; this House is a House of tradition and precedence. The few years that I have been here, the calendar of the House was put in such a way that it was accommodating both sides of the House; the people who are ready to leave and the commoners who are ready to stay like me. We are violating that tradition.

Secondly, yesterday, I said we need to be fair to all Members and we need to balance these issues. Now, you are sending all of us away because few Members want to go and enjoy with their families in Nairobi. Where do you want people without family like me, to go? We cannot be staying in people's Houses. Our family is the Assembly; this is our House.

Thirdly, we need to balance our responsibility and our pleasure. We need to balance the responsibility that was bestowed upon us by the people and our pleasure. As far as I know Islamically, working for the people is part of Ibadah. We cannot run away from that fact. We have been doing that for the number of years that we have been here. Ibada for Ramadhan is mostly done at night, and you know we work during the day.

With those few remarks, I would like to urge my follow Honorable Members that they need to consider us. I want to plead with the Honorable Members to support this amendment for balance and fairness. If you are working for the ladies, we are also men and we need to be considered.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Allow me to give the Honorable Member representing Dandu.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I stand to support the amendment raised by the Member for Guticha. Insha'Allah, if God says, this is the 8<sup>th</sup> Ramadhan that I am here in this House. I have never seen 30 days of Ramadhan that this House has been closed; I have never seen that in my life. We normally close the last 10 days of Ramadhan for Tahajud. This one is unique because whenever a person wants to drive an agenda and we normally put our Honorable into consideration because they normally cook. People are so generous towards our ladies.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Alinur Hassan, give chance to Honorable Shankaron and then I will give it back to you.

**Hon. Shankaron Sheikh** (Nominated): The Honorable Member representing the greater Dandu is not dressed properly; he is not wearing closed shoes. Mr. Deputy Speaker, you can confirm. I am not biased.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Honorable Members! Hon. Alinur Hassan, get back to your seat. We have heard you. Wind-up on what you were saying.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for protecting me. We are here to represent people. We want to deliver. As my friend, Member for Guticha said, our people are really suffering. There are a lot of legislations pending. We want to deliver for our people. The issue of people going to Nairobi Saturday to Saturday should not be there. We have been elected to represent the interest of the people who elected us. That is why we are here.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please observe time. Are you opposing or accepting?

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): I am accepting the amendment brought by the Honorable Member from Guticha. I can see people are on their feet.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Just wind-up.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): I am on the floor and I am entitled to my opinion. Why do people want to cut me short when I am delivering my message? This is an issue driven by hidden agenda. The issue of rising on point of order and information is not there. Let us be sincere to ourselves and to our Honorable Members. We shall be away for the whole of May. We are supposed to have budget in this House; the budget of 2021/2022. I have heard you reading 2022. People were shocked when they heard 2022. 2022 is the election year. We are coming near to election and we are summarizing everything. Let us be here and deliver the promises we made to our people.

I, therefore, support the amendment raised by the Honorable Member for Guticha.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Before we go for prayer, let me give to two Honorable Members and then we go for prayer. Hon. Ibrahim Wariyo and then followed by Hon. Yunis Abdullahi.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I stand to oppose. It will be fair when a Member wants to be heard then he or she should be heard. I want to bring information to your attention that the Members who are moving the amendment are only extending for one week. We know that we are Muslims. Some of us do not know the starting date of Ramadhan for this year.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Honorable Members! You have the floor Honorable Wariyo.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Members need to be heard when they are on the floor. I just heard very clearly that when the Honorable Member for Dandu said that he has never seen the House closed for one month for Ramadhan. That itself means that we are not closing for a month. The recess starts from 21<sup>st</sup> April. Do we know when Ramadhan is starting? How many days are there in Ramadhan? I want to bring information to the Members that the timetable has consumed almost 7 days from Ramadhan. When the Member for Lafey said that let us be fair to one another, that is a very strong statement. When we pretend that we are speaking for Specially Elected Members then we should know their responsibility at home.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Honorable Yakub! What is your point of order Honorable Kulow Alio? Hon. Yakub, you are claiming that you are a Senior Member and you are interrupting the Members.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Our Honorable ladies are the Honorable Members in this House. Nobody should speak on their behalf. They have their own mouth. They have been especially elected to speak for themselves and this idea of people talking for them should not arise. It is an abuse on the rights of the nominated MCAs. ‘*Ni madharau*’!

