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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 2nd December, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, can you confirm whether there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to ring the Quorum bell for ten minutes.

(The bell was rang for two minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, can you confirm whether we have got quorum now.

(Quorum confirmed)

STATEMENTS

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have got a statement on the tentative business as follows after we assume from recess; it is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) February 8th, 2022

A. **PAPERS**-Report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resource Committee on County Government of Laikipia quarterly reports and financial statements for the period between July 2019 and June 2020 for the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

B. **PAPERS**- Report by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of County Public Administration.

C. **PAPERS**- Report by the Education and ICT Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Roads and Public Works.

D. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**- Report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resource Committee on County Government of Laikipia quarterly reports and financial statements for the period between July 2019 and June 2020 for the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

E. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Report by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly

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reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of County Public Administration.

F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report by the Education and ICT Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Roads and Public Works.

G. MOTIONS- Report by the Transport and Public Works Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Roads and Public Works.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) February 9th, 2022.

A. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS - Response Statement No 004/2021 by the Health Services Committee raised on 22nd July 2021 by Hon. Joseph Kiguru pertaining to Universal health programme so called NHIF Subsidy for indigents and vulnerable.

B. MOTIONS - Report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resource Committee on County Government of Laikipia quarterly reports and financial statements for the period between July 2019 and June 2020 for the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) February 9th, 2022

A. MOTION- Report by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of County Public Administration.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Afternoon) February 10th, 2022.

A. PAPERS - Report by the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Sports and Social Services.

B. PAPERS - Report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Finance, County Planning and Enterprise Development.

C. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Report by the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Sports and Social Services.

D. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Finance, County Planning and Enterprise Development.

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E. MOTION - Report by the Education and ICT Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Roads and Public Works.

Mr. Speaker, that is the tentative business as we approach next year. I urge the different committee Members to deal with their reports, papers and notices of motions to ensure that as we come next year we shall be energized to give the Laikipians the required services. Thank you.

MOTIONS

QUARTERLY REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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

THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Health Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the department of Medical Services and Public Health for the quarter ended 30th June 2021 dated 25th November, 2021.

I believe that everybody has got a copy and therefore I wish to start reading. Mr, Speaker, the Health Services Committee deals with all matters related to County Health Services including, in particular County Health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession), cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal.

The membership of the Committee is derived from Standing Order 191(1) and it comprises of the following:

1. Hon Veronica Ikunyua - Chairperson.
2. Hon Catherine Nyawira - Vice Chairperson.
3. Hon Daniel Nyausi - Member.
4. Hon George Meshami - Member
5. Hon Peter Thomi -Member

Committee Mandate

The Committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191 which provides that it shall consider, for approval of the House appointments under Article 179 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya.

Committee Meetings

The Committee held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document as required prior to tabling it in the House.

On behalf of the Health Services Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report. May I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process?

Committee Establishment

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The Committee on Health Services was constituted by the House on 28th September 2017 during the First Session of the Second Assembly in Laikipia County. It is one of the Sectorial Committees established under Standing Order No. 191(g) with the mandate to make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Statement of Management Responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Executive Member for Finance and County Planning is responsible for preparation and presentation of the County Governments Financial Statements, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Government at the end of this quarter ended September 2019.This responsibility includes:

1. Maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period.
2. Maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the County government.
3. Designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud.
4. Safeguarding the assets of the County Government.
5. Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies.
6. Making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Government's financial statements were approved and signed by the CECM for Finance and County Planning on 30th July 2020.

The medical services department fund financial statements.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Health is one of the key departments in the County Government as per the Fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya. It is a major contributor to the social pillar of vision 2030.The County Department of medical services is charged with domestication and development of health policies, laws and programs and coordinates their implementation.

At the end of the quarter, the county had invested heavily in readiness and preparation to tackle Covid-19 cases that may arise. The county created an ICU facility and Covid-19 isolation centres, with a continuous aim of boosting the bed capacity in the isolation facilities.

During the quarter ended June 2020 the County Executive budgeted for Kshs. 2,061,059,514 of which Kshs. 1,205,805,870 was realised representing a 59% budget realization.

During the quarter ended 30th June 2020 there were some transfers made from the ministry of health as illustrated below? The County Executive during that quarter received a total disbursement of Kshs. 638,029,423.

Transfers from National Government entities

DESCRIPTION	**QUARTER 4(2019/2020) (Kshs)**

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Leasing of medical equipment	131,914,894
Abolishment of user fees in health centres and dispensaries	9,968,208
Covid-19 grant	91,344,000
TOTAL	**233,227,102**

The Medical services County own generated revenues were at Kshs. 72,393,898 for the quarter ended 30th June 2020 from the public Health and facilities operation. Mr. Speaker, Sir the quarterly report and statement did for the period ended 30th June 2020 did not have any information on how the budget was executed for the Medical services department. The budget execution usually indicates how different programmes and sub programmes have utilized funds budgeted for during that particular quarter.

Committee observations

a) That the budget execution report for the Medical services for that quarter was not included.

b) That the county Medical services had not received any foreign grants by the end of the quarter.

c) That there were high revenues realized from the hospitals contributing up to 34% of the overall county own generated revenue for that quarter.

