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Wednesday, 1 June 2005

The East African Legislative Assembly met at 9.00 a.m. at the Chamber of the Assembly in the Ngorongoro Wing of the AICC Building in Arusha

PRAYERS

(The Speaker, Hon. Abdulrahman Kinana in the Chair)

The Assembly was called to Order.

MOTION

“THAT, the Assembly do resolve into:

- a) A Committee of Ways and Means to consider and approve the Financial Statement; and,
- b) A Committee of Supply to consider and approve the Estimates of Expenditure, both of which constitute the Budget of the East African Community for the Financial Year 2005/2006.”

(Moved by the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers, Mr. Jakaya Kikwete, on 24th May 2005)

(Debate interrupted on 26 May 2005 continued)

The Speaker: Hon. Members, there are two issues: First, the hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs who is also the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers is now landing at the airport and he will be here in a few minutes' time. Secondly, you will recall that when we last met, we met in an informal sitting where we had discussions with the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers, and thereafter he departed for Dar es Salaam where he attended the Summit and also had consultations with the Summit on matters relating to some of the issues and concerns raised by the honourable Members. So I think it is proper that as soon as he comes, we again continue with our informal meeting and get a report from the Hon. Minister and then resume as a House to conclude the Budget. For this reason, I adjourn this House and request you to

remain around so that we can sit with the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers and have this informal meeting. I thank you for your attention.

The House is adjourned until such a time that it is recalled.

(The House rose at 9.06 a.m. and resumed at 3.00 p.m.)

(On resumption_)

(The Speaker, Mr A. O. Kinana in the Chair)

The Speaker: Hon. Members, as you know, in the informal meeting the House appointed a mediation Committee that was to get in touch with the hon. Minister. I am not sure, but I think they have not yet met the Minister. But at the same time, the hon. Minister has informed me that he had discussions this afternoon with the Minister of Finance of Tanzania on matters relating to the issues raised in this House, and particularly on the issue of the Vote on Account. The Minister of Finance has asked him to give him more time to consult with the other three Ministers and come back to him sometime today or tomorrow morning.

So, because of those two reasons, I will adjourn this House until tomorrow afternoon when the three Ministers will have finished their consultations and reported back to the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers. I am hesitant to resume the House tomorrow at 9.00 O'clock because I am not sure if the ministers will have consulted by then. The Minister for Finance of Tanzania has requested the Chairperson of the Council for more time to consult his

colleagues on those matters with financial implications, and also on the issue of the Vote on Account. However, I believe the Committee that was established by the Members will also have an opportunity to meet the Minister and discuss the best way forward.

With those remarks, the House is adjourned until tomorrow at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon.

(The House rose at 3.05 p.m. and adjourned until Thursday, 2 June 2005 at 3.00 p.m.)