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you for your information.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to be heard. Let us not interrupt each other because everyone has come to speak their minds. If you do not want to hear anyone you will not be heard. This is a fair justice. I heard it very clearly the mover and the seconder of this amendment mentioned the subject that I have mentioned. That was one of the biggest reasons that necessitated this amendment. If you talked about fairness, let us look also at the other side. We will be here for seven days in Ramadhan and that should be fair. If that is the case---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members!

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Allow me to finish. I have not finished. If that is the case, you are taking us the Raila way!

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members! Order Hon. Kulow! Order Hon. Members! I know it is prayer time. Hon. Wariyo, conclude your statement then I give to Hon. Abdullahi and then we go for prayer.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I think we have to be patient with one another. If you are not patient and you do not want to hear, it will be not fair. I want to say what they are extending is only 7 days and you mentioned that we work for this population. If it is not hypocrisy, we will be here for the coming one month.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Hon. Abdullahi, you are out of order. Hon. Kulow and Hon. Alinur order! Hon. Members, I think we need to be genuine. Hon. Member representing Shimbir Fatuma said that we should not be hypocrites and he did not mention any name. Mover of the amendment!



**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I will conclude. It is not fair if I will not be heard. I must be heard and that is my right.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please conclude.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): I am just saying from today up to when the recess starts, it is almost a month. What will we be doing all this period? What is so important in that one week that you want to do that you cannot do in the coming one month? This is hypocrisy and it needs to be condemned.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Member! Hon. Wariyo, you are out of order. Hon. Wariyo, I protected you the first time when you said we should not be hypocrites. Withdraw the last statement.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is not fair when members want to gag my opinion. Hon. Kulow is becoming a heckler. He should not interrupt everybody and he wants to be heard.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Wariyo, listen and get back to your seat first. Order honorable members! Hon. Wariyo, I am addressing you. You demanded that you should be heard in silence. You should also listen to the speaker and you should respect other member's views. Withdraw that statement on hypocrites. Just withdraw.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, as you have advised, if in anyway my contribution has hurt any person, I apologize and withdraw.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Member for Morothile.

**Hon. Abdullahi Yunis** (Morothile): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I stand to oppose the amendment. This is just one week. I do not know what is so fishy with one week when somebody was here for the last four years. How can you represent people for one week? There are two things here; 'akhira' and 'dunia'.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members! Give chance to the honorable member.

**Hon. Abdullahi Yunis** (Morothile): For those members who are working for 'dunia'---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members!

**Hon. Abdullahi Yunis** (Morothile): Mr. Deputy Speaker, only five Members are opposing the Motion. Protect me Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): That is his view.

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Mr. Deputy Speaker, why is he attacking everyone?

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Alinur! Okay honorable member for Morothile

**Hon. Abdullahi Yunis** (Morothile): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to conclude

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Member! Get back to your seat. Order honorable members! Let us have respect for the honorable members on the floor. Hon. Yakub!

**Hon. Abdullahi Yunis** (Morothile): I have the right to be heard. If Yakub does not want the money he can withdraw. But what I am saying is---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Member for Morothile, you are out of order. Withdraw that statement. Order honorable members! Order! Hon. Wariyo, honorable Kulow and honorable Yakub you are senior members of this House and we want you to lead by

example. If you start making noise, what do you think of other members? Let us give chance to honorable member representing Morothile. Let him withdraw the last statement that he made.

**Hon. Abdullahi Yunis** (Morothile): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I withdraw the statement that I said I will pay the allowance and apologize.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to conclude. The main reason why my fellow members are opposing the previous Motion is just to disrupt us. You know we have to be logical. The last Ramadhan, we lost it because of corona. Let us work for our ‘*akhira*’. One week will not take you anywhere. I request you, let us vote. You can see the mood of the House. Let us vote and conclude.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): No! We will not vote. I can see many members are interested to contribute on this Matter. Order honorable members! I wanted to put the question but I can see many members are interested to contribute. Let all members talk. Let us go for prayers, take 15 minutes for prayer and then we come back.

House temporarily adjourned for prayers

The House resumed

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): (Off record) Let us discuss it outside, build a consensus and it is my prayer that we will agree.

Yes, Hon. Member representing Malkamari!

