REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 18th March, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

PAYMENT OF RESPECT TO THE LATE TANZANIAN PRESIDENT, MAGUFULI

Speaker: I wish to request the Hon. Members that we do rise up and observe a moment of silence because of our fallen hero, the President Magufuli of Tanzania. Even those who are in the gallery, kindly stand up.

STATEMENTS

HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

Speaker: Hon. Salma Hussein, it is time for statements.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante, Bwana Spika. Mheshimiwa. Muritu ananiamba ya kwamba hii ni Papers lakini wataalamu wanaweza kuniambia kwa sababu ni miswada ambayo tutakuwa nayo tunaporejea kutoka likizo fupi 06/04/2021.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the statements from Thursday afternoon, April 6th. It is notified that the HBC…

Speaker: What you are having? you are not moving a motion. What the Member of HBC is supposed to do is notify us of the business ahead and therefore you will read it as it is.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Sijaona Bwana Spika kwa sababu niko na makaratasi nyingi.

Speaker: It is in the order paper.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is notified that the HBC has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) April, 6 2021.

A. PETITIONS - Petition by the residents of Ngei Estate Nanyuki regarding the planned eviction of tenants in Laikipia County Government Houses by the Joint Committees of Finance and County Planning and Transport and Public Works laid in the Assembly on 11th March 2020.

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B. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS - Response statement No. 001/2021 to the Chairperson Health Services Committee (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua) raised by Hon. Joseph Kiguru (MCA Igwamiti ward) on 9th March, 2021 pertaining to the construction of Kiandege dispensary in Igwamiti ward.
C. PAPERS LAID - Report on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2021 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee laid on 3rd March, 2021.
D. PAPERS LAID - Report on the Debt Management Strategy Paper 2021/22 – 2023/24 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee laid on 3rd March, 2021.
E. NOTICE OF MOTION - Report on the Debt Management Strategy Paper 2021/22 – 2023/24 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee laid on 3rd March, 2021.
F. NOTICE OF MOTION - Report on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2021 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee laid on 3rd March, 2021.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) April 7, 2021

A. PAPERS LAID - Annual report for the 2019/2020 Financial Year by the department of Agriculture, Livestock and fisheries by the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee laid on 14th October, 2020.
B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Annual report for the 2019/2020 Financial Year by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and fisheries by the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee laid on 14th October, 2020.
C. MOTION - Report on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2021 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee laid on 3rd March, 2021.
D. MOTION - Report on the Debt Management Strategy Paper 2021/22 – 2023/24 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee laid on 3rd March, 2021.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) April 7, 2021

A. PAPERS - Report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.
B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.
C. MOTION - Annual report for the 2019/2020 Financial Year by the department of Agriculture, Livestock and fisheries by the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee laid on 14th October, 2020.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Afternoon) April 8, 2021

A. PAPERS LAID - Report on the Laikipia County Bursary Fund Annual Report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

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B. NOTICES OF MOTION - Report on the Laikipia County Bursary Fund Annual Report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.
C. MOTION - Report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

Asante, Bwana Spika. Hiyo ndiyo biashara ambayo Kamati ya HBC iliweza kuandika na ambayo tutakuwa nayo tunaporudi kutoka mapumziko mafupi. Asante.

(The Speaker left the Chair)

(Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua) took the Chair)

MOTION

REPORT ON STATUS OF SOCIAL HALLS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me also take this opportunity to give my condolences to the people of Tanzania following the untimely death of their beloved President, Magufuli. I would also want to thank the Speaker for the action that we have just done as a show of respect. I would also want to thank the initiator of the current introduction of the Order Paper for I realized how the Hon. Zamzam was a little bit confused.

It is good because when I also sat on the same seat, I was thinking that we have all these responses and petitions. The initiator actually came up with a good idea so that the Members could be set to know the programme of the following week instead of the abrupt businesses that used to arise without a notice. I think that if we go that way then we are in the right track.

Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the status of Social Halls in the county report by the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee dated 2nd March, 2021.

