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# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

## THE HANSARD

**Monday, 4th May, 2020**

**SPECIAL SITTING**

*The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WELCOMING BACK THE MEMBERS

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I wish to take this chance to welcome you back to the House especially for this special sitting. I just wish to emphasize that since we are not in the normal days when there was no disease, let us make sure that we observe the Covid-19 guidelines. We need to look at the sitting arrangement and also avoid tampering with many things held by many people. If you are using the microphone, you should be the only one who is using it and nobody else. The staff who are also passing some papers and other materials to the Members should be very careful and ensure to sanitize whatever is being shared by two or more people.

We need to observe these guidelines and also maintain social distance not only in this chamber but also outside there because our efforts will be futile if we only observe the guidelines in the House and not outside there. Therefore, we should be careful to protect each other by protecting ourselves first. I need to encourage our colleagues from Nairobi because it has not been so easy. We also used to spend a lot of night times together but all of us are now affected by curfew and I believe that we have been able to adopt appropriately. Welcome Members to the House.

## PAPERS

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to lay the following papers;

1. The Public Finance Management Act, Laikipia County Emergency Fund Regulations 2020.
2. The Laikipia County Supplementary Estimates, 2019/2020.
3. The Public Finance Management Act, the Laikipia County Covid -19 Emergence Response Fund Regulations, 2020.
4. The Laikipia County Finance Act, amendment of schedule order 2020.
5. The 3rd Quarter report and the financial statements for the period ended March 2020.
6. The 3rd Quarter Car and Mortgage financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2020.

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*(Papers Laid)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Papers laid stands committed as follows;

1. The Public Finance Management Act, Laikipia County Emergency Fund Regulations 2020, is committed to the Delegated Committee.
2. The Laikipia County Supplementary Estimates, 2019/2020 is committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee as per the date we forwarded to them.
3. The Public Finance Management Act, the Laikipia County Covid -19 Emergence Response Fund Regulations, 2020 stands committed to Delegated Committee.
4. The Laikipia County Finance Act, amendment of schedule order 2020 stands committed to the Finance and Economic Planning Committee.
5. The 3rd Quarter report and the financial statements (County Government department) for the period ended March 2020 stands committed to all Sectorial Committees.
6. The 3rd Quarter Car and Mortgage financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 stands committed to the Labour Committee.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

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Bwana Spika, sababu ya kuja na huu mswada ni kwa sababu kuna kilio katika taifa letu na hasa tunaongelea kuhusu Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Kuna shida ya biashara kuwa chini kwa sababu ya hili janga. Ukiangalia hata maadhimio ambayo bodi la ushuru lilikuwa nayo ya kukusanya takribani bilioni moja, inaonekana ya kwamba itakuwa ni hadithi tu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tukiangalia mwelekeo wa taifa letu na hasa Kaunti letu, ningeomba Wajumbe kama waakilishi wa watu tuhakikishe ya kwamba tumeweza kusaidiana na wananchi ambao wako na faini nyingi lakini waweze kulipa deni bila faini. kulingana na vile Serikali ya Kaunti inasema, ni ya kwamba wakati tulipeana *waiver* ya 95%, walipata nafasi ya kupitisha na kuhakikisha ya kwamba yale mahesabu walinakiri kufanya, waliweza kufanya.

Kwa hivyo hawa Wajumbe wakiona ya kwamba inafaa kwa sababu sisi kazi yetu ni kubeba mizigo ya wananchi, tuwaondolee faini ili walipe deni. Kama mtu yuko na deni ya milioni moja aweze kulipa bila faini yoyote. Ninapoomba haya, kama mwakilishi wa watu ninajua ya kwamba tuko na mzigo wa kuhakikisha ya kwamba huu ugonjwa ukiisha tutamsifu Mungu. Ninaelewa ya kwamba mahali ambapo tumefika sio kwa nguvu ya pesa ama uzito wetu wa kifedha lakini kwa uwezo wa Mungu. Kama taifa na hata Kaunti tunashukuru Mungu kwa sababu hatujapata hata mtu mmoja.