**Hon. Abdi Hassan** (Malkamari): Mr. Deputy Speaker, we have prayed and when we came, about seven or eight Hon. Members were on their feet but you gave me the priority to speak.

What is before the House, is the amendment to the Motion. Before the amendment was moved I was of the opinion that the calendar should stay the way it was but the language used by the mover and the seconder attracted my attention. He encouraged us not to run away from our duties. I am one of the people whom went to Umra eight times. I went twice to Hajj and eight times to Umra. The best Umra is during the month of Ramadhan especially in the last fifteen days.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, that notwithstanding, the drought that we are experiencing is the best form of ibadah. I urge other Hon. Members not to base the debate of the calendar on our Hon. Ladies. There were so many issues raised that were not related to the calendar.

We were away for two and a half months. We are only here for two weeks now and this is the third week.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is it Hon. Abass?

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, you made a ruling that a Member should contribute for only three minutes. The Hon. Member on the floor has taken more than three minutes.

**Hon. Abdi Hassan** (Malkamari): Thank you, Hon. Abass but I am within my time. This is my last minute.

I support the amendment because of the challenges we are facing now; drought and insecurity. This is the time we are supposed to be within the county.

I request other Hon. Members to follow suit and support.

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**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Let me give chance to Hon. Robow as he was on his feet for long and then I will come to this side (*pointing to his left*)

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I request Hon. Kula and others to give me time to speak my mind. From there you can take your time.

I stand to oppose the amendment moved by the Member for Guticha. I want to ask the Hon. Members that the time for the recess that was proposed is April, 21<sup>st</sup>, ten days after Ramadhan has started. I am saying this because people are not sincere. If Hon. Yakub, Hon. Mohamed and Hon. Alinoor of Dandu are telling us that they want to adjourn the House, I will be the first to accept because of what we are facing today. If they want to work for the community that time is now and not in April when we hope to receive the rains. Between April and June there is no need for the Members to be in their wards. That is the time we should in mosques thanking Almighty Allah for giving us rain.

Hon. Member for Waranqara, I requested that I should be given time. There are two occasions when you are allowed to look for divine intervention; during calamities and when there is excessive rainfall.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I am the one keeping the time. Take your time and conclude.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): The reason why I am saying this is that some of the Members who have been speaking too much here, talking about their wards, have not even gone to their wards.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You are out of order. Order! Withdraw.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I withdraw.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You have withdrawn, that is good but let your discussion be based on the amendment.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, talk to these hecklers like Hon. Kula.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Kula! Hon. Robow, get back to your seat. Hon. Kula, get back to your seat.

Hon. Robow, withdraw that statement, apologize and summarize whatever you want to say in one minute.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I withdraw. This is the House of rules and regulations. I understand. I am not like Hon. Kula.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Now you are the problem. Order! Hon. Robow, get back to your seat. Hon. Zamzam, you have the floor.

**Hon. Zamzam Abdullahi** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I stand to reject the amendment before the House. Hon. Members supporting or opposing the amendment should not quote the ladies. It is not us ladies who want to go. There are also men who want to go. I do not know why the Members who were opposing are so excited. I want to conclude by saying that if all the previous sittings cannot quench your thirst, the allowances that you have received---

*(Loud consultations)*

I am entitled. It is my opinion.

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**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Get back to your seats. Hon. Zamzam is on the floor.

**Hon. Zamzam Abdullahi** (Nominated): The only amendment that we are making here is only one week. I do not see the impact of that one week. Those Members who are saying that they want to move mountains in one week, let them know that there is nothing they can do in that one week. I am on the floor and I need to be protected. I am entitled to my opinion and I need to be protected. I am quoting any one. We are ladies. Whether we are nominated or elected it is our right. The same way an honorable member, a male counterpart can stand and speak his mind, is the same way we can do. So, when a male honorable member is trying to decline the amendment and a member coaching him because it is a fellow honorable lady that he or she is supporting then they are very wrong. One thing they need to understand is that making a big deal out of this timetable is not worth it. A whole honorable member trying to move up and down simply because of a mere timetable is very embarrassing.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I stand to reject the amendment.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Mohamed of Kutulo!

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I stand to support the amendment. I give will the reasons as to why I support the amendment. The fourth session lapsed without us finishing the business in this House. We cannot adjust the calendar just in the name of the Ramadhan. Mr. Deputy Speaker, protect me.