Madam Speaker, I know that all our Members have got the report with them and I would just like to go through it. On the preface there is a pictorial of Nanyuki Social Hall and it is clearly there. Allow me not to read it page by page because the Members are conversant on the establishment of the committee. I would want just to give an acknowledgement that the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee extends its gratitude to the Speaker of the Assembly, the Office of the Clerk and the staff for their continued support and commitment that resulted to the completion of this report.

The committee also wishes to thank and appreciate the firm support of the Committee Members for the successful compilation of this report. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the committee, I now have the honour to represent the report of the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee's status of Social Halls in the county. I just want to give some highlights on the social economic impact of the works. Madam Speaker, the culture of a community is important as it defines the values and social behaviours of people and thus it should be preserved.

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Some of the benefits that can be accrued in nurturing and preserving talents and culture include:

i. Promoting talent development and empowerment.
ii. It acts as a tool for integration and co-existence of the people due to the diverse practices of different tribes.
iii. Acts as a tool of socialization and a reflection of the culture of the people in a given society.
iv. The involvement of recreational activities is beneficial in keeping the youth active especially during their leisure time. This keeps them away from undesirable activities such as theft, drug and substance abuse, social immorality and the like which is detrimental to peaceful and national development.

The progress report of the work

The Department of Education and Social Services had been tasked with the periodic maintenance and renovation of the social halls within the County. I am hoping that Members are aware that there were those budgets. The Department carried out some renovation works during the Financial Year 2018/19 and thereafter the Committee undertook oversight visits to ascertain that the works had been properly done.

Methodology

During the visit, at each facility, the Committee interacted with the designated County staff who had been placed in charge, as well as some youth who were also undertaking trainings within the facilities.

NYAHURURU SOCIAL HALL

Madam Speaker, on page 6 there is the Nyahururu Social Hall and it's clearly indicated. The Committee made the following observations over the same:

1. A chain-link fence has been erected around the hall.
2. The hall does not have any seats. I think that one should be noted because a vacant hall without seats is not very functional. In the event of a public function, the caretaker usually hires from private parties.
3. There is no specialized equipment in the gymnasium.
4. The toilets are broken and require lots of repairs.
5. There is a leaking roof in the Red Cross office, and this can cause damage to the stored documents in the office.

Hon. Members these are previews of the Nyahururu Social Hall. When you turn to the other page; it is part of its interior, there is that gym on that second diagram. You can see in the first one Members interrogating, or discussing inside the hall.

The other page has the Karate team undertaking their training session and it is part of the noble exercise, actually an importance of the same. There is the Red Cross office, and I think that was it for Nyahururu as we had the observations.

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NANYUKI SOCIAL HALL

The Committee further went to Nanyuki Social Hall, which had been put up by the defunct Municipal Council. The hall is patronized by persons who engage in indoor games such as badminton, karate, darts, and boxing.

The Committee made the following observations:

1. The main gate and sentry has been renovated.
2. The hall has 60 steel seats, unlike the previous one that we've read without seats.
3. The floor has been repaired and tiled.
4. The walls have been repainted.
5. The ceiling has been redone.
6. Steel doors have been installed.
7. All the broken windows have been repaired and grills installed.
8. Gutters have been installed on the roof to enhance water collection.
9. There is active Wi-Fi within the precincts of the hall, which is accessible to all the players.
10. There are trade sheds that have been constructed under the Economic Stimulus Programme, though they are not in use.

Madam Speaker, them not being active and the shortage of facilities that we have, we observed that they need to be useful. You can see the newly constructed gate leading to the social hall and in the following page, inside the hall you can see the difference between the first hall and this one, the designation, and also walls and floors have been repainted. Those two diagrams clearly have the picture of it.

The other one is a consultative meeting with the attendant. You can see the Chair and Members very keen wanting to know, as their core mandate on oversight business, the welfare and how it is run. The other diagram is a section of the hall indicating repaired windows and steel doors. Those are some of the preview diagrams and I now want to jump to the third social hall of Rumuruti.

