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HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING TO A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. SOSPETER NYONGESA REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND PROJECTS IN WEST BUKUSU WARD

Mr. Speaker: Chairperson, Sectorial Committee on Finance and Economic Planning or any Member of the committee?

Hon. Metrine Nangalama: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I seek for seven more days.

(Applause)

Hon. Luke Opwora: Hon. Speaker thank you for catching my eye. I don't know if Hon. Metrine is aware that we have just extended this House this morning to the 16th of this Month. So the seven days she talking about I think the honorable Member is not well informed and we need to help her to stay guided.

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Stephen Wamalwa): Hon. Opwora, the Honorable Member Metrine Nangalama has said more time.

(Applause)

Hon. Luke Opwora: Speaker...

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon Stephen Wamalwa): Hon. Opwora!

Hon. Luke Opwora: Hon. Speaker, the matter at question is a very key matter because Hon. Sospeter has requested for a statement to know the status of his Community Empowerment Fund

projects in his Ward. We are in a political period; we need to be well informed by this government, what is the status of...

(Loud Consultations)

Speaker, protect me from...

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Stephen Wamalwa): Hon. Opwora is well protected, Honorable Members we have order. Order Members!

Hon. Luke Opwora: With the matter of urgency, we need to request this Honorable Committee of Finance to give us a response as soon as possible so that we can move forward.

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Stephen Wamalwa): Hon. Opwora you are in order, but I want to reinforce what was said earlier that the Hon. Nangalama requested for more time. More time can even mean two days.

(Applause)

Or even a day because we are going to make a ruling here.

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't understand why some Members are mourning more than me the bereaved.

(Laughter)

That was actually my statement and I don't want the Member or the Chairperson to ask for more time. I think this it is the third time this statement is coming on the floor and the information I am demanding for is found nowhere else but in a computer on the table of the officer in charge. It is just a matter of seconds then the information is displayed. Of late, there is a tendency of the Executive not adhering to what is required of them in terms of giving responses to the statements raised on the floor.

Something else, just recently we had invited...this Honorable House had summoned the executive in charge of Education three times down the line, they did not appear and the Speaker promised to give a communication over the same and to date there has been no communication. The executive never appeared, and there has been no communication.

This is another statement which has been on this floor for the third time and here the Member of Finance and Economic Planning is promising more time; and of late Mr. Speaker I don't know whether you are aware that the Member in question recently crossed over to the executive side. Now can I conclude that this is a conspiracy in a manner where the Executive are deliberately not adhering to what is supposed to be done to this Honourable Assembly? What precedence are we setting?

I am a disappointed Member and I feel that if you extend some time to them, or I don't know what you can communicate because that is bestowed in your powers. But I don't want to be promised more time; maybe you would have asked for more hours.

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Stephen Wamalwa): Well Hon. Sospeter has expressed himself and Hon. Nangalama you seem to be having something.

Hon. Metrine Nangalama: *(on a point of information)* Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to inform the House that when I am here, I am representing the Finance Committee but I am not here as a person, so Hon. Sospeter kindly can you withdraw that statement that I crossed to the executive side, whereas I am here representing the Finance Committee.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Stephen Wamalwa): Where I sit as the Speaker of this Assembly, I know very well that Hon. Metrine Nangalama is a Member of Finance Committee and by her responding, taking up the matter to represent the Chairperson, Committee on Finance she is very much in order. So Hon. Sospeter, if indeed you mentioned that she crossed over to the government...

(Loud consultation)

Order members! Hon. Opwora, we have to be patient and wait for the statements to the end. We are in Parliament, and we must behave as Parliament Members. Observe the rules and procedures of Parliament... Order members!

Do you have something to say Hon. Sospeter?

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Actually, I do not want somebody to plant words in my mouth. I never said a Member, it was the Executive. But what I stressed over was that this statement has been on this floor almost four times and every time the Chairperson has been asking for more time. This time around, I stressed that the information can be gotten from a computer from the officer in charge at the Executive. Instead of asking for more time, maybe one or 7 days let her ask for one hour or two hours so that we get this report now.

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Stephen Wamalwa): Well, Honorable members we cannot belabor much on that. There is no response and therefore I want to make a directive that this response is expected in this House on the 14th of this month. It will be Tuesday and at 2:30 p.m. We expect a comprehensive report.

Honorable Members, people who hold offices, hold in trust of people and therefore any officer who does not adhere to the rules at some point will carry personal responsibility. That is why we have to make sure that we live up to the requirements of the law. That being the last item on our Order Paper, this House stands adjourned to Thursday 9th June, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

(House adjourns)