**Hon. Zamzam Abdullahi** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want the fellow honorable member to clarify how long we are staying here. We had just one-week difference from what was previously suggested. So, we want the honorable member to clarify his sentiment.

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Mr. Deputy Speaker may be my sister did not understand what I said. As per the amendment, we will be on recess for 19 days of Ramadhan.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable members! Hon. Member for Morothile, get back to your seat. What order and you are already on your feet? Get back to your seat.

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): I know honorable member for Morothile won't say anything, he just wants to interrupt. A lot of statements have died before conclusion including my statement addressed to the department of Agriculture. Mr. Deputy Speaker, through the wisdom of this House, the mover of the amendment---

**Hon. Shankaron Sheikh** (Nominated): Point of order!

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable members! Hon. Hussein, I will give you. Hon. Mohamed, get back to your seat. Hon. Members, I can see this is bringing a lot of debate and it is an amendment and we still have the main Motion. I will allow only few members 1, 2, 3 to contribute then I will put the question. I understand some members still want us to contribute to this amendment but I will put the question. I understand that some members have asked to contribute to this amendment. If it is yes or no, then there will be a division from there we will decide where it go. Hon. Mohamed, take your one minute.

**Hon. Shankaron Sheikh Ibrahim** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was on a point of order. You cannot gag us. Is the honorable member in order when he is telling us that statements will elapse if we have this short recess? He should understand that a statement lapses when we have a long recess.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you for that very good information for the House

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Mr. Deputy Speaker, you chaired the House Business Committee meeting and there are a lot of Bills committed to various committees with constitutional timelines.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Back to the timetable please.

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): There is no problem, I am concluding

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable members! Minority Whip!

**Hon. Ahmed Gabnan** (Waranqara): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me the opportunity. I heard you saying you are giving priority to senior members and the leadership. You forgot today that I am among the leadership. I have been standing on my feet for long.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I support the amendment. I support the amendment of honorable Guticha because it is more convincing than the mover of the original Motion. The reasons given by the mover of the Motion, honorable Majority Leader are not that much convincing. *(Went off record)* I do not need his point of order. I am finishing.

*(Inaudible voices and loud consultations)*

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable members, honorable minority whip you have the chance wind up your statement. Order honorable members! You can also lobby. Order honorable members! Please wind up.

*(Loud consultations)*

*(Question put and there was division)*

We go for division! Sergeant-at-arm, close the doors. Order honorable members! Hon. Robow! One representative from Ayes and a representative from the Noes to come this side! Order honorable members! Get back to your seats. Hon. Nasra! We start voting. Hon. Shankaron, we are going to start voting. Hon. Zamzam and Hon. Mohamed, get back to your seats. Order honorable members! We are now starting to vote. Honorable Shamsa and Hon. Zamzam, we are now starting the voting. The clerk will call your name and if you are supporting the amendment raised by Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim, you vote 'Yes'. If you are opposing, that means you are supporting the original Motion, you vote 'No'. I think I am clear on that. Let us observe decorum and remain silent.

## DIVISION

### ROLL CALL VOTING

*(Question that, the Calendar be amended as moved by Hon. Mohamed, put and Members proceeded to vote)*

**AYES:** Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi (Takaba); Hon. Alinur Hassan (Dandu); Hon. Yakub Hassan Emoi (Derkhale); Hon. Abdi Hassan Ali (Malkamari); Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim

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Yussuf (Guticha); Hon. Kulow Alio (Rhamu); Hon. Mohamed Rashid Ali Haji (Kutulo); Hon. Abdi Adan Ali (Neboi); Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey); Hon. Ahmed Gabnan (Waranqara); Hon. Yussuf Maalim Dakane (Alungu Gof); Hon. Meymuna Sheikh Abdishakur (Nominated); Hon. Shamsa Ibrahim Maalim (Nominated); Hon. Halima Golo (Nominated); Hon. Hindia Hussein Ibrahim (Nominated); Hon. Nasra Hussein Adawa (Nominated); Hon. Rahma Ibrahim Issack (Nominated);

**NOES:** Hon. Hussein Adan Haji (Takaba South); Hon. Robow Mohamed Hassan (Lagsure); Hon. Ahmed Rashid Mohamed (Gither); Hon. Jimale Abdi Hassan (Guba); Hon. Abdullahi Yunis Guliye (Morothile); Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimbir Fatuma); Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township); Hon. Abdinoor Dakane Rafat (Khalalio); Hon. Umul Ker Kassim (Nominated); Hon. Zamzam Abdullahi (Nominated); Hon. Sokorey Maalim Issackow (Nominated); Hon. Shankaron Sheikh Ibrahim (Nominated); Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated).