RUMURUTI SOCIAL HALL

Rumuruti Social Hall was constructed by the defunct County Council. It consists of a large hall that has been portioned using ply woods so as to create additional rooms within the existing main hall.

The Committee made the following observations:

1. There are 100 plastic chairs, but requires an additional 200 chairs, because the hall is sufficient to accommodate the same.
2. The existing doors and windows require additional reinforcement.
3. The Hon. Members also observed that there is no public address system.
4. There is no ceiling.

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5. The roofing is made of asbestos which is of poor quality and poses a health hazard. We realized that the asbestos isn't a good water harvesting roofing material; or rather that water cannot be used sufficiently.
6. The floor needs to be redone.

There again is a pictorial of the Members and the then Ward administrator, plus a display and good organisation of how the chairs are kept when the hall is inactive. We also look at the importance the hall when we hold meetings; when there are no ceilings maybe there is a lot of echo and that's why we have that diagram.

We also had a preview of the toilet. As the Hon. Members know, we have only four social halls in Laikipia County and this warrants, because I feel that every Hon. Member should hold a social hall. The last hall was the Marmanet Social Hall.

MARMANET SOCIAL HALL

The Marmanet Social Hall was constructed by the defunct County Council. It consists of a large hall that has small adjacent offices which are usually occupied by the existing law enforcement officers. The hall is mainly used for holding group meetings or for any gathering that has a common objective.

The Committee made some observations, that:

1. The hall has 50 plastic chairs that are used for general meetings. The seats were purchased in the Financial Year of 2016/17. I think that was during the last regime.
2. The Committee also observed that the hall does not have a single table. You know the importance of a social hall.
3. The hall needs to be fitted with a ceiling board, electricity, and the wiring works to be completed.
4. The main wooden door is weak and there are a few broken windows
5. At the hall's entrance is a water tank that is lying empty and unused. No water harvesting provision has been made. We've read previously, one of the prior observations of using substandard water harvesting roofs.
6. The main toilet block is in poor working condition. During these COVID-19 times, and other things, a lot must be done.
7. The main kei-apple fence is overgrown and requires regular trimming.

Madam Speaker, I think we have casual labourers, that even if we would have a shortage of workforce or even construction of the big buildings, we cannot fail on that part. We have a pictorial of the same, that is, the doors and windows that need to be repaired; our abled cameraman took these. The public toilet was also in a dilapidated condition.

On page 18 you can see a section of the overgrown fence that needs to be trimmed off because it can be a hideout for thugs. The empty tank that could be utilised for water harvesting is clearly there and I think if it would go as it is, and we know how they wear out Madam Speaker and I think if it would go as it is and we know how they wear-out if water harvesting is not done and how it is exposed, it is actually going to be out of use and be damaged by weather.

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In overall, the committee had observations and I know that Members have realized that there are some two or three merged observations from Nyahururu and Rumuruti Social Halls or Marmanet and Nanyuki. The general observations in the County Social Halls as we have seen were only four;

1. The halls are empty and do not have any indoor games equipment's.
2. Some sections of the roof are leaking. If God blesses us with rain, they cannot be of good use when it is raining.
3. There were dilapidated doors and windows in some of the halls. This one now creates another fear. If it would be used, maybe those indoor games equipment would actually be at risk because they are not safe without doors and windows.
4. There were insufficient seats/chairs to fit the halls.
5. The public toilets are broken and dirty. This a very crucial observation because when we talk of toilets it means they are not in the same compound for one it is all of them.. All of them are not in good state.
6. There is no access to clean water to the persons that patronize the hall. That was the other observation.

We also did some recommendations.

1. The department may consider purchasing indoor games equipment. The halls can be training grounds for nurturing and training talents such as boxing, karate, tae-kwon-do, dancing chess, darts, badminton, table-tennis as well as gymnastics. All those indoor games that we feel they can be of resource to the youth.
2. The leaking roofs should be repaired. Ceiling should also be fitted in the hall that do have one. Importantly is that there are those vibrations that maybe sometimes are produced. When we want to make cool meetings the ceiling also helps.
3. The dilapidated doors and windows need to be fixed and repaired.
4. Chairs and tables should be purchased and fitted in the hall.
5. The public toilets should be repaired and kept clean.
6. Gutters to be fitted on the roofs to enhance water harvesting especially during the rainy season.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think that the commitment of the committee should be clearly observed and noted so that when we talk of social halls, we have social halls that we always experience in other places that are in good condition. These halls can be used for hire in times of meetings and other things. If they are set with good budgets, I think they can be of resource. Especially not even money making but the engagement of our young ones, our youth, elderly, women and men can see the importance of the same.

The report is very elaborate and I am hoping that the Hon. Members, will join hands with me because I know it is actually important. Just to end at that, I beg the Executive to look forward to better budgets so that every ward can have at least one or two social halls. It is not all our youths who are fit in the open field games work but even the indoor games are crucial and critical. When they miss they tend to relocate and also leave their talents untapped.

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Therefore, I beg the Hon. Members to support this report and in so doing we are going to interrogate more on other playing grounds and social services that we are tasked to do and I know we are going to deliver for the Laikipians. With few or many words Madam Speaker, I beg the abled Hon. Chris Mark, who is the Deputy Chair, to second this motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): Hon. Chris.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I would like to commend the Committee for the good work of course led by my able Chair, Hon. Karuiru. I rise to second this; the youth indeed exist in a place, space and time. That time is when they get to eighteen to thirty five and that is when they need such facilities like the social hall where they can express themselves, feel free and have a safe space.

But most importantly are these budgets that are usually set year in and year out. They are not seen for what they have done to these social halls. I do support the chair sentiments, we need more social halls if possible in each and every Ward so that talents can be nurtured for cohesion to be built and also people can be busy and healthy. Sports is not only about cohesion and unity but also about healthiness. With those remarks few remarks, I urge my colleagues to support this report and I second it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bi Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imeweza kuletwa Bungeni na Mheshimiwa George Karuiru, ambaye ni Mwenyekiti tunayempenda na ambaye anafanya kazi bila kuchoka. Anaelewa maana ya kuwa hapa, kwa hivyo nampongeza na kuungana na yeye.

Bi Spika, kabla niendelee, pia mimi ningependa kutuma rambirambi kwa watu wa Tanzania, kwa kuachwa na Rais Magufuli. Ni Rais ambaye alikuwa mashuhuri na shupavu, lakini kifo hakina huruma pia kizuizi kwa maana hakuna mtu angefikiria ya kwamba Magufuli angeaga lakini tunakubali.

Ni vizuri pia sisi Wakenya ambao tuko hapa pia na wa Tanzania wote kwa jumla tuelewe kifo inaweza kuja kwa njia yoyote na watu waendelee kujikinga na huu ugonjwa wa korona. Sisemi ni korona ilimumaliza maana Magufuli alisema hakuna korona. Kwa hivyo Bi Spika, ripoti iliyoko mbele ya Bunge ni ripoti ambayo inaeleza ukweli wa vile kumbi za kijamii zetu ziko na ile hali, zile kumbi za kijamii ziko kwa wakati huu.

Ikizingatiwa ya kwamba hizi Ukumbi za Jamii, ni vyumba ambavyo vinafaa kutumiwa na wananchi, vijana, wazee pia kina mama kwa michezo mbalimbali. Pia ukiangalia Ukumbi ya Jamii ya Nanyuki iko, hiyo ndio ambayo tunaweza kusema kwamba kwa kweli wamejaribu kidogo na pia tungetaka tuweze kuiongezea bajeti ya kutosha ili iweze kuwa na vifaa zote ambazo zinahitajika. Marekebisho ambayo ilifanyika katika ile Ukumbi ya Jamii ya Nanyuki ambayo iko katika Wadi ninayowakilisha, ni marekebisho. Kwa kweli tuliona na tumeona ya kwamba imebadilisha sura ya Ukumbi ya Jamii ya Nanyuki.

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Tungetaka wakati bajeti itakapokuja Wabunge hawa ambao ndio wako na jukumu ya kuweza kuongeza bajeti kujenga hizo Ukumbi, sote tunafaa tuweze kuungana na tuweze kuiongezea fedha ili iweze kuwa maridadi na vifaa vyote ambavyo vinatakikana.

Kuna Ukumbi ya kijamii ya Nyahururu na Rumuruti ambazo kamati ilitembelea. Kama vile mwenyekiti amesema tungefaa kila wadi iwe na Ukumbi ya kijamii ili wakati Waheshimiwa wote wako na mkutano ama wakati wanaendeleza michezo katika wadi zao wapate mahali pa kuzifanyia. Kwa hayo machache nakubaliana na hii ripoti. Ni ripoti ambayo hakuna mtu atasema anapinga. Hakuna kuuliza swali kwa hii kwa sababu hii ni ripoti ambayo iko na ukweli mtupu. Hapa hakuna jambo la kuongeza kwa sababu katika uchunguzi mwenyekiti ameelezea kinagaubaga.

Ameongea kuhusu mapendekezo ambayo yakifuatilia hali ya Ukumbi ya kijamii zetu itainuliwa na Laikipia na tutakuwa tumefanya hatua mbele. Jambo ambalo ningetaka kuongeza ni michezo ya Kaunti ya Laikipia itiliwe maanani ili tuongeze fedha za kutosha na wale ambao wako na talanta wapate nafasi za kushiriki wakisimamiwa na serikali kwa sababu hii ni serikali ambayo wananchi walichagua na wanafaa kufurahia matunda. Kwa hayo machache naunga mkono mia kwa mia. Asante.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): Hon. Zamzam, be orderly by consulting silently.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Bi. Spika. Nakushukuru kwa hii nafasi. Kwanza natoa risala za rambirambi kwa jamii ya watanzania kwa jumla kwa kupatwa na msiba wa kiongozi wa taifa hilo. Sio tu kwa watanzania bali kwa jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki kwa jumla. Kama inavyokuwa katika nchi za Afrika Mashariki, kwa Bunge zetu huwa tunapeperusha bendera ya Afrika Mashariki na nchi zetu.

Ninapotoa rambirambi naomba kutoa mchango wangu na nashukuru sana kwa sababu mimi binafsi nina uhusiano wa aina fulani na watanzania. Nimekuzwa kwenye nchi hiyo, nina jamii na familia na nimeweza kufaidika. Tunapompoteza kiongozi kama huyo inakuwa ni pigo kubwa sana. Wakati Mheshimiwa Magufuli alikuwa uhai, mifano mingi imetolewa ya kwamba ni kiongozi wa kuigwa kutoka jamii ya Afrika Mashariki anayeutetea uzalendo wetu Waafrika mashariki.

Watu wengi waelewe sana ya kwamba tunastahili kumuenzi kiongozi huyo. Ametetea nchi yake na jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki na Afrika kwa sababu tulikotokea kutokana na sasa hivi ndiyo tunafikisha nchi zetu nyingi sana za Kiafrika. Tuko karibu miaka sitini na tunapopata viongozi kama hao na kuwapoteza tunakuwa tumepoteza dhamani kubwa sana ya taifa na jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki. Asante, Bi. Spika.

Ninapochangia ripoti iliyowasilishwa na Kamati ya Huduma za Jamii kwenye taarifa iliyowasilishwa kile ambacho kimeniguza si jinsi tunavyokwazwa na serikali kwa sababu naweza sema serikali hii imetukwaza. Katika Mji wa Rumuruti ambao tunakusudia kuwa makao makuu yetu utakuta katika serikali ya leo kuna vyumba ambazo zinakusanya maji na imewekwa vigae. Kulingana na wataalamu, nyumba yeyote ambayo imewekwa kwa vigae ni hatari kwa afya ya umma.