Kwa hivyo tukumbuke kwamba wafanyi biashara wa matatu hapo awali matatu ilikuwa ikibeba watu kumi na nne lakini sasa inabeba saba au wanane. Kwa hivyo wakipunguziwa ushuru niko na uhakika ya kwamba hao wafanyi biashara wetu watakuwa wamepunguziwa mzigo kwa miezi miwili. Baada ya miezi miwili tuko na Imani ya kwamba huu ugonjwa utakuwa umeisha na kila kitu itakuwa kawaida kwa mambo ya malipo na kila kitu. Nikiketi

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ningetaka kumkaribisha Mheshimiwa Naibu wa Kamati ya fedha ili aweze kuunga huu mswada. Asante.

*(Hon. Mary Samken seconded the Motion)*

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand on a point of clarification before I contribute on this motion. The motion is good but I would wish to have a clarification on point number two on providing 50% waiver on monthly parking fees for the month of April and May, 2020 for matatu owners.

Mr. Speaker, we are already in May. Is it that the waiver will have those who have paid to go back and claim what they have already paid? On the waiver of interest rates, I would wish if the mover can agree to extend up to July due to financial constraints which our citizens are having. Those are the only clarifications that I need so that I can be able to contribute towards this motion.

**Speaker:** May be the mover could just give a quick response to that.

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, namshukuru Mjumbe kutoka Marmanet kwa sababu ya wazo lake. Ningetaka kuwaeleza ya kwamba hili ombi lilifika katika ofisi ya clerk.

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru**: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, ninamshukuru mjumbe wa Marmanet kwa sababu ya wazo lake. Ningetaka tu kuwaeleza wajumbe ya kwamba hii ombi ilifika ofisi ya Karani wa Bunge na tarehe ilifika hatukuwa kwa Bunge lakini tunapolijadili ni vizuri kusema kwa sababu ombi ilikuwa miezi miwili. Itabidi sasa tuwe na mwendelezo kwa sababu hatujakuwa kwa Bunge kwa sababu ilikuwa ombi la miezi miwili lakini barua ilifika kwa Karani tarehe hiyo ambayo tunasoma. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for the clarification and also for this Motion. Our people are really suffering, those who are in business do not have money in circulation. I support this with some reservation that if it is possible we give the waiver from April to August as we wait for his epidemic to come to an end. On the waiver of monthly parking fees, I would propose on the same.

This is a good idea and I support it and we need to see to it that people benefit Mr. Speaker. The issue I had is with the duration we are giving our people. With the duration we have, we will be unable to recover with the current state of the economy. This is a noble idea if we are able to incorporate the months ahead of us. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I wholly support with the reservations that those months will be included. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Maybe before I give Hon. Ndiritu, I am just concerned on the issue the Hon. member was raising on the extension of time. I find we have two ways to do it, we go as per what we have by the date stated that is April or May 2020 so that at the end of May we come and make an extension of the same. If not that way, then we move an amendment to the Motion to read April, May and June or whatever time that we want to extend to.

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I think it is good to give guidance to that so that as we make a decision we know whether we want to come later and maybe extend but at the same time we can make an amendment to the Motion or leave it as it is. Hon. Ndiritu then the leader of the majority party.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante Bwana Spika, pia nami nasimama kutoa maoni yangu na pia kuunga mkono ripoti ama mswada uliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa kutoka Igwamiti. Unajua katika Kaunti ya Laikipia wafanyi Biashara wako chini. Jambo ambalo ningetaka wakati tutakubaliana tufanyie huu muswada marekebisho kabla kufika Juni kuwe na marekebisho. Hiyo ninaunga mkono ndiyo pia wakati tunafanya hivyo tuweze kuwa na mabadiliko mengine kwa sababu wakati tunasema *'only matatu operators'* wapewe *waiver*, ningetaka pia ijulikane ya kwamba pia kuna mama mboga ambaye kwa wakati huu wako na shida.

Wakati ninasimama hapa ningetaka pia Waheshimiwa wajue kwamba mtumba katika Kaunti ya Laikipia hata wa leo wamefunga. Kwa hivyo kama tutafanya waiver kwa watu wa matatu, pia ningetaka tufanye hiyo 50% kwa wale wafanyibiashara wa mtumba katika Kaunti yetu. Hilo ni shaka Bwana Spika na ninaona ni jambo muhimu ambalo tunafaa pia kufanya marekebisho ya muswada kwa sababu muswada mwenyewe uko sawa.

Pia vile tunafanya *waiver* ya *land rates* 100%, ningetaka pia tuwe na marekebisho pia ingine ama tuongeze ya kwamba wakati tunafanya *waiver* ya *land rates* pia nao hawa *land owners* ama *land lords* waweze kufanya *waiver* kwa wale *tenants* wanaofanya Biashara kwa sababu hatuwezi kuwa tunauchukua matajiri tunawafanyia *waiver* halafu tunawacha *mahustler* wakiwa na shida ya kulipa yale manyumba.

Jambo la pili Bwana Spika, pia huu muswada uangalie mpaka *hawkers* wanaouza katika mji huu wetu wa Nanyuki na kwa hivyo ninafikiri maoni yangu ni hiyo na ninaunga muswada mkono…

**Speaker**: Order! Hon. Mutahi.

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Bwana Spika, ningeomba Mheshimiwa kutoka Thingithu atueleze hao *mahustler* atoa ufafanuzi zaidi ni akina nani ili niweze kuelewa kwa sababu sijaelewa.

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Ndiritu and as Hon. Ndiritu stands, I think it is important for us to appreciate that because of the number that we have, we need to at times shorten our comments so that we don't take so long. I think it will be important for us not to meet for many hours. I think that will be important for us.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante Bwana Spika, nikisema *mahustler* ninamaanisha wale ambao ni *tenants* katika hizo nyumba. Bwana Spika, kwa sababu hao ni *mahustler* na hao *landlords* ndiyo mabwanyenye. Kwa hayo machache ninaunga mkono huu muswada lakini tufanyiwe marekebisho na tuweze kuingiza hizi sekta ambazo zimeathirika zaidi na pia wakati tunafanya *waiver*, Tukumbuke ya kwamba pia tungetaka Kaunti yetu iende mbele na haitaenda mbele kama hakuna ushuru. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri tuweze kupima haya yote ili serikali iweze kuendelea. Asante Bwana Spika.

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**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I hurriedly also want to support this Motion by Hon. Kiguru from Igwamiti. I must congratulate him in a big way because at this particular time we need to consider our people in a big way because Mr. Speaker we all know that our people are suffering, people are not working and they are at home. Where these members can intervene and ensure that we save these people from much spending, I believe that will be the right thing to do.

This is very good thinking and a Motion that has come at a very good time. My concern in this Motion is that we need to make this information known to the public because many times we have come with a Motion of this kind and our people on the ground fail to have the information. When they don't have this information, they do not get the advantage of that time given. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is my request that all those in positions and those meant to reach the public need to make them understand and know the importance of the waiver. It will be of benefit, we know our people do not have money and as the Hon. Member representing the people of Marmanet has said something important that if we do not check the dates mentioned here, we shall not be fair to our people.

If this morning we approve this Motion the way it is, we will have done something that is not very correct because April is already gone, May is here and our people do not have the information. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I would wish and request that maybe this Motion is redone and we approve it to the expectation of the mover so that it benefits our people. Otherwise this is a good Motion and we have to tell our people to take advantage of this waiver because you can tell Kshs.4 billion is a lot of money that is out there. I therefore want to congratulate Hon. Kiguru and thank him for this important and good Motion brought in this House.

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, nimesimama kutoa mchango wangu na kwanza nimpongeze mjumbe kutoka Igwamiti kwa wazo hili lakini Mheshimiwa Spika pia kwa maelekezo yako kama vile ulisema kufanya marekebisho na muda yenyewe, mimi nitajiuliza maswali kadhaa. Sasa hivi tunaelekea mwaka mpya ya bajeti, ni siku zimesalia kidogo. Tunapolifanya hili kazi, pia tuliangalie sana kwa sababu siku za baadaye ama tutakapojielekeza kwenye bajeti itabidi tujiangalie sisi wenyewe tunapokata kauli tukiwa katika Bunge kupitisha hii muswada kwa sababu mwaka ujao tumebakisha siyo chini ya siku 45.

Hizi siku 45 sisi kwa mujibu wa sheria kuna sheria wanakusudia kutengeneza bajeti ambao kuna nyaraka zimewasilishwa ambao ni mwongozo kuongoza kwa kibajeti katika kila mwaka. Hivyo basi, tunapochukua maamuzi kama haya na kufanyia muswada marekebisho pia tuangalie siku za baadaye. Sisemi hazifai kuondoa asilimia mia kwa mia lakini tuangalie pia hayo tunayoondoa pia ni mapato ambao tunategemea kibajeti ambao itatuongoza katika maendeleo ya mwaka ujao.

Kwa hivyo tuwe makini sana tuangalie ni asilimia kiasi gani na ni muda wa aina gani ili tuweze tusije tukabana, ukiangalia hawa wajasiria mali ambao wanaendesha Biashara ya matatu, Kaunti huwa inapata mapato. Kodi inapata mapato na Bunge hii mwaka huu ama muhula uliyopita tulisema tuondoe *rates* ambazo zinakusanywa kwa asilimia fulani. Kwa hivyo

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hata kama kuna janga tuangalie ni wapi tunakoelekea, kule tulikotoka, mahali tulipo na mahali tunaelekea kwa sababu tusipoangalia baadaye basi bajeti yetu na pia itakuwa imeporomoka na mujue katika taratibu ya bajeti, kama sisi tulijiwekea kama tutakusanya zaidi ya milioni mia tano na tukose kuchukua hiyo pesa, ujue hiyo ni faini kutoka kwa serikali kuu.

Kama hatutaweza kufikisha milengo yetu, basi Mheshimiwa Spika bajeti yetu itakuwa na makosa na pia itakuwa inatubana sana kwa mwaka tunaoelekea. Niseme tunakoelekea sasa hivi Mheshimiwa Spika, ninaamini bajeti ijayo ndiyo bajeti yetu katika Bunge letu hili, nafikiri ni bajeti ya mwisho katika muhula wetu katika Bunge. Kwa hivyo mimi sipingi lakini tuangalie ni asilimia gani, muda gani na wapi kwa sababu bajeti tayari imetengenezwa na pia kuna ile makusanyo yetu, pia sisi katika kaunti tunaongozwa na sheria. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa nafasi hiyo na nikiendelea kidogo, umetoka maagizo kwamba twende haraka tusiwe tunakaa hapa na tuweze kufuata sheria. Mambo yaliyoko mbele yako ni ya muhimu sana katika kaunti yetu na ambayo hata hizo nyaraka zilizowasilishwa katika Bunge lako tukufu ni muhimu sana ambazo zinahitajika kufanyiwa kazi kwa umakini zaidi. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa hivyo siku ya leo ni kikao maalum na Bunge letu ni kikubwa, tuwafanyie wananchi wa Laikipia kazi.

**Hon. Daniel Mugweru:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance, I don't know whether it is because I have a wireless microphone, I feel like a pastor. Mr. Speaker I also rise to make my contribution to this Motion, as it reads and as per its recommendation. As Hon. Kanyutu has just said about the waiver for the month of April whether we are going to refund that money paid by the matatu owners, I also have the same concern…. (Audio Error).

This Honourable House because it shows that this is work that was supposed to be done in the month of march…. (Audio Error).

Probably Mr. Speaker, this Motion could have been tabled in the month of March thus this is also a wake up message to us that however much we are fighting corona, however much we are running away, we need to have at least a day or two in a week in this House because such things we are saying here could have been said in the month of March.

We should also consider it in a big way, having said that the Motion is good but my concern is this; we need to have a lot of amendments in this Motion. Today Mr. Speaker, the Hon. member for Igwamiti will rise up and talk of a waiver for the Matatu's, tomorrow another Motion will come by maybe Hon. Ndiritu speaking of hawkers. The day after I will come up with a Motion and say that since the waivers have come for Matatu's, also personal cars need a waiver. The day after you will hear someone coming with another direction saying that lorries carrying murram will need waivers.

Next you will hear an Hon. Member saying that COVID-19 is not selective, it has affected us all and car and mortgage needs waivers and at the end of the day we will find ourselves every day and hour having Motions on different issues. So Mr. Speaker we need to come up with amendments to this Motion and give our input on this so that we pass this Motion once which will cover everyone's interest in this County. So Mr. Speaker I still insist that we

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need to have those amendments before passing this Motion. In future, you will hear the tenants living in county houses also need waivers.

All these things are there, we need to sit down and give our inputs on this Motion and decide on how to pass this Motion. It is good that we are in this House and we can see how the staff had prepared the House and I have realised that our chamber is very spacious that we can have a distance of 2 meters each. Sometimes we need to be very honest, we are not fighting or at war with corona, we are preparing for war but now we are staying as if we are at war. As at now, it tells us that this House and plenaries should continue at least two days a week so that we may cater for all these issues that are happening. Thank you and I support the little part that is there and wait for the amendments. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Before I give Hon. Salma Hussein, we will all wait for the amendment without moving the same. So we need to agree if this Motion needs to be looked into so that we consider all the issues that need to be amended considering also what the Hon. member for Thingithu and Tigithi are raising that we need to have a balance of revenue versus how we help our people with these waivers so that we also don't come back having Motions each and every day for this groups of people so I will give Salma Hussein a chance but let us have a thought on the same. Hon. Salma Hussein.

**Hon. Salma Zamzam:** Asante Sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipea nafasi ili niweze kuchangia kwenye mswada ulioletwa mbele ya Bunge lako na Mwakilishi Wadi wa Igwamiti. Mheshimiwa Spika ni Mswada muhimu kwa wakati ufaao. Tunaelewa nchi yetu imeweza kupambana na janga la COVID-19, na tumeweza kuona imeathiri kila mahali Bwana Spika.

Sasa tukiongea kuhusu Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia ni vyema kabisa watu kupunguziwa, na tuweze kuangalia kila mtu ako kwenye karantini. Hawawezi pata hizo pesa za kulipa na ni vizuri serikali yetu ya Kaunti iweze kuwapunguzia kama Ndugu yangu alivyosema. Nikitilia mkazo kama walivyosema wengine, mambo yamerekebishwa na marekebisho ni vyema kabisa kwa sababu tumeona wameguzia mambo kidogo sana na tuko na vitu vingi vya kusema kama Kaunti ya Laikipia.

Watu wengi wameathirika hata wanaokata leseni pia wanalia sana, wanasema kazi zimeweza kufungwa hawawezi kulipa hizo pesa kwani hawawezi kupata pesa. Bwana Spika mimi natilia mkazo na naomba iwekwe kwa amendment haraka, ili iweze kusaidia Wanalaikipia na waweze kujihisi pia wako katika Kaunti ambayo inawashughulikia na viongozi ambao walienda Bungeni kuwashughulikia.

Bwana Spika kama alivyosema Ndugu yetu, Kiongozi wa walio wengi katika Bunge letu, ni vizuri wananchi kuhimizwa ama waweze kuelewa kuna mambo yanayoendelea kwenye Bunge letu la Laikipia. Pia sisi tunaweza kuwatetea waweze kupunguziwa mambo kadhaa ama kupunguziwa ushuru na kila kitu katika Kaunti yetu.

Tumeona serikali yetu ya Nderitu Muriithi, kuna kitu inaitwa 'zooming', sijui ni ya kufanya nini. Hio ni ya kuangalia kwa simu hata mimi nikiwa huko Laikipia Kakazini nashindwa na hio kitu, lakini ni vyema vile Ndugu yetu Mugweru amesema. Tuweze kupata sitting ya two weeks, siku mbili kwa wiki ili tuweze kuleta hizi shida katika Bunge na iweze kutekelezwa kwa haraka ili watu wa Laikipia waweze kufaidika.

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Asante sana Bwana Spika, naunga mkono yale machache yameweza kusemwa hapa lakini ni vizuri tuwe na marekebisho ya haraka ili tuweze kutilia mkazo au maanani kila kitu ambacho kimeweza kufanywa na Waiver of interest in Laikipia. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

**Speaker:** Honourable Christopher Mark, kisha Hon. Suge.

**Hon. Christopher Mark Said:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, first of all is to thank God that we are all here safe and with fellow Members. When this Corona started they had predicted doom, they had said that by end of April 10,000-15,000 Kenyans will be having this disease and there would be a lot of deaths everywhere. We thank God that He has been good to Africa.

I would like to support this motion, but just like my many colleagues have mentioned, I want to repeat the same thing, there is need for amendments. In fact, I would say one whole stimulus package. As much as Hon. Kagondu says the people in the market are affected, then even the farmers will come and say we need subsidies on the fertilizers. We also need to look at vulnerable groups.

I speak especially for the youth because we give them loans through the Youth Enterprise Fund and they are expected to pay these loans. These loans are usually for business, as you all know what is happening in the county, business has not been good. They still need to pay rent just like the Honourable colleague said here. We need to look at such things like the youth being given a stimulus package. I am not seeing the Chairperson for Finance and the Vice Chairperson is also not here but I know that Committee has Members here who I hope are listening.

Mr. Speaker has said we also give our input on what can be added. So, on my part I would look at a position where even the Enterprise Fund is looked at how, the youth who took these loans and are supposed to pay interest. Either this interest period can be extended or rather they are given more time to be able to pay, or even it is broken down in a way that at least they are not dented in this time when they are losing money and not making.

If we just pass as it is, we will come next week and my Sister here Zamzam who is a very strong Muslim will say it is good we subsidize the dates for the Muslims during Ramadan because there is no money. So, I would urge we have one stimulus package where these different sectors are looked upon. The Enterprise Fund, the youth who took it, how they can pay it, whether we will extend the period of payment, and such and so forth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon Joseph Suge:** Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ili niweze kutoa pendekezo na kupeana mawazo yangu kulingana na mjadala huu uko kwenye Bunge lako tukufu. Mheshimiwa Spika kwanza kabisa ningependa pia kuungana na wenzangu kuweza kumshukuru Mungu kwa sababu ya nafasi nyingine ambayo tumekutana kama Bunge ili tuweze kutekeleza wajibu ulio mbele yetu Mheshimiwa Spika.

Najua kwa wale wamekuwa wakifuatilia maongezi ya wananchi, na vilevile kwenye mitandao, wakaaji wengi wa Laikipia wamekuwa wakiulizia kama viongozi wako kwenye karantini. Ni kwa sababu wamekuwa wakifuatilia kuhusiana na Bunge na wakasikia ya kwamba tuko likizoni. Naungana na Mheshimiwa Mugweru ya kwamba ikiwezekana, kwa sababu lazima tuwatetee wananchi wetu, lazima tuweze kuwajibika kwa kazi iliyo mbele yetu na kuhakikisha ya kwamba watu wetu wana ulinzi na usaidizi wakati huu wa karantini. Ni mpaka tuwe kwenye Bunge ili tujadili mambo hayo.

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Mheshimiwa Spika nataka nimshukuru Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha, Mheshimiwa Kiguru kwa kuweza kuwasilisha hili ombi. Ya kwamba, wale ambao wana maploti na mashamba waweze kupewa waiver wakati huu. Ukiangalia hizi pesa ambazo ziko, shilingi Bilioni 4.9, hizi ni pesa ambazo wale wananchi ambao hawajalipa kaunti wamepigwa penalties. Hizo penalties zikitolewa hao wananchi watalipa shilingi milioni 300.

Tangu Homa ya Korona ilipozuka, watu wetu wametatizika. Biashara wakati huu ziko chini, soko zetu zimefungwa; ikiwa ni soko ya nguo, ikiwa ni soko ya mifugo, zote zimeweza kuathirika wakati huu. Naunga mkono wale viongozi ambao wamesema ya kwamba kunahitajika marekebisho. Mheshimiwa Spika, hili ni jambo ambalo limeongelewa kwenye kamati, ni jambo ambalo tumeita mpaka viongozi wa serikali upande wa uokotaji wa fedha na tumeweza kuketi chini na kuliangalia.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna kiongozi mmoja alisema, *"Tulipe ushuru tuweze kujitegemea"*. Tunajua ya kwamba hata wakati ambapo mambo yako sawa, kulipa ushuru haijakuwa jambo rahisi kwa sababu watu kulipa pesa imekuwa ni shida, lazima wafuatiliwe waweze kulipa. Juzi tumekuwa na *memorandum* ambayo ilitumwa na matajiri wa kaunti hii ambao ni *Ranchers*. Wakatuma ya kwamba, waweze kulipishwa ada ya chini kwa ushuru ya mashamba.

Sisi kama Kamati, kama viongozi wa wawakilishi wa Bunge tukasema hilo jambo hatutakubali. Kama Mheshimiwa Ndiritu alivyosema, tuwasaidie wale *hustlers*, kwa sababu wale *Ranchers* wako na mifugo na bado wanapata wageni. Wana uwezo wa kulipa ushuru. Tukisema ya kwamba tuweze kuangalia na kurekebisha, kila mmoja atasema hana uwezo wa kulipia. Kama kamati, tuliona ya kwamba jambo hili tulipitishe kwa sababu mambo ya ploti inagusa kila mmoja.

Kuhusu hii ya Magari, magari mengi hayaendi Nairobi waliokuwa wakisafiri mbali hawawezi kusafiri. Abiria pia wamepunguzwa kutoka kumi na wanne hadi watu wanane. Tuliona ya kwamba hawa wanastahili kupewa kipau mbele. Pengine homa itaisha na tukirudi kutengeneza Finance Bill ambayo itaanza hivi karibuni, kama janga la homa litakuwa limezidi pia tuweze kuangalia ni sehemu ipi itaweza kuangaliwa tukisonga mbele. Nikisema, na niweze kushukuru mpangilio wa serikali. Sisi kama kamati, tumesema ya kwamba wale wanaolipia leseni ya biashara wamepewa muda…

**Hon. Stephen Nderitu:** Bwana Spika, ningependa ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa wa Rumuruti, kwani anasema wenye *matatu* wanabeba watu wanane. Ningetaka aelezee Bunge hili kama wao pia wameshukisha nauli ili tuweze kujua kama hao wanapata faida ama hawapati.

**Hon Joseph Suge:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Hilo ni swali gumu kwa sababu tunajua mambo yaliyoko kwa saa hii ni kuwa sheria za Matatu lazima wapunguze idadi ya abiria waliokuwa wakibeba. Lakini mambo ya nauli hiyo ni kazi nyingine ambayo Mheshimiwa Ndiritu ametupatia ili tuweze kujibu baadaye.

Nikielezea Mheshimiwa Spika, Kaunti na sisi kama Kamati ya Fedha tuliongea na wale kwenye kitengo cha ushuru. Tukasema ya kwamba wafanyabiashara kwenye Kaunti yetu wapewe nyogeza ya muda ama muda mzuri wa kuweza kulipia ushuru. Kwa kuwa mwaka unaenda kufika tamati. Tukianza Finance Bill hiyo nyingine, tuangalie ni mambo yapi yanastahili kuangaliwa sana.

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Nashukuru kwa kuwa kuna majadiliano yanaendelea ili kaunti iweze kufungua soko la mifugo ili wafanyabiashara waweze kuingia mahali pale wakizingatia utaratibu uliowekwa na serikali. Kwa hayo machache naunga mkono na kumshukuru mwenyekiti na Kamati ya Fedha, kwa sababu ya wazo hilo Mheshimiwa Spika, asante.

**Speaker:** Honourable Members, I had advised that if you wanted to make an amendment maybe in the extension of time. We only need to move an amendment and if it is not moved, then it means we have not in any way amended the motion. The amendment has to be proposed, seconded and if that procedure has to be followed, then that is the only way we can be able to amend this motion. If not that, we pass it the way it is then we bring the extension and the amendments in another motion later to do the same, Honourable Member for Marmanet.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to move on amendment on this motion for the extension of time from April to August on the waiver of interest rates and penalties for land rates and plots. I also wish to move an amendment on the parking fee from the month of May to August. And also include other cars not only matatu owners. The parking for Matatu's and also the traders who are operating casually, maybe hawkers we waive and charge them halfway. I beg the Honourable Member for Thingithu to second.

**Speaker:** I think we also need to consider the financial year. Honourable Suge.

**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Mheshimiwa Spika, ningependa niweze kumrekebisha mwenzangu ya kwamba tukisema turefushe wakati hadi Agosti, tutakuwa tumeruka mwaka. Hilo ni jambo ambalo tuliangalia sana kama Kamati. Tukisema saa hii tumerefusha wakati iwe miezi minne na tunajua ya kwamba watu huwa wanalegea kulipa, itakuwa ni shida kwa sababu watu watakuwa wanangoja hadi siku ya mwisho.

Hata mambo ya *waiver* tulisema ya kwamba tunapeana hiyo miezi miwili ili watu waweze kukimbia na kulipa. Iwapo tutaona kuna watu wengi bado wanalipa, tulisema kuna nafasi ya Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha kusimama kwenye Bunge na kuomba ongezeko la mwezi mmoja. Ikifikia wananchi ya kwamba Bunge la Kaunti imeongeza *waiver* kwa miezi minne, watu hawatakuwa na nguvu ya kuweza kulipa kwa wakati unaofaa.

Ni mambo ambayo tumeongelea sana na tukaweza kuangalia kikamilifu tukaona ya kwamba hii miezi miwili ni mizuri. Ikifika hapo, baada ya miezi miwili Bunge linaweza kujadili na kuongeza muda Mheshimiwa Spika.

**Speaker:** I think the guidelines should be, the extension that we do make should not jump over to the next financial year. When that Financial Year comes we can still come and do a motion on the same. Secondly, the amendment we raise in a motion should not be seen to change the substance of that particular motion. Therefore, it means if you want to include other traders and other aspects in the same, we can bring that in the form of another motion.

In order to bring another motion, that takes care of all other groups all together and that is allowable in a different motion. This is so that we don't do some rush amendments and we put maybe the hawkers and as the Member for Umande said, tomorrow someone else comes and says those who own quarries in this County want a waiver, tomorrow we will say those who own private cars want some waiver for the parking fees.

Even this was supposed to come as two motions the way it was requested by the executive. One for the land rates and the other one for the parking fee. We thought because

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both are issues to do with waiver we can join them together. It is good for us to sit down and consider all the groups that need to have this waiver then we can draft a motion like this that includes all those groups. So that we don't leave out some people then we still have to come here tomorrow then we have to pass the same. The extension of time does not affect the substance of the motion because it is just an issue of extension. Honourable Kanyutu.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am very grateful for the correction and I would beg the 100% waiver of interest rates, to be extended from 17th April to 30th June. Also, provide 50% waiver of monthly parking fees from the month of May to the end of June. I also stand to be corrected, if we can remove the word Matatu's and we put parking. We provide a 50% waiver of monthly parking for the month of May for our vehicles.

**Speaker:** Can I intervene a little bit and say because of the issue we have at hand, the way it is much important to our people and at the same time it is also important as far as revenue is concerned and the issues also that are concerned and maybe that which we may not be able to deliberate and discuss hurriedly in this House. I would wish in my own wisdom, we defer this motion to the afternoon so that the Committee on Finance and all of us can then go and deliberate outside there on the amendments we need to include so that we have a comprehensive amendment to the motion.

I think that would be better rather than rushing the amendments maybe removing from Matatu owners to parking fees, if there is something we want to say 100% or 80%, let us give it time. I understand the fact that we have come today we have not been here, maybe we have not been able to meet the committees and we were not even aware of the details of this motion. I would request the Chairperson for Finance that we can still have this as one of our first business in the afternoon so that your Committee can now be able to respond to the Members. You can make them understand some of the issues that are there as they also make some inputs on the same. I think that would be the best way Members and therefore, I wish to defer that motion to afternoon.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Speaker:** Honourable Members, you may arise. This House now stands adjourned, until later today at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11:01 a.m.

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