**ABSTAIN:** Hon. Shaban Hassan (Ashabito).

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable members! We are now announcing the results and after announcing you cannot appeal. There will be no other count. Honorable members, we made a voting and the following are the results;

**AYES:** 17

**NOES:** 13

**ABSTAIN:** 1

I have not voted and I count myself as an absent member. Therefore, the Ayes have it. That is the ruling. We go back to the main Motion. Hon. Robow!

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I have requested the members who are supporting the amendment and those opposing, that I want to move an amendment to the proposed calendar of the Assembly. I want to propose that we go for recess instead of 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we want to go on 13<sup>th</sup> of April and I want to give reasons for my proposal.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): So, you are moving a new amendment?

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Yes, a new amendment for the calendar.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members! What is your point of order honorable Kulow? Hon. Robow, give him chance to say what he wants. Order honorable members!

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Hon. Robow has not moved the Motion as it is supposed to be.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I am not getting. Order! I am not getting what he is saying. What are you saying honorable Kulow? Order honorable members! Let us get what he is saying first.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): What I am saying is that the honorable member for Lagsure has not moved the Procedural Motion as it is required under the Standing Order.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Quote the Standing Order

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): You are the one who is to quote, not me. You are the one who is moving

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Robow, give him chance to say what he wants to say. What do you want to say Hon. Kulow? Why don't you allow him say it? Hon. Robow, give him the chance to say what he wants to say then we will advise him accordingly

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are ready for any Motion that is going to be moved on the floor of the House. He has not moved the Procedural Motion as required in the Standing Order. Therefore, that Motion is defective and it should be thrown out of the window.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members! You are out of order! Hon. Yakub, get back to your seat, otherwise I will remove you out. Hon. Yakub, order! Let us get what Hon. Robow is saying. It is allowed to move an amendment. Hon. Robow, come here. Order Hon. Members! Hon. Robow is on the floor. Let us listen to what he is saying.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me the opportunity

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I think you are on the main Motion.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Thank you for giving me the opportunity. When there is an amendment to a Motion, somebody can raise another amendment. So, we have to dispose of both the amendments before you come to the substantive Motion. As we go on, I can move my amendment. If we finish debating whether I am defeated or not, somebody else can rise and move another amendment. At the beginning I was unable to move the amendment because there was another amendment on the floor.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Kulow, get back to your seat. Hon. Robow, address the Chair.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, let me speak. Hon. Kulow, give me time. It is the Chair to tell me. It is not you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Robow, address the Chair and say what you want to say.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, some Members here have disrespected your rulings before because Hon. Kulow is always on his feet while the speaker is speaking which is very wrong. There must be a precedent, there must be rules and we must follow the Standing Order to the latter otherwise this House will be a jungle. Everything is provided in the Standing Order. The Speaker has discretion to give ruling to what is going on in the House. We must follow jurisdictions. We are borrowing this from the National Assembly from where we get our Standing Orders and our Constitution.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Very good. Now let us get back to the Motion.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Yes, I am coming to the Motion. Give me sometimes because I have not been speaking in this House for long like Hon. Kulow who is always in this assembly. I want to speak and I am coming to the amendment. I do not recall, I only recall Hon. Abass.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is your point of information Hon. Abass? Order Hon. Members!

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker Standing Order No. 54 (9).

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please read it.

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Standing Order 54 (9);

“An amendment to an amendment may be moved and if necessary seconded at any time after the question has been put”.

I am coming to something.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Allow me to read, I think he is very right.