Committee recommendation

a) That there should be an improvement in payments.

b) That the Medical services allocation should be enhanced bearing in mind that the department's contribution to revenue collected is also high.

c) That during the next quarter reporting the budget execution of the Medical service department should be captured.

Committee conclusion.

That this House adopts the Health Services Committee report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The report is self-explanatory and clear on observations and recommendations. Therefore, allow me to call upon my Deputy Chair to second.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Firstly, I would wish to thank the Committee Members and our able Chair for ensuring that this report is brought into this House on time. Secondly, I would wish to second this report and urge my fellow Members to do the same. This is an annual report from the Executive showing how money was spent.

Mr. Speaker, lack of money being spent during the correct time was a result of the failure by the National Government to realize the money in time. So I ask the Members to support. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kwanza nataka kushukuru kwa kazi ambayo imefanywa na Kamati ya Afya. Nataka niwapongeze kamati pia kwa sababu

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wamefanya kazi yao kulingana na sheria na inavyostahili, lakini nimeona ya kwamba hii ni ripoti ya robo ilioisha 30/06/2021 na ambayo ndiyo robo ya mwisho wa mwaka. Hii ni ripoti ya mahesabu kumaanisha ya kwamba wanaeleza vile ambavyo walitumia pesa na pia vile wizara imekuwa ikitumia bajeti yake.

Ninapoangalia hii ripoti ninashangaa kwa sababu isipokuwa tu mahesabu ya *leasing of equipment na abolishment of user fees in Health centres and dispensaries and Covid-19* ambayo ni milioni 91, hawajaelezea vile ambavyo wametumia pesa katika hiyo wizara.

Mimi nafikiria ya kwamba hii ndiyo ripoti ambayo ni mbovu sana kuletwa katika hili Bunge kwa sababu haina jambo lolote. Katika mapendekezo ya kamati; *that the budget execution report for the Medical services for that quarter was not included.* Hii ni mahesabu na unatuambia ya kwamba haiko. Basi ni nini ambacho tunakisoma hapa? Hii hailezi vizuri kwa sababu kama ni mahesabu unafaa kuelezea kiwango cha pesa yako, ni ngapi umetumia na ni nini umefanya na hizo pesa.

Bwana Spika, ni kama ni kuandika tu karatasi. Hata unashindwa kamati wanatuambia ni ripoti ya mahesabu ambayo haikujumuishwa. Hili Bunge limekuwa ni Bunge la aina gani na tunaitumia ki vipi? Jambo lingine ambalo nimeona katika hii ripoti ambayo ningetaka idara ya afya kupitia kwa kamati ya afya waelelezee bila kuficha, kwa sababu tumekuwa na shida katika hii hospitali yetu, hii hospitali yetu imekuwa ni kama chumba cha kuhifadhia maiti yote kwa sababu, unapata ya kwamba wakati mgonjwa anapoingia, badala ya atibiwe, huyo mgonjwa akiingia pale anaenda kufa halafu wanakuja kutueleza ya kwamba zile pesa ambazo walipewa hawajui walitumia namna gani.

Hii ni idara ambayo inafaa kuangaliwa na hili Bunge halifai kutumiwa hivyo. Kwa maoni yangu ningetaka kusema ya kwamba kuna wizi ambao umefanyika katika hii idara kwa sababu unaweza kosa vipi kuelezea Bunge vile ulitumia pesa. Ni nini hicho ambacho unaficha? Katika wizara zingine ninaona wakielezea vile walitumia pesa katika robo ya kwanza, ya pili hadi ya tatu lakini hii idara haina kitu cha kuonyesha.

Mimi naamini ya kwamba Serikali ya Kaunti pia wamepita hii ripoti. Lazima iwe waliketi na kuona ya kwamba walitumia pesa ya umma vibaya na ndiposa wakaamua ya kwamba hawataripoti.

Bwana Spika, mimi najiuliza, kama haujaripoti, sheria inasema namna gani na hili Bunge litafanya nini kupitia kiti chako kwa sababu tunaweza kutumiwa hapa kama *wheelbarrow au* kwa kazi yoyote mbaya. Mimi ningetaka ya kwamba ile kazi yoyote ambayo tunafanya iwe na faida kwa wananchi. Tusipokuwa macho hapa kutakuwa na shida.

Katika hiyo hospitali hakuna madaktari na madawa. Mgonjwa akiingia pale hatibiwi, akilazwa hospitali baada ya wiki moja anaitishwa milioni moja. Halafu hapa wanasema ya kwamba hawakuripoti. Jambo lingine ambalo nimeona katika hii ripoti ni ya kwamba katika maoni yao wamesema ya kwamba; *That there were high revenues realized from the hospitals contributing up to 34% of the overall county own generated revenue for that quarter.*

Bwana Spika, wakati unaposema 34%, iko wapi? Hatuko kwenye Bunge kuandikiwa 3% au 90%, tunataka utuonyeshe ili tuone ulikuja aje na hii 34%. Ukija hapa utuambie ulipata 50% vipi? Lazima ueleze katika hii ripoti yako. Kwa hivyo naona hapa kuna shida.

Jambo la pili, 34% ya jumla ya mapato ya Kaunti inakueleza nini? Inakuambia kuwa wale watu wanaofika pale hospitalini badala ya kutibiwa wanatozwa ushuru. Ukiingia tu unaitishwa pesa. Hiyo sio njia ambayo hospitali inastahili kufanya kazi. Hospitali inafaa kuwa

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mgonjwa akifika anapewa kadi kwa bei ya chini kisha aone daktari na atibiwe kwa bei ya chini. Hapa tunaona hospitali yetu imekuwa kama mahali pa kutoza ushuru.

Bwana Spika, tumekuwa na shida. Mimi mwenyewe nimekuwa na shida kwa sababu wananchi wamekuwa wakifika huko na kuniambia wameenda hapo na bili imefika mia tano na kuomba tuwasaidie. Kwa hivyo tumekuwa tukifanya mchango mara kwa mara kusaidia hao watu. Ni vizuri kwamba wametuambia ile hospitali imekuwa pahali pa kukusanya ushuru.

Sisi kama Bunge tunastahili kuwa macho na kuongozwa na kamati kwa sababu wao ndio wanafanya kazi kwa niaba ya hili Jumba. Sisi tutafuata tujue kwa nini hao watu waliokota 34% katika Kaunti nzima. Inamaanisha kuwa hata wale wanaochangia kwa leseni wanalipa pesa kudogo kuliko mgonjwa anayeenda kwenye ile hospitali. Sio matajiri wanaoenda kwenye ile hospitali. Sio matajiri walio kwenye Serikali ya Utekelezaji. Sio matajiri, ni wanjiku ambaye hata kupata pesa ni shida.

Bwana Spika, hii ni ripoti ambayo hata kama imeletwa hapa; kwa vile utauliza wanaokubaliana nayo waseme ndiyo na wanaokataa waseme hapana, na hilo tutasema. Mwisho wa siku utapata kuwa badala ya yule mwananchi kushughulikiwa ipasavyo hajapata haki. Tutakubali au kukataa kisha tufanye nini? Tutaacha hao watu waitishwe pesa namna hiyo? Tutaacha watu wetu wafe jinsi wanavyokufa? Mwisho wa siku badala ya kutuambia kuhusu mamilioni ya pesa tuliyokupatia unatuambia hukunakili na kutuletea makaratasi. Kwani sisi tumekuwa muhuri?

Tusitumiwe vibaya. Mimi naipa kamati changamoto. Ukiona ripoti kama hii haikuelezi pesa iliyokuja hapa unaileta ya nini? Afadhali ukae nayo huko na kuwaita tena. Kwani unachoka? Wasipokuja utueleze pia sisi tutokee. Kama ni viboko tutawacharaza. Kenyatta alikuwa hapa na alikuwa anacharaza watu viboko. Kama hufanyi kazi mbona tukubembeleze?

Bwana Spika, lazima tufanye jambo. Lazima tuwe na meno. Tusiripotiwe mambo yasiyo na msingi. Tusiambiwe mambo ya kutufurahisha. Hii ni kama kudunisha Bunge. Mimi ningesema hii ripoti iondolewe kwa sababu haina jambo lolote linatueleza. Hakuna. Haya ni makaratasi wameenda kuandika pale: Ripoti ya Kamati ya Afya. Haya ni makaratasi; yanasema nini? Isipokuwa ni maandishi tu yameandikwa hapa na nimeona Mwenyekiti ametusomea yote neno kwa neno kwa sababu anajua hakuna kitu.

Ametuambia hadi *preface* na *committee mandate* ilhali tunajua. Anatuambia haya maneno yote ili tuchanganyikiwe na pale mwisho atuambie kuhusu maoni ya kamati baada ya kusoma kwa masaa matatu. Mwisho wa ripoti pale chini anatuambia kuwa huduma za afya lazima wawe wakizingatia bajeti, *financial statements,* na ameleta.

Bwana Spika nafikiri hapa tunatumiwa vibaya. Mimi silaumu kamati bali nawalaumu kwingine kwa sababu waliona. Nafurahi kwa sababu wakati Mwenyekiti mdogo anaposoma ripoti alikuwa anajua tu hakuna kitu hapa. Hata ukiangalia jinsi anavyotoa mchango wake inaonyesha ameona haya ni makaratasi tu ameleta. Hiki ni kama kitu kisicho na chochote. Tusitumie Bunge kwa njia hiyo. Kama kuna shida tuseme kuna shida, Bunge liketi chini na tuingie kwenye hiyo idara; kama ni mtu ameshindwa kufanya kazi tumshughulikie.

Mimi najua Daktari Moghoi amekuwa mtu ambaye anakazana kidogo kwa upande wake, ila yeye mwenyewe hawezi kumiliki idara nzima. Kuna wanaopaswa kuripoti, ambao ni wasaidizi wake. Kuna mawaziri na wafanyikazi wengine kwa sababu hiyo ni idara kubwa. Mimi naona hapa hatumpi mwananchi haki. Hata sasa tukikataa ama kukubali hakuna kitu tutakuwa tumefanya.

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Mimi nashukuru na kuomba kamati zingine zisitufanyie madharau kama haya. Wasilete tena kitu kama hiki kisicho na jambo lolote. Haielezi jinsi ambavyo pesa imetumika. Hii ni idara tunayopaswa kuikodolea macho. Kesho utakuwa mgonjwa au mtoto wako awe mgonjwa. Wewe una afadhali kwa sababu utakimbia *Cottage* ambapo pengine huduma ziko sawa. Yule mwananchi aliye hapa atasaidika na nini? Hapa wameweka vizuri pesa nyingi sana za kukodisha vifaa, milioni 134, wamekodisha ya nini? Wanatibu nani na hii milioni 134? Bwana Spika, nafikiri kamati ikileta ripoti kama hii ikisomwa tu hata utupe ushauri kuwa hii sio ripoti. Hata kama huwa wanasema huna macho basi nimekueleza hii si kitu.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also rise to make my contribution on this report. The report that has come from the Executive, that is, the department of Health. I am also concerned about the observations and recommendations because what the committee observed is exactly what the Executive gave. They are giving what they observed from the report. My only concern would be the recommendations that they gave, because they observed from what they were given by the Executive. Where they could have put their strength is on the recommendations that they give.

Mr. Speaker, it is so unfortunate and I have never understood this, but today the report has made me understand something what I did not know before. It is really shocking to hear that the department of Health contributes 34% of the revenue. This tells us that the biggest percentage from a single department, the County Government of Laikipia gets it from the sick people of Laikipia. Those people who are weak, suffering and crying there, and this has translated and given me the answer why every week I have a fundraising in Umande in regards to health.

Mr. Speaker, 34% tells that we are overcharging and not giving the same service as what we receive from the patients. It is so sad that we oppress the weak while people that are enjoying life here are not suffering in any way. This tells us that the business community or the other businesses that are done in this County, the people that do big businesses such as ranches and all that, contribute a very small percentage into our economy while we have decided as a County to get revenue from the sick, weak and poor. It is so unfortunate and that is why I am saying that among the recommendations should be that we should go and look clearly if either we are overcharging our sick people, or it is less than 34% that we collect from them. It is either that we are overcharging or the report is giving wrong information - that we get 34% from the same.

If we are collecting 34% from the Health department, it tells us that we need to rethink because we as Members are affected in one way or the other. I always see Members with fundraising cards for sick people, we have so many WhatsApp groups in our phones where one person needs Kshs.4 million and another Kshs.300, 000, and that tells us why those bills are going high. We need to get into that department and understand deeply why we are having this collection.

The worst part is that after collecting money from the sick people of Laikipia, because the department collects money from the sick; it has even collected from those who have died. After soliciting for funds from dead people it is so unfortunate that at the end the department cannot explain how they have utilized the funds. It is so unfortunate because after collecting that money, the observation is very clear that it was observed that the budget execution report for the medical services for that quarter was not included. So after collecting that money legally or illegally, they cannot even give the information of how that money was utilized.

It is so unfortunate and annoying because the money that we give there, the first department that should give a breakdown of how they utilized their money, because they know

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how Laikipians are complaining and crying in this County; they are the ones that are supposed to indicate clearly that they had ten shillings and used every shilling for a certain purpose. They should be the most transparent people because they are getting money from people who are suffering.

Mr. Speaker, it is so unfortunate and we need to think about it. In the recommendations, one of the recommendations that we should give in this report and should be additional here should be that they produce the execution on how they utilized the money in that quarter. It should be a priority. That should be the first recommendation. Before we even go to recommendations we should request the committee to go back, and as we discuss this report at length that should be included.

If we do not have the report on how they utilized it, then I also feel that this report is incomplete and it would be so unfortunate for an honourable House to discuss an incomplete report. When we are talking about a County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements, the first thing we should read on top is the financial statement.

The financial statement should be there before anything else. We cannot call a report a financial statement and then we don't include how the department utilized the finances. I also feel that this report should be discussed when it has those reports because it shows there is something the department has hidden. When they give it to the committee it shows that the department is demeaning the committee and the House. That is why the department doesn't have years when they tell them we don't have doctors they can't hear.

They proudly walk saying they are doing the best they can, whereas they have done nothing. Mr. Speaker, this blame should squarely go to the department of Health. Why would they hide, why would they not include everything, because they are only giving out a statement on the payments they have made. They do have it, if they say if 34% of the revenue means Kshs.600,000,000 or Kshs.400,000,000 million not unless they tell us the money is still in the bank and has not been utilized. Not unless they tell us they have the money somewhere, and specifically from the Health, then this department is demeaning the committee.

This department is demeaning this House and maybe they are the ones who say out there that they just compile the report and give out. We don't go through the report and we must prove to them that a report should be gone through and see that everything done is understood. We must be counted as the people among who are fighting for the people, the weak people of Laikipia. For a good legacy as we wind-up, since we are in the last year in this House and hopefully God will give us some other chance. We must fight for the weak and suffering people of Laikipia.

In the report, if we are going to have another report of the same because we cannot count this one in, if the committee will feel the cry that the Members are having in this House and agrees to go back and get more information from the department in their recommendation. If truly they are collecting 34% either we are going to reduce the charges they give to our people or rather we are agreeing that the services that they give are going to improve, because if we are collecting more money in health then they are supposed to give the best service. If the health department collects this money, that now goes back to where the committee had suggested a while back, that the money collected should go back to the hospital and to work for the people.

How do we collect 34% yet everybody who goes there claims that they only get painkillers. We do not even have films in that hospital. Unless we collect 34% and have been taking it elsewhere maybe to leasing and everything else in this County. We must think about

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this and go deeply to this department. If they collect this money, then they should go to the hospital and get best services in this County.

My contribution and my thinking is if the committee takes it in this way, if they feel it is the best way they can agree and feel the pain Members are having. The pain the community is having and agree to go back with this report and improve it. That would be the best for us. As they give recommendations they should give serious ones to the report. I was only giving my view I am not contributing to the report because I also feel it is not a report, thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, first you have something?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: There is something I forgot when I was contributing. If you give me a chance…

Speaker: I will do that later.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante Sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Niliposikia mwenzangu Mheshimiwa Ndiritu akisema amesahau jambo, nikaona ya kwamba huu mjadala unazua joto katika Bunge hili.

Speaker: Hon. Suge, before you continue, allow just me to give this information so that you may choose to consume that information for our debate. Whenever charges are made in this hospital are approved in this House through the Finance Bill. We have like the mortuary down there, I think per day in some days they charge one thousand and that came through this House.

Mainly the government is not going to collect the revenue without an approved revenue by this House. When the finance bill is late like this year, we use the previous year's Finance Bill which was also approved by this House. That is also information that we need to use in our discussion.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. mimi ningetaka ukiwa umeketi hapo tuseme ukweli katika Bunge hii ya kwamba hii serikali imezoea kulipisha wananchi kitu ambayo haijapita kwa Bunge hili. Mimi niko na shahidi juzi wamelipisha watu wa soko hizo vibanda shilingi elfu mbili na nikienda kwa *Finance Bill* ambayo imepita miaka hiyo ingine hakuna kitu kama hiyo.

Wakati tunakuja kusema ni Bunge imepitisha, mimi naweza sema serikali inatumia nguvu na mamlaka yake kwa njia ambayo haifai. Mimi ningetaka kuona hiyo sheria ambayo tunajua ya kwamba hawa watu wamekuwa wakitumia. Katika hiyo idara hata waziri mwenyewe hata kudunga sindano hajui. Hii imefanya hiyo wizara ianguke. Waziri, kama wewe ni daktari unaongoza madaktari wengine. Unafaa kuwa na ujuzi na ufahamu wa hospitali.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Point of order. I think it is very wrong to compare a doctor with an administrator. You cannot be an administrator because you are a doctor. An administration is totally different; leading and treating the people is separate. These are different roles in the value chain and everybody has their role.

The procurement person procuring the drugs does not know to inject, why is he procuring, what he does not know? Everybody has different roles and that is demeaning and unfortunate to call the Minister that she is not a doctor. She is not a doctor, we all know that and she is a lawyer….

Speaker: Let Hon. Catherine Nyawira finish, it seems she had not.

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Hon. Catherine Nyawira: We approved her to be in the administration docket. When the Governor decided to put her in the Health docket, I did not hear anyone complaining in this House. It is not time to complain, they should have done their work. It is unfortunate for women leaders, women who sit in those offices should not be demeaned.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa Catherine Nyawira. Anasema yule ni msimamizi yeye hafai kuwa daktari. Mimi ningetaka anieleze kama yeye anaweza kuwa mwalimu mkuu wa shule yeyote na yeye siyo mwalimu. Hayo ni mambo ambayo tunafaa kuangalia, huwezi kutwambia eti kama ni Gavana mwenyewe alimleta na yeye si daktari na hana uwezo, basi pia yeye ameanguka. Nakumbuka katika Bunge hili tuliangusha huyo Waziri, Bwana Spika, na vile alikuja tena akapewa kiti hicho mara ya pili, mimi sijui. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, hilo ndilo jambo ambalo limefanya hili Bunge liwe na shida.

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, you cannot run away from your own truth that you are not aware how the Minister was approved by this House. I totally agree with Hon. Catherine Nyawira that when you are given the role of a CECM, it is more of a policy and administrative position where you need not be a medical doctor, for you to work in that particular department.

We have today in our National government, Hon. Mutahi Kagwe who is not a medical doctor and he is doing good work. I believe the work of a Chief Officer and that of CECM is purely administrative. Once we approve those CECM's in this House, it is the prerogative of the governor to send them in whatever department he wishes, because mainly what is checked it is that role of administrative.

What would worry me much is that as a House once we vet those CECM's as much as we should concentrate so much on whether they are knowledgeable in the fine details as a medic or when we are vetting a CEC. We should be looking at what are the administrative power, prowess that person has to govern or manage a department.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, while you are giving the information, I also have some information that I should be giving this House. Since we came to this House we have never approved Health Charges and the Members can confirm this. They have never been passed the finance bills that are brought the health charges are not included.

I can give an example as Hon. Ndiritu has said about the market, I can also give an example of the charges we give for the morgue of Kshs.1000. They just woke up and gave a memo indicating that they will charge Kshs.1000 as from that day. No one passed that, it was just decided by them. The government of Laikipia does not follow the finance bill, they do what they want and believe in.

I don't want to engage myself in the other conversation that was there, but if I ever become the Governor one day, then if you want to become the CEC infrastructure, you have to be an engineer, if you want to be a CEC health, you must be a doctor. That is the government I would lead in this County If I ever become a governor. Thank you

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I don't want to contribute but I also want to confirm what Hon. Mugweru has just said. We have never said that I have been the Chairman Finance Committee, we have never. It is very unfortunate that we allow this Government of Laikipia County to do illegalities as we the Laikipia County watch. I know very well we have totally rejected their proposals and we send them back to the committee level and the committee that has been delegated. For them to come with regulations to govern the

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payment of hospital charges, I can confirm that they are doing an illegality. That is the position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: That will now drive us to another kind of debate that we will handle later, because if know that and we have that information, that there are no such charges and as committees of this House we are doing nothing, then we are not helping our people. That is to be confirmed once I have got the finance bill.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, nashukuru, na ninajua Bunge lako tukufu ni Bunge lenye utaratibu na nashukuru mwenyekiti wa Afya kwa kuanzilisha mjadala huu, ambao kwake anasema ni ripoti kutoka wizara ya afya. Wizara ya Afya ni Wizara kubwa, katika serikali yetu ya Laikipia Kaunti. Imebeba zahanati nyingi, imebeba wafanyi kazi wengi, na vilevile ushuru ambao tunapata kama Kaunti ya Laikipia, wizara ya afya inachukua sehemu kubwa.

Ukiangalia nakala hii ambayo imeitwa ripoti, mimi naona ina mapengo nyingi, na naona inahitaji marekebisho. Ningesema swala hili liweze kurudi kwa kamati ili waweze kuifuatilia na pia waweze kuangalia kwa undani zaidi. Halafu baadaye iweze kuwasilishwa kwenye Bunge hili. Nikiangalia hitimisho ya kamati, wameweka ya kwamba "*that this House adopts the health services committee report"*. Mheshimiwa Spika, ukiangalia hili ni kama kufungwa macho kwa sababu kamati imeeleza ya kwamba Wizara haijaweza kuelezea vizuri, jinsi ambavyo wameweza kutumia ile raslimali na mwisho wanasema tuweze kupitisha.

Nikisoma mahali ambapo wameandika kwamba "*Mr. Speaker, Sir, the quarterly report and the statement deed for the period 30th June 2020, did not have any information on how the budget was executed for the medical services department"* Bwana Spika. Kamati wanatuchanganya kama Bunge. Ningeomba Mwenyekiti, Mheshimiwa Veronica akubali ya kwamba hii nakala ina pengo na waweze kurudia, waweze kuangalia na kuita Wizara ili waweze kufuatilia vizuri.

Nikiangalia hii Idara pia ni wizara ambayo hii Bunge iliweza kupea milioni mia moja na thelathini na sita, wakati wa homa ya Korona na hii nakala ingekuwa pia na ripoti kuhusiana matumizi ya zile pesa. Naona pia wameweka kwamba kuna zile mitambo ambazo zinalipiwa gharama na wana Laikipia, ni zaidi ya milioni mia moja na thelathini na moja, ambayo inalipiwa. Hizi mitambo ziko wapi, hizi mitambo zafanya kazi gani, kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Spika, ukienda saa hizi katika zahanati nyingi, kuna picha ambazo hazipatikani pale. Nikiongelea kuhusu Laikipia Magharibi, ukienda katika hospitali kuu ya Nyahururu, huwa kuna picha hazipo, unatumwa Nakuru ama hospitali ya Olkalou.

Na ilhali tunalipia milioni mia moja thelathini na moja. Hizi pesa zalipia mitambo gani na zinafanya kazi gani. Kuna mambo yanastahili kuangaliwa na vilevile twajua ya kwamba Wizara ya Afya imekuwa na changamoto nyingi. Nakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Ndiritu na Mheshimiwa Mugweru ya kwamba kunafaa marekebisho mengi. Watu wetu wanalia ushuru. Kamati imeandika kwamba pesa nyingi hospitalini zinaokotwa na watu wetu wanaumia. Tunataka kujua jinsi ambavyo huduma inavyoendelea katika hospitali zetu kwa sababu hata hii ripoti haijagusa kuhusu chakula.

Juzi tumeona wale ambao wanasaidia hospitali zetu na mambo ya chakula walikuwa wamegoma, twataka kujua wanalipwa vipi na kuna deni kiasi gani. Hilo halipo katika hii nakala. Naomba tusipoteze muda mkubwa kujadili kitu ambacho hatutaita ni ripoti, hili si jambo la kuangusha ama kupitisha, kamati iombe nafasi, maana tunaenda likizo ndefu, waweze kulikalia chini. Tukirudi tuweze kuiangalia Mheshimiwa Spika na vilevile waweze kuleta jinsi Hospitali lalipishwa, kwa maana kwenye *Finance Bill* hatujawahi kuiongelea. Asante.

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Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I wish to make a slight clarification and contribution if you allow me. Mr. Speaker, I stand here because of the conversations and contributions from the Members. I stand here having been in the Health Committee from the day I entered this Assembly until now, many things have gone wrong, some are here because the committee has pushed too much, some because the House has interfered and some because we give up too easily Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, a facility called Facility Improvement Fund (FIF) that allows money to go back into their Hospital to be reused, was shot down by the Liaison Committee at one point and that is when our hospitals begun to deteriorate. I remember the Honourable Chair Hon. Matunge and I having been in the committee trying to lobby for it, but unfortunately that very doctor who was the CECM decided it was not important, meaning he was not an administrator, he was a doctor, and it is important we have administration at the top.

When the Hospital deteriorated and people cried, died and services went down and people went for birthdays, we all went there to try and calm the situation and find out what was going on. Mr. Speaker the issue was politicized, people gave up and did not see the importance, so when we bring such a report to this House and I hear Members condemning it and saying it is not a report, I ask myself questions. Fine, you will send this committee back to give and to call the executive to answer questions, questions of where this money is going, yet the same House shot down FIF, questions of where and why the health have charges have never been brought. Yet the finance bill goes through this House unnoticed and the Finance committee does not bother to know that these things must be brought to this House.

The Finance Committee brings to us a very huge and cumbersome document, a document that we were not able to go through within the short time provided. Mr. Speaker if the Finance Committee is sincere, then they should only bring to us the only things that have been changed so that people are able to look at one document for 4 years and the only changes are brought to the House, but the minute they decide to bring this cumbersome document, they confuse us further.

This year the Finance Bill was really late, today if you go to shops, you will find that they are not paying what is in the Finance Bill, who is to blame Mr. Speaker? Is it this Assembly or the Government, or is it the *Mwananchi* that is ignorant? Hon. Speaker I don't know who is to blame, but I appeal to the Members, that sending the Committee back, we will only ask questions that were passed in this House and return with the same answers, so I urge this House for the short time that is remaining to make wise decisions and to go for oversight and to consider this financial report that come to this House very seriously.

If you look at it Mr. Speaker, we are considering a report for 2020/June 2021. reports that are late and you cannot even remember because we have failed in our roles. I have failed in my role as an MCA, you have failed Members and you are elected by the people to represent them, you have Members in this House who have totally failed and I am not ashamed to say that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Just to ask, if you could elaborate to this House, what are the implications of FIF being shut down, do you want to mean that the resources we collect, the 34% that comes from the Health Department cannot be utilized in the same department. Since there are no funds, then it has to be taken and allocated to other Departments, because the Hospital is collecting so much but at the same time not receiving what they have collected. Can you elaborate for a moment?

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Hon. Catherine Nyawira: FIF stands for Facility Improvement Fund. It means that the money collected from the morgue, the registration fees, all that money collected including collection from the Chemist, goes to one account. However, since we shot down the FIF it means now it goes to the CRF and are redistributed to another department. That's what it means Mr. Speaker. FIF was important because it used to go to CRF and then goes back to the Hospitals and the Hospitals have cost sharing among them. Meaning that the people who provide food, the people that provide basic services, the casuals that were employed used to be catered by this money.

It also means we had back orders of drugs Mr. Speaker that could be procured when *Kemsa* was late. All that could be procured when drugs that are in KEMSA essential list, say drugs like that of Arthritis which are not in the KEMSA essential list, could be procured because they were needed on the ground by the people, so shooting down FIF was the saddest thing that happened when a CEC was a doctor. Fortunately, Hon. Members the FIF is back and we passed it in this House in the previous Finance Bill; we passed it when the CECM is an administrator. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi hii kuongeza jambo ambalo nilikuwa nataka kuongeza. Hili ni jambo ambalo nilikuwa nimeeleza kidogo katika usimamizi wa Hospitali yetu ya Nanyuki, ambayo mimi naielewa zaidi kuliko ile iko Nyahururu. Wakati nilisema ya kwamba Waziri anafaa kuwa mtu ambaye yuko na ujuzi Bwana Spika, katika idara ambayo anaongoza, nilikuwa nasema vile kwa sababu, nikilinganisha na utawala ambao uliopita, tulikuwa na mtu ambaye alikuwa anaitwa Daktari Njoroge. Wakati alikuwa waziri katika hiyo idara, hiyo hospitali ilikuwa ina madaktari wa kutosha na huduma za kutosha, kwa maana yeye alikuwa na uwezo wa kuweza kuangalia hiyo hospitali.

Jambo la pili, nimesikia naibu mwenyekiti akisema ya kwamba tulipitisha Bi. Maitai. Ni kweli alipitishwa katika Bunge hili lakini wakati alikuwa anahojiwa, alihojiwa ili awe Waziri wa Tawala. Wakati aliletwa kwa mara ya pili hakuhojiwa ila ni ripoti ililetwa na kupitishwa. Wakati Bunge inasemekana italaumiwa kwa Waziri yeyote ambaye anafanya kazi vibaya, Kama tumekuhoji ukiwa Waziri wa Barabara, tulihoji tukijua uko na uwezo wa kufanya kazi katika hiyo idara.

Hiyo sheria haijasema tukihoji waziri, tuangalie sifa zake kama ni Daktari ama Mhandisi. Kama ni hivyo, basi waziri wakipitishwa katika Bunge lazima aelewe idara zote kwa sababu atafanya kazi katika hizo wizara zote. Kama Tumekuhoji kama Waziri wa Kilimo naye Gavana akuhamishe katika Idara ya Afya, itakuwa ni makosa ya Gavana. Yeye atakuwa anakupeleka kwa kazi ambayo hauelewi. Kama wewe umefanya hivyo ukiwa Gavana pia Bunge hili liko na jukumu la kukutolea mashtaka uende nyumbani.

Hatutaangalia watu wetu wakikufa. Bwana Spika, kama Gavana Murithi ameona wananchi wakikufa itakuwa faida kwake basi ajitayarishe kwenda nyumbani peke yake mwaka wa 2022. *We are not ready to go home. We have the energy to work for the people of Laikipia*. Bwana Spika, tusibebeshwe makosa ya mtu. Nimesikia aliyekuwa Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha akisema ya kwamba vitu ambazo tulipitisha hapa hakukuwa. Kama kuna Sheria ya fedha nyingine ambayo iko katika Bunge hili ni *null and void* kwa sababu haikupita hapa.

Bwana Spika, huwa tunapitisha bajeti hapa na ile bajeti ambayo tunapitisha hapa si ile ambayo Serikali ya Utawala inafanyia kazi. Niko na ushahidi kwa sababu kwa mara ya pili nimeona kitu ambacho hakikuwa wa bajeti kikiwa. Wakati mwingine tulisema hapa nakala yeyote ambayo imepita katika Bunge hili ipigwe muhuri katika kila ukurasa kwa sababu hii serikali imejaa wezi na matapeli.

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Ningetaka Mheshimiwa Veronica na Mheshimiwa Nyawira watuambie ni wapi tulipitisha mtu ambaye amekufa alipishwe shilingi elfu moja. Tuambieni ni sheria gani inaonyesha hili. Kama kuna mambo yanafanyika katika hiyo hospitali basi tutawalaumu. Kama wewe umeshindwa kama Mwenyekiti na naibu mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Afya, sio mimi nimeshindwa. Wewe ndiye hufanyi uangalizi katika idara yako...

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Hon. Speaker, I know I am only supposed to reply but I am wondering why Hon. Stephen is misusing the Standing Orders by contributing two times.

Speaker: I gave him a chance to make contribution as I was giving Hon. Nyawira. I had only given him one minute so you can finish now.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: *Mr. Speaker that is why we are saying we need serious people in this Assembly*. Bwana Spika, wewe mwenyewe umenipea nafasi na unajua mambo ambayo tunaongea hapa ni kuhusu afya. Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Afya hajui kama umenipea nafasi. Hii ni kumaanisha hata yale mambo ambayo yanaendelea hospitalini, ni wao wametuangusha. Bwana Spika, pengine…

Speaker: Because I gave you a minute, just guide yourself to be within the matters at hand. Just wind-up.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, jambo la mwisho nikiwa mnyenyekevu na mpole ni ya kwamba hakuna mahali nilikaa katika Bunge hili na kusema Mkufu alipishe shilingi elfu moja. Nafikiri kwa sababu tunajua ni *memo* iliandikwa, kamati ilikaa chini na kukosa kuangalia hiyo *memo*.

Speaker: Mkufu ni nini?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Ni yule mtu ambaye ameaga. Wacha niseme maiti. Hakuna mahali tulisema maiti ilipishwe elfu moja. Kama kunayo basi kamati ishughulike kwa sababu nikienda huko nitaangalia nani nikiwa katika kamati ipi. Wanafaa kuangalia kisha waripoti na watuambie wamelipisha elfu moja kisha sisi tukatae katika Bunge hili. Wakikataa kusema ndipo tunasikia wananchi wakisema watu wanalipishwa tukistarehe hapa.

Hilo ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kukalia chini na ndio maana ninasema sijashindwa. Hakuna mahali nilihoji Waziri Maitai akiwa Waziri wa Afya. Nilimhoji na kumpitisha akiwa Waziri wa *Administration* ambayo ni tofauti sana na afya. Matibabu si jambo la kuleta mzaha. Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kunipea nafasi.

Speaker: When you ask for one minute and you said you had forgotten one thing yet you have contributed to many things, you are forgetting what you said. When you blame the Hon. Member not to have heard what the Speaker said, you are also forgetting what you said yourself. Hon. Suge it was your time to contribute.

Hon. Joseph Suge: