REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 22nd July, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Sergeant at arms to ring the bell for ten minutes or until we achieve quorum.

(The bell was rang for one minute)

Speaker: You can confirm whether we have got quorum now.

(Quorum confirmed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kwa mambo inayohusiana na *county importance* kwa sababu tuko na ripoti ya kwamba kuna *CRUSHER* ambayo imetolewa hapa na ikahamishwa. Ninafikiria ya kwamba hilo ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kufuatilia na pia kufahamishwa katika hili Bunge sababu ya kuhamisha hilo *CRUSHER* na mahali imepelekwa hatuna imani na hatuelewi ni kwa nini imehamishwa. Kwa hivyo tungetaka haya mambo ishughulikiwe na iweze kuangaliwa kwa sababu huo mradi ni wa hapa Laikipia Mashariki na sasa tunasikia ya kwamba umepelekwa Rumuruti. Kwa hivyo tuko na hofu kwa sababu hatujui kama imeibiwa ama imeuzwa au ni kuhamishwa tu. Kwa hivyo tungetaka kuelewa ili tujue inaendelea namna gani. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Ndiritu. When you talk of matter of urgent county importance, that calls for us to adjourn meaning that we first put the order paper aside so that we can discuss that urgent matter of county importance. Standing Order No. 34 guides us on how to go about it and therefore it is important that we be guided by the Standing Order for us to be able to address that. So you can check and see what that Standing Order says. Therefore, Clerk you can continue with the next order.

STATEMENTS

UNIVERSAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to seek a statement from Chairperson Health Services Committee regarding the above mentioned subject.

Mr. Speaker, Article 43(1) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to healthcare services, including reproductive health care.

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Mr. Speaker, Universal Health Coverage is one of the big four agendas of the President's agenda with an aim to protect against high out-of-pocket expenditures through the extension of progressive pre-paid pooled funds, which can reduce or eliminate the financial risk associated with sudden unpredictable health costs.

Mr. Speaker, to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Laikipia County, the County Assembly Appropriated Kshs. 20,000,000 in the F/Y 2017/18 to support community workers and NHIF enrolment to UHC. In the F/Y 2018/19 the County Assembly appropriated funds to the tune of Kshs. 37,600,000 for social Health Scheme, Universal Health Coverage and subsidies in the F/Y 2019/2020, the County Assembly appropriated funds a sum of Kshs. 9,006,247 for Universal Health Coverage and in the F/Y 2020/21, the County Assembly appropriated funds to the tune of Kshs. 10,000,000 for Social health Insurance scheme, Universal Health Coverage and subsidies.

Mr. Speaker, the complaints from those registered vulnerable families and individuals is that the requisite amounts is not being remitted by the County Government to NHIF and so they cannot access health services as required.

Mr. Speaker, I request the Chairperson Health Services Committee to inform this House on;

1. How the aforementioned funds were utilized in each financial year and attach supportive documents for payment of the same.
2. Detailed list of beneficiaries, documentation to show the payments to NHIF (Receipts, amounts paid for each beneficiary)
3. The Criteria used to pay NHIF to different beneficiaries.
4. What plans do they have to ensure that the beneficiaries get access to health care?

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful and also to urge through your Chair that this is a very important issue because as you know, in this House we have to do oversight. Any amount of money approved here in those financial years, I am interested to know how vulnerable families in Laikipia have benefited from the same amount which we have appropriated in this House. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member for Igwamiti. The Chairperson of the Health Services Committee, how much time would you wish to have so that you can respond to the statement?

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: One week is enough for me.

Speaker: One week is okay?

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Yes.

Speaker: Then you will respond…

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: To that matter.

Speaker: To that matter, on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. You also had a statement to read?

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Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 45(2) c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee regarding the above mentioned subject.

Mr. Speaker, the County Assembly appropriated Kshs. 20,400,000 in the financial year FY 2018/19 for Phase II construction of Nanyuki stage kiosks Phase II in order to promote trade and market infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, to date, the County Government has constructed 12 stalls out of 44 which were expected to have been undertaken in the said FY.

I request the Chairperson for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee to inform this House on;

a. The funds that have been utilized in the construction of the 12 stalls.

b. Plans in place to ensure that the expected 44 stalls are completed.

Thank you.

Speaker: Chairperson for Trade and Tourism, or the Vice Chairperson? Hon. Christopher Mark, how much time do you need to respond to that?