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): “An amendment to an amendment may be moved at any time if necessary seconded at any time after the question upon the original amendment has been proposed and before it has been put”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am coming to something. There was an honorable member who was saying honorable Robow cannot bring an amendment to the amendment already disposed. He has the right to bring anytime because Standing Order 54(9) allows.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Robow! Do not respond to Hon. Abass. It is very good information to the House and I have seen it. Go back to the main Motion and say your bit.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I will do as directed. Just listen to me. I am sure the likes of honorable Yakub and Kulow should not abuse us because the problem is that our honorable ladies are breastfeeding and they have just looked at that.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Zamzam, what is your point of order?

**Hon. Zamzam Abdullahi** (Nominated): I stood up not to interrupt or interject what the Hon. Member is saying, as much as he is correct, kindly, the word ladies or anything should be out of it.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I agreed. It is a slip of the tongue. Sorry for that. Some Hon. Ladies rush to breastfeed their kids. This is why the likes of Hon. Kulow and Hon. Abdi are having this stigma of moving up and down. In the assembly you must accept if you have been defeated. But still I have 1, 2, 3, 4 options unless somebody like Hon. Abdi and Hon. Kulow were persuading me by sending messages. Coming to the conclusion,

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please wind up.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I am now coming to the conclusion. I thought when I was opposing the amendment of Hon. Member for Guticha it was especially in the interest of our Hon. Ladies. I was so disappointed when newlywed Hon. Nasra is opposing. I thought when I was introducing this she will be happy so that she can be with her new spouse. But if that is not the case, I have withdrawn.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Hon. Robow, wind up in one minute.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Whatever I am thinking is for their own good. For me, I have nothing to lose and I am withdrawing my amendment and therefore stand to support the Motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Member for Guticha proposed the main Motion that was brought to this House by the HBC and some Members even do not understand the rules.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You are out of order.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): That brings information to the House for them to either agree or reject.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thanks for the information. Order Hon. Members! Get back to your seats. Leader of Minority, you have the floor.

**Hon. Jimale Abdi** (Guba): Thank you. Mr. Deputy Speaker, ask Hon. Robow to put off his mike. I rise to support the Motion as amended. I have to say something and Hon. Members who have won, give us time to talk. You have won and you cannot continue to gag us. First of all, what we have been discussing today was a Ramadhan issue and we do not know whether we



will reach Ramadhan. You very well know that when Ramadhan is due many people die. That is the fact and let us pray to Allah that we reach Ramadhan. Let us also pray for our brother Hon. Alinoor Derow who is not feeling well.

The other thing is that today the House was very democratic. Hon. Bishar was whispering to me that this House is not the House he used to know. I agree with him. I think the current water must have done something to us. I like the way members have voted. If you see Hon. Rahma opposing Hon. Robow then there is something good somewhere. She is a hero. That is the democracy I am talking about.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Leader of Minority, you are out of order. Hon. Rahma is an honorable member and she has all the rights.

**Hon. Jimale Abdi** (Guba): I withdraw and apologize. It was not ill intentioned. I was just explaining how there is democracy in the House which is a very good thing. It is the leadership that was moving for the reduction of the calendar. We have been called by a lot of names. I have to appreciate Hon. Yakub for the first time for talking to the ladies. He started talking to the ladies, lobbying and it is because of my yesterday's statement in HBC. That is something to be applauded. Hon. Yakub, you have done a good job. Congratulations! Hon. Shamsa, give him attention. I have to congratulate my brother because if you tell someone something and he does it then you must congratulate.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Now back to the calendar.

**Hon. Jimale Abdi** (Guba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, the calendar is good. Let us adopt it. There is nothing wrong. We can even stay the entire Ramadhan. This is a political House. Nobody is forced to stay. You can take permission and perform your duties anytime. That was just out of good heart and nobody had any bad feeling. This is our House. One thing you people should know is that, if all goes well, to see whether those Hon. Members who have been proposing the amendment will be away to their wards or they will be here. If they will be in their wards then they mean their word but if they will be here then they never meant their words. It is just a healthy discussion. After all, you have won and I am agreeing with you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Address the Chair and wind up because you are taking a lot of time.

**Hon. Jimale Abdi** (Guba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, what do you call that formula? CRA formulae, government was defeated like two months and they accepted. We have to be happy of leadership being in the House today. Yes I have to be happy and congratulate members and let us not personalize these things. This is a healthy discussion. We will move on.

I support the Motion.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Let me give to Hon. Abass. Hon. Abass!

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Today I have known a lot of things. I was known to be liberal. Hon. Mohamed, this is my opinion. I am known to be liberal and today I am castigated a bit, threatened and I received a lot of hullabalos but one thing I have known the silent Members were in support of Hon. Member for Guticha. I do not know the wisdom he has used to an extent that my good friend Hon. Member for Dandu was a bit restless. In this assembly, I have never been defeated by a team which Hon. Yakub is a Member. But today is history. The good thing is there are giant Members in that group like Hon. Bishar and I have never been on the side of the leadership. Today I think that is where the rain started beating me but no problem still I accept the defeat and now that the Motion is favoring

the Ayes. We went through division and it was very democratic to an extent that a Member whom we perceived was opposing the Motion in our team like Hon. Nasra, it is not magic to me.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is your point of order honorable Nasra? Order Hon. Members!

**Hon. Nasra Hussein** (Nominated): Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker. It is wrong for someone to mention me in his statement. He has to withdraw.

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I stand to withdraw and apologize. Now that we have been defeated, the calendar is not as bad as perceived. The difference is one week and we agree and accept.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Are you opposing or proposing to the Motion?

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): I support in favor of the amendment.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Wariyo then honorable Abdullahi.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I oppose the amendment.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): We are not in the amendment.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): I have opposed it and I want Members to listen and respect somebody on the floor. This floor is meant for Members to be heard. If you know you will disturb a Member who is on the floor we are not going anywhere. I have an amendment to move and before that I know how they feel. I have withdrawn the way a member said.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, to be honest I still oppose the Motion before the House which is the main one. When I mentioned a certain word and I was told to withdraw, the same Members who represent us in HBC, I am not a member of HBC, came again to the House and opposed what they approved for us in HBC. I am addressing the Speaker. Hon. Kulow, you are running up and down with the Standing Order and you do not respect it yourself. Respect me when I am on the floor. There will be no House if no Member will be heard. I want to be heard.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, is it fair when the same members who have been sworn to represent us in HBC, approve a timetable for us, we support their plan and then they come and form a group and oppose and shut down the same plan? We will go as per what the Members said but you know when you are in a certain committee, you represent the House. I just want to say that there is no defeat or gain here. I just want to say to members who are saying they are homeless that they can move an amendment and change the plan of the HBC. I want to proof to them that no one is living in this institution. People come to work here and go home at night. It is not fair. There are certain qualities of hypocrites that if they speak they lie and if they promise they fail to fulfill. We should not lie when you are trying to defend your statement.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, my conscious does not allow. I was not in that committee when they came with that plan. I cannot stand again to support what you know just because it has been defeated. Defeat does not make sense but I should maintain my position. I want to say this and we know that the time for me to speak is twenty minute on this matter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, people are trying to talk about categories of Members in this House; homeless, sky team and based on certain gender. I do not want to go that way. I am opposing the entire thing. I just want to give reasons as to why I oppose and I do not want to lie or sweet talk Members. I want to tell the Members that the euphoria you are seeing today and what is making

them to regroup is a certain reason and not this calendar. This euphoria and polarization will end in a week's time. I am not mentioning anyone.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Get back to your seat. Hon. Ibrahim Wariyo, there is no use of force. Stick to the calendar.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir-Fatuma): With all due respect, I listened to all the Members when they were making all kinds of allegations.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo, one thing that you should understand is that you always request to be heard. You always dislike other Members to speak when you are on your feet. Do not take us back to discuss views of the Members and what they have said during their contribution on the amendment. If I give you the chance, then restrict yourself to the Motion.

**Hon. Abdi Hassan** (Malkamari): We have already debated the amendment to the Motion. I want to tell the Honorable Member for Shimbir Fatuma to concentrate on the main Motion and not to discuss on how I voted or how somebody else voted. I went into politics and I was voted by my people. The Honorable Member is a senior Member. He has advised us to listen when one Honorable Member is speaking or when a Member is contributing. Let us contribute to the Motion and do the business of the day and not any other issues. I do not see why the calendar of the House should be his business.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Abdi Hassan, we have heard whatever you wanted to say. If you are not happy with what others are saying, then walk out. Hon. Yakub Hassan and Hon. Ibrahim Wariyo, if you are not happy with what are others are saying then you can walk out.

Secondly, Honorable Ibrahim Wariyo, still you have the floor but you have to wind up and be on the Motion.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir-Fatuma): I want to wish the Honorable Members to be tolerant to dissenting voices. What we are lacking in this House is tolerance. If I do not buy your idea, just listen and do not accept it. I am not accepting yours but I am listening. Tolerance to dissenting voice is what we are lacking. If you do not like what I am saying, and you don't want to listen, know that I have the right to be heard. If you want me to speak the way they want then that one I will not bow to it. I want to say that when we are trying to oppose---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please wind up.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir-Fatuma): I will listen to the dissenting voices and I also want Members to buy that idea. I oppose because it is not sincere because we have betrayed the House Business Committee resolution.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Wariyo, you are out of order. I think we are not in HBC meeting. Let me give chance to Honorable Abdullahi Siyad and then I give to the mover of the Motion and then we put the question.

**Hon. Yussuf Dakane** (Alungu-Gof): Standing Order No. 77, 81 and 82, if two Members request to speak the same time, the Member called by the Speaker shall be entitled to speak. This idea of Members standing together and contributing at the same time is not what is required. This is a House of rules and procedures. Standing Order No. 82 says any Member may rise on a point of order at any time during the speech of another Member stating that the Member raised a point of order, and that the Member shall be required to indicate the Standing Orders upon which the Member is raising. Let us follow the Standing Orders of this House.

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**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you, Honorable Yussuf Dakane. Hon. Abdullahi Siyad.

**Hon. Abdullahi Siyad** (Lafey): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I stand to support the Motion as amended. Why I say so is that we have competent secretariat that we rely on. These Honorable Members make proposals, and we normally support the proposals. But these time things have been different. I do not know why. It has happened that another group came from somewhere and then started changing everything that was proposed by the Secretariat.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Abass Abdille and Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim get back to your seats. Honorable Abdullahi Siyad, wind up whatever you want to say.

**Hon. Abdullahi Siyad** (Lafey): I want to say one thing in speaking on behalf of the winning team today that this is a democratic House. If you do not accept defeat today then others will not accept defeat tomorrow. That should be very clear. This idea of saying that so and so used to support so and so and now he has not supported so and so then that is a very bad precedence. All of us are Honorable Members and we are equal.

There are no winners or losers in this debate. We are in this thing together. Whether we remain or go then we remain fellow Honorable Members. I request you to put the question.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Mover to reply.

**Hon. Abdi Ali** (Neboi): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Honorable Members. When I moved this Motion, I said we are democratic. I said I plead with you. I am not forcing. This is the calendar of the House. The calendar was brought to HBC yesterday and the person who moved that amendment was Honorable Fatuma Issack to reduce by one week. She said that she has an issue and as ladies please support us. That was the only issue. From that place, I was privy to information and a lot of lobbying going on. I never bothered because this is just a calendar. We have no winners and losers. That one week, if we will be here, we will get allowance. Myself I will not lose anything. If I want to go, nobody will stop me from going. I will take permission and then go. Let us be mature. Our House is going in the right direction. But anytime we vote on things then something comes up out of it. Tomorrow, we might have another Motion and I might oppose and Honorable Bishar Abdullahi might support.

The only thing I want to say is that we need a bit of decorum. When somebody is contributing, Members just wake up and talk and that is a bit demeaning. This is a live recording, and might be taken to YouTube. If everybody shouts and talks then it is going to be very shameful for us. Those who have lobbied, you have done good, and don't say you have won this Motion and that you will win everything. That perception is going to mislead you. We have not lobbied for this Motion. If we would have lobbied, then I think you will not even get one person. Do not have that perception that today you have won this Motion and that you will win everything. That is going to be a wrong perception. We only wanted to get your views. We have changed the timetable and we support it. Let us move forward.

I stand to support.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Before I put the question, you debated maturely and I am very happy the way you carried yourselves, and the way you have protected the rules and procedures of this House. It is my hope and prayers that anytime we have such business then we do the same. We are peoples' representatives and we are not just a lay person. We must learn

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how to respect peoples view. When an Honorable Member is on the floor then he is entitled to his views. Honorable Mohamed Ibrahim, you moved an amendment, and instead of respecting other Members views, it is not proper to talk after them. I am not referring to that statement.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Calendar adopted with amendments)*

ADJOURNMENT

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I rise to adjourn this House to 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 at 9 am.