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Bi. Spika, tuko na uhusiano na mwenyekiti na kamati yake na naona hatuendi vizuri katika huduma ya jamii katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Fedha nyingi zimetengwa kuhusiana na vyumba hivyo. Hii serikali inanichanganya kwa sababu ilisema itatengeneza nafasi zaidi ya elfu thelathini katika Kaunti hii lakini unakuta vijana ambao ni viongozi wa kesho na ni tumaini na taifa la kesho katika kaunti hii vyumba ambavyo vinatakiwa kuhudumia wananchi hazina vitendea kazi.

Nimewahi kutembelea *Social Hall* ya Nyahururu na yale mambo tunasema tunafanya mambo makubwa kwenye Kaunti yetu lakini msingi wake ni hafifu sana iwe ni shule za chekechea, shule za anuwai na katika huduma za jamii. Wale ambao wanawakilisha serikali na kuwasilisha taarifa kuna mambo mingi sana kama siku ya leo niliona kwenye mtandao mmoja wa kijamii katika Kaunti ya Laikipia wakiweza kuorodhesha mambo ambayo serikali ilikusudia. Ilitaja kitu moja ambacho kilinigusa sana kama *uji program* kwa wanafunzi wetu.

Hilo jambo liliniuma sana kwa sababu ukiangalia kuna mikakati mingi sana ambayo tulikusudia kufanya. Niliona hili likiwa changamoto kubwa kwetu sisi ikikumbukwa ya kwamba kila mwaka watu wanapitisha bajeti. Bi Spika, Kaunti yetu imesimama kwa maendeleo. Tunaelekea mwaka wa pili wa bajeti na hakuna utekelezaji. Wanafunzi wamefunga shule na hakuna ruzuku iliyokusudiwa kupewa hao wanafunzi. Wanafunzi wengine watakuwa wameondoka kwenye kidato cha nne na vyuo lakini fedha ambazo tumetenga kwa zaidi ya miaka miwili haijakuwa kwa manufaa ya wanafunzi iwe ni michezo.

Katika Kaunti yetu, serikali iliyopita ilikuwa inatoa mipira kwa wanafunzi na vijana wetu lakini tangu nije katika Bunge hili miaka tatu iliyopita sijawahi kuona mashindano katika Kaunti yetu ili kuleta uhamasishaji kwa sababu ya ulevi na kuwajenga vijana na taaluma. Haijawahi kutendeka katika Kaunti yetu. Kwa hivyo ni changamoto kwa Kaunti yetu lakini tunaomba mungu asaidie na nitaungamana na kamati kwamba ikiwezekana kila wadi ipate nyumba ya huduma za jamii kwa sababu katika mikutano huwa tunatengeneza hema.

Maturubai ndio inawekwa wakati serikali inafanya mambo katika Kaunti yetu na Bunge letu. Hata nashukuru Bunge letu tumeweza kuona hili kwa sababu mashinani mwetu tuko na maofisi lakini wanakandarasi ndio wanapatiwa maturubai. Kusema ukweli tusipozinduka kwenye usingizi hii serikali haitupeleki mahali pazuri. Kwa hayo mengi ama machache naunga mkono ripoti ya kamati isipokuwa ilichelewa sana. Nashukuru, asante.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Madam Speaker for this chance to make my contributions on the report. I am sure the contribution is about the status of social halls not in Laikipia County but in Nyahururu, Marmanet, Rumuruti and Nanyuki. I am saying this because I know there is a social hall in Kalalu, Umande Ward and I don't know whether it was skipped or what happened.

Probably in the other wards some may say there are social halls in their respective wards. I am repeating this because some few weeks ago the same committee had moved around the county and selectively chose to go to the wards they represents and they are the same members in the same committee. It is a repeat of the same and I can see because Nyahururu has one member of the committee, Marmanet is on their way to Rumuruti and later Nanyuki which is next to the Assembly.

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I don't know whether they look for the easiest routes to bring up a report. I do not want to speak about other wards but the challenge is if truly these are the only social halls we have in Laikipia then it is a big challenge. We expect at least each and every ward to have a social hall. The Hon. Members and the Assembly at large should consider having a big budget for every ward to have a social hall because I believe that every ward has young people, women and groups that usually meet. If there are no social halls they must be meeting in tents or outside in the sunny weather.

So Madam Speaker, it is a challenge to us as we set the next budget to have at least one modern social hall in every ward. The ones existing, the four plus the one not in the report, it is surprising to hear that they don't have fixed doors. It automatically tells us there are no equipments in those halls. When we say toilets are Broken and dirty it means there are no active meetings that take place there. If at all there are meetings of standard, the toilets should not be dirty or broken down.

Madam, speaker, as much as we say that, it means that those social halls indicated here apart from Nanyuki which is improved, it tells us probably they are insecurity hotspots. That is where criminals will go and hide waiting for the late hours to move around town. Apart from the importance of social halls we should move with speed to clear those hazards like the issue of insecurity, broken toilets and doors because when you don't have doors it is open for everyone to hide where until the hour of their business comes to bring insecurity in our towns.

It is disheartening to hear that a County with a population of over 500,000 has only four social halls. I really don't understand how and where our meetings take place. The Committee in their recommendation should also include the issue of the Assembly setting a bigger budget to do at least one social hall in every ward.

Madam Speaker, in the bigger wards and big towns in this County like Matanya, whether Tigithi ward has another social hall somewhere else, Matanya is a big town. Wiyumiririe is a big town, all these towns need a social hall. Doldol town doesn't have a social hall. A whole sub county; it is a challenge. In the next budget we should think of setting funds for this. I support.

I also urge that committee in future to make a good research and understand how many social halls we have so that we don't have to go to routes that favours us most. The route of Rumuruti, down to Marmanet, down Nyahururu and later go next to the Assembly which is Nanyuki Social Hall. I support. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): May I now call the mover to make a reply.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me thank the Members for their observations that cannot go just unrecognized. One thing the Members should know, as highlighted, the four main Social Halls were done by the County Council and Municipal Council. It is a shame that the second regime, being as we are less considerate as Hon. Mutahi has said. Let us consider what our youths are doing.

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Madam Speaker, during the set up and I would want to answer Hon. Mugweru, that it is not us who formulate the budget. It comes from Executive. Our core mandate if oversight and representation. This is exactly what we have done. when the Executive gets this because they are the implementers they should realize and fill for themselves that there is no development of a particular new hall that has been done during this two times.

I hope that during supplementary or the coming budget for 2021/2022 they will be in a position to realize that we have done actually badly towards the involvement of the said social halls. Also the fields. We have a report of our stadiums. They are not good. The playing grounds, there is not even a single toilet. Consultatively, when they are formulating these budgets because we also focus on the interest of our people. They should always be considered. It is a weird saying that there is a particular followed or with interest.

When we are going there, there is no route that we go that is shorter than the other one. There is no discrimination Madam Speaker. Sometimes we as a committee and that is why we are the best abled committee in this assembly, we analyse and root ourselves on where we are going. We do things with a programme.

Madam Speaker, representation of any Member in this House should be fronted and in respect to that, I would want you guys to come to my ward. I have this facility, come see it and represent it so that we know. So, for that purpose you need to know we don't do this in malice or favour, but diligently and committedly. Thank you and I hope Members support the report. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT pursuant to Standing Order No. 29, this County Assembly do adjourn its sittings until 6th April, 2021.

Madam Speaker, this House has a business calendar. As a result, what we are doing is as per the Standing Order No. 29 and allow this House to break for short recess. The recess is important because we are in this House every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and even Mondays and Fridays some Members are always here.

Madam Speaker, going for a short recess is very much in order so that we join our people in the ground and we move together. We also want to know where we are going wrong and whether we are doing the right thing. I urge this House to support the short recess. With those few remarks, I call Deputy Leader of Majority to second this motion. Thank you.

(Hon. Mutahi bowed in secondment of the Motion)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Chris Mark: I support.

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Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you Madam Speaker. I also support the Motion. Human beings are not robots, it is important to go and rest. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): This House now stands adjourned until the 6th of April, 2021.

The House rose at 3.31 p.m.

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