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, I am just a mere Member. Since I cannot see my Chair or Vice-Chair, or any other Member in that case… there is one Member, Hon. Mutahi.

Speaker: Who is the Vice-Chair?

Hon. Chris Mark: The Vice-Chair is Hon. Meshami, but being an old Member of the Committee from 2017, we would request a month. Sorry, Mr. Speaker, there is a colleague from the same Committee saying that we should give him…

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, mwenendo unaoendelea, na majukumu yetu kama Bunge na hii serikali, tukichukua muda sana nafikiri mambo yanaendelea kuwa segemnege kwenye hii Kaunti. Mimi naomba wiki moja tuwaulize na watujibu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I am a Member of that Committee. As per the law, we need to write a letter to these people for them to give the information. So we need two weeks, one week whereby they will have received the letter and they respond, and then we can do it next week. On behalf of our Chair…

Speaker: Hon. Members, I think I need to give a directive. One of the Committee Members said one month, another one said two weeks and another one said one week. I need to give you the balance, that is, two weeks in case we do not proceed for recess. If we proceed for recess next week, then immediately after recess. On that particular Thursday, that matter should be responded to. I believe that you will not have to give excuses because you have ample time to do that work.

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, Sir, being that you have mentioned recess, I think we would go with Hon. Mutahi's earlier communication. I think one week would be enough. You know this is a big Committee. We used to be five but now we are seven, so we are working even harder than before.

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Speaker: So having more membership added strength to the Committee? Well and good. You will then respond in one week. If you are not able to respond in one week you can still inform this House. On the week that we come back from recess, that matter should be responded to. If you will have finished in one week, at least you can inform the House. If you will not have completed then you can tell us about the progress.

Speaker: Just a minute, Clerk. Hon. Veronica Ikunyua?

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not get the time because they are saying one month and you have said one week…

Speaker: What we are saying, I had given them three weeks taking into consideration that we are going for recess. When the Committee Member said that they will have finished by next week on Thursday, I said let them respond by Thursday. I have said let them respond in three weeks but they can give us their progress next week on Thursday. If they will have completed, well and good.

MOTIONS

[Resumption of previous debate dated 21/07/2021]

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE LABOUR, SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2019 dated 6th July, 2021.

(Question put and agreed to)

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

THAT this Assembly adopts the report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee on quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 by the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources dated 8th July, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, the committee comprises of;

1. Hon. Simon Kanyutu- Chairperson
2. Hon. Patricia Muthoni- Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Robert Maina- Member
4. Hon. Mutahi Muritu- Member
5. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu- Member

The scrutiny of the Quarterly report, according to the committee's mandate Standing Order (191), the committee held one meeting to scrutinize the quarter report for the period ending 30th September, 2019 for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources in order to report back to the House. After scrutiny of the report, the committee wrote this report in order to present it to the House for adoption.

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On behalf of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I wish to extend my gratefulness to the Members of this House for the support they have always accorded to the committee. Secondly, I wish to acknowledge the Members of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for their continued commitment.

Lastly, I wish to recognise your office and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia for the support accorded to the Committee which has enabled this committee to perform its oversight mandate.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department received an allocation of Kshs. 4,504,897.00 for the period under review. However, out of the allocation, the department had an accrued pending bill totalling to Kshs. 79,383,522.00 for the period under review. This information is illustrated in table 1 and 2 below;

Types of Works	**Amount of Pending Bills**	**% of Total Bills**
Civil Works	49,354,386.00	62.17%
Supply of Goods	15,240,830,00	19.20%
Supply of Services	14,788,306.00	18.63%
Total Outstanding Bills	79,383,522.00	100.00%

As per the table, there is Allocation and absorption rate,

Program/ Sub program	**Allocation Kshs.**	**Expenditure Kshs.**	**Absorption Rate (%)**
Administration and Planning Services	2,754,897.00	-	0
Personnel Services	1,250,000.00	-	0
Strategic Project Monitoring and Intervention	500,000.00	-	0
Totals	**4,504,897.00**	-	**0**

Committee Observations

The committee observed the following;

1. That an allocation of Kshs. 4,504,897.00 for the period under review was not executed. The absorption rate was 0%
2. That some pending bills were carried forward from March, 2018.
3. That Civil Works had the highest pending bills of Kshs. 49,354,386.00 representing 62.17% of the total pending bills (Kshs. 79,383,522.00).

Committee recommendations

The committee recommends that;

1. The department to prioritize on clearing the pending bills

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2. The House adopts the committee report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is what I had for today and I call upon my able Vice Chair to second.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this motion and to urge Hon. Members to support this motion.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I support the report but having supported the report it is also important to note the importance of this report. Why we get these quarterly reports is to understand how the department is working. If you look at the committee's observation, it is that the allocation of that 4,504,897.00 in that quarter for the period under the review was not executed.

The absorption rate was 0% and such reports of 0% have been coming into this House. It is our time to wake up and stand for the people of Laikipia, the people who work for us because we enjoy the services they give us. It is also important that the services that they render to us be paid.

If you look at the observation is that some pending bills were carried forward, it is very clear that this report is the quarterly report dated 30th September, 2019. As the committee has done the report you see even the report is coloured and I have never seen such a report so it is new to us and the report today is coloured from that department.

Having carried the pending bills from 2018 March to 2019, it is a bit challenging when we see that there are people who rendered services and in one way or the other they were not paid. You see the highest works that are the civil works, and you know when we talk of civil works it means that person invested heavily because it is something that we can see, and something the people of Laikipia can enjoy.

It is so unfortunate when someone does something that you can see, only to find that we are enjoying it and the person is not enjoying it. I echo the words of the committee when they say that the department should prioritize on clearing the pending bills. I do not know whether it was like that, it was department should prioritize on clearing the pending bills and I do not know what was ahead of that.

I am more interested in that one, that they should prioritize on clearing the pending bills. You would rather not work extra if you cannot clear the debts that you have. Even when we get salaries for ourselves, the first item should be clear the debts.

When the committee says that the department should prioritize the clearing of debts, it is so important for this House, for the people of Laikipia and for the business community that rendered services to us. How do you enjoy a health centre or perhaps a dam when the person who did the work is crying out there?

How do you enjoy when someone rendered a service and you are enjoying it, it is satisfying your needs yet the person who did it is out there crying with banks going after them day after day? It is very important that when a person renders a service, they should be paid.

The first thing is that we are the ones who set the budget. We give an itemized budget. If we set one million for a specific reason, when someone renders that service the best thing to do is to pay that person.

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Mr. Speaker, I support and urge the committee to move with speed in making sure that the priority in this department is no other development but to clear the pending bills. Those people who rendered services to us are suffering and walking out there under threat from banks, so the honourable thing for the department to do is to clear those pending bills.

There would be no need of proposing more development when someone out there is crying because he was not paid. I support the report and call upon the committee to ensure that even in this House, if we find that a department has not cleared the pending bills for the last 2 to 3 years, we should stand as a House and say that we are not proposing more development in that department unless they clear the pending bills first.

We should join hands in the same because the people who do business in Laikipia, at least 70% are the people who live in this county and the people we represent. So there would be no reason for itemizing other development projects whereas your brother, sister, neighbour, constituency mate or ward mate is suffering having rendered service to this county and not being paid.

Mr. Speaker, I support and I call upon Hon. Members in that committee to go an extra step and follow the people who are in charge of that department and push them to make sure that before doing anything else, they fist clear the pending bills. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, nakushukuru kwa hii nafasi lakini ripoti zingine ambazo zinakuja katika Bunge hili zinakufanya usikie kulia. Swala la maji ni uhai lakini ukiangalia kwenye hii ripoti, ilitoka tarehe 30 mwezi wa Septemba mwaka wa 2019. Tulikuwa na mwaka wa 2020 ambao tulipitisha bajeti kwenye hili Bunge. Swala ambalo linatuchanganya ni mwenendo na mstakabadhi wa Bunge la serikali. Katika Septemba, 2019 walitumia milioni nne lakini huo mwaka iliisha.

Bado leo mwaka ni wa 2021 tunaulizana madeni. Hili Bunge lilipitisha bajeti ya mwaka jana ya milioni 703. Mwaka wa juzi tulipitisha zaidi ya milioni mia nane na bado ukitoka huko nje watu ambao walitoa huduma iwe ni kuchimba kisima na kuweka *Solar* wanalia. Wanauliza kunaendelea aje. Nitasema kitu kimoja na naomba nikosolewe, tunasema uchumi wa Kaunti yetu unakua kwa asilimia fulani. Naamini kukua kwa uchumi ni mzunguko wa fedha. Mzunguko wa fedha ni bajeti ambazo tunapata mgawo.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nashindwa nitafanya nini wakati kisima ambacho kilichimbwa kijijini kwangu, mtu ambaye alichimba miaka mbili iliyopita tunatumia na huyo mtu halipwi. Kuna idara ambayo tunastahili kushughulikia. Naungamana na ndugu yangu kutoka Umande hata kama kuna idara tunashughulikia, hiyo idara inapata mgawo kutoka kwa Wizara ya Fedha na mipango. Wizara ya Fedha na Mipango imekuwa kama miungu katika hii kaunti.

Tumeshika raslimali za wananchi wa Laikipia na leo nataka taarifa nijue zile vitu ambazo zimeuzwa kutoka Kaunti yetu kama tinga na zingine kwa sababu zile ambazo tumekodishwa zimelala huko kwa zaidi ya miezi mitatu. Hakuna mafuta lakini bajeti ikikuja, fedha zinaenda na hatulipi kandarasi. Watu wamekopa katika benki na sasa tutaonekana tuko wa mbaya. Naungana na Mheshimiwa kutoka Umande hadhi ambayo niko nayo, kama sisi watu wa Tigithi singekuwa na hiyo heshima ya kuingia kwenye Bunge hili.

Sikutumwa kwenye hili Bunge kuimba pambio. Panapohitajika kuimba pambio kama kuna kitu kimefanyika cha busara nitafanya hivyo kushukuru serikali kama kuna mahali wamefanya. Kama kuna mahali pamekwama tuangalie. Saa hii wewe Mheshimiwa Spika ni shahidi kwamba ukizunguka huku watu wanakulilia na kuuliza ni kwa nini hatuwalipi na kwamba walikopa. Unashindwa hii ni dunia gani.

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Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi niko kwenye hii kamati lakini tutaenda kuwauliza hawa watu. Inaonekana kana kwamba hapa kuna biashara mbili kwenye idara zote. Kuna aina mbili za biashara, kuna zile ambazo kuna watu wako na nia nazo na zinalipwa lakini zile za mwananchi wa kawaida zinasubiri. Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna *pending bills* za serikali iliyopita na wengine wamekufa kwa sababu ya madeni. Sio kwamba hatupati mgawo, tunasema tunakusanya kodi sana. Tunakusanya kodi tunapeleka wapi kama hatupatii wananchi wetu haki.

Kulingana na kamati, tulisema watu walipwe madeni kwanza. Watalipwa kweli kama hawakulipwa mwaka jana kusema ukweli. Kuna watu tutaanza kushughulikia hapa na nitakuwa mstari wa mbele. Sasa hivi naelekea uchaguzi na sitakufa kifo cha mtu. Itabidi tuwajibike. Mheshimiwa Spika, nitakuwa kwenye hiyo kamati na naona mwenyekiti hapa akicheka.

Ndio sababu wanaleta sheria zingine za ovyo ili wananchi wetu watuweke kwenye kitanzi na wachukue mamlaka yetu. Msithubutu hapa kwa sababu tutawaletea mpaka raia wote wa Laikipia. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Hayo ni maoni yangu....

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi you cannot speak on what is not in the HANSARD. You must put on the microphone and repeat what you have said.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante.

Speaker: You were speaking when the microphone was off.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Hii serikali inaua watu haki ya mungu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought he was going on because I wanted a point of clarification. He is a Member of the committee yet he has started questioning the committee. Recently we had public participation and he was questioning yet he is a member of that committee. I don't know how he will work in that committee if the Member can issue threat whereas he is a member of the committee.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Tulipofanya *public participation*, nilikutana na raia na ninasema vile raia walisema. Kama utaona kuna hatua zingine ninaweza kuchukuliwa kwa sababu niko kwa kamati nisiseme ukweli. Mheshimiwa Spika anasema kwamba niko kwenye hiyo kamati na tulizunguka kwa wananchi. Wananchi walisema hiyo sheria ni mbovu. Sasa kama wewe unaona...

Speaker: You do not address the Member directly.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, sikuchaguliwa kwenye kamati niwe naimba pambio niliyotangulia kusema. Kama alifikiria nitakaa kwenye hiyo kamati nikiimba pambio kwake, basi nishughulikie. Sitakubali...

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Mr. Speaker, I want Hon. Mutahi to give the Chairperson for Water Committee respect.

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi be seated. Hon. Patricia come back.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Mr. Speaker, I was just saying Hon. Mutahi should give the Chairperson for Water Committee respect.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Sijui heshima inapimwa na kiwango kipi kwa sababu sijui ratili ambayo inapima. Ni heshima gani ambayo hapewi. Nilizunguka na nimesema maoni yangu. Sijui kiwango cha kupima heshima Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka maelezo zaidi kutoka kwa naibu wa mwenyekiti anieleze ni mizani gani inayotumika kupima heshima. Ni kana kwamba

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sijampa mwenyekiti heshima. Mwenyekiti ndiye alisema ni lazima nikubaliane na maamuzi iliyotolewa na kamati. Nitakubaliana aje, basi mimi ni kinyago kwenye kamati na sina haki zangu. Nina haki zangu za kimsingi za kuweza kutetea na kusikiliza maoni kutokuwa mwanachama pia mimi ni Mjumbe aliyechaguliwa na wananchi na nasikiliza uma.

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi, maybe for advice. What happens even here in the House, at times we have so much heated debates. All Members must not agree to one thing and therefore we say the majority have their way, while the minority have their say. Once the majority wins maybe even that committee you can get to a point of voting, once you vote that becomes the report of the committee. You are bound by that report, Hon. Karuiru had something to say before I get back to Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Due to avoidance of doubt, that is why the committee Members have an odd number. Three, five, seven, nine and so forth and I think my fellow Hon. Mutahi, might have disagreed with the committee and that is why he voted against the same. I think it is his right as a Member of the committee on Agriculture to disagree with the same report and it should be respected, thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to make a reply and I also need to answer the issue the Hon. Member has raised. It is only that he is not opposing this one, he is now raising concerns on some issues that we are supposed to tackle before they are even brought to the floor of the House.

I thank the Members for seeing the importance of this report and accepting that as a committee, our proposal is the right one. First we deal with the pending bills before initiating more projects. Therefore, I support and I beg the other Members to support our report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: I think the Chair has responded to that and Hon. Karuiru said the Member has a right to his opinion but the only problem is that he is raising issues to a bill that has not yet come to this House where they conducted the public participation. *Standing Order No 82, it shall be out of order to anticipate the debate of a bill which has been published, as such in the gazette by discussion upon by a substantive motion and an amendment or by raising the subject matter of the bill upon a motion of the adjournment of the Assembly.*

I think that guides us but you know in the House you keep on lobbying each and every moment. If therefore the Chair is able to lobby the Members of the committee, all of them including Hon. Mutahi, well and good for him. It depends on how active they are and how influential we are. Therefore, I think it is Hon. Leader of Majority to make your contribution then the mover may reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I thought the Chair did not want my contribution because he stood and said he wants to reply. I stand in support of the report of this committee and also to concur with Members Hon. Mugweru and others that this is a very poor work done by the department of this Agriculture.

When you look at the committee's observation that some pending bills were carried forward from 2018 March, I think this department we should even disband it as this House. How can we have boreholes in our wards, we have a lot of work done by this department and yet our people are dying because of not being paid their dues.

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I remember when this Second Assembly was sworn in, we were talking on top of mountains that the previous regime have a lot of pending bills. Here we are almost ending our term and here we have more than a billion pending bills. It is the high time to deal with this and I don't know what to call them because I would want to follow the Parliamentary language. I do not know whether to call them thieves because every financial year we pass appropriate money to those departments to pay the same pending bills.

I do not understand but I know across all departments we have the same issues. I do not want to talk more but I know this Assembly can deal with this department and make sure that our people are not dying because of cases, banks on their necks dealing with them almost taking everything. Here we shall celebrate almost ending our term and it is high time for this Assembly to come up with a way, we collect all pending bills and say enough is enough. We must pay our people. I support the report of committee and also to have a way forward as an Assembly. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Speaker: May the mover make a reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Members for appreciating the report and am happy because most of them are realising the pending bills is an issue. This quarterly report was on September and I am sure after the budget is passed, we always have a delay on the release of funds. We may not blame the Ministry as per what is seen but we need to also get the recent quarterly report to see the progress. I beg the Members to pass this as we push for these pending bills to be paid thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 27th July, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3:04 p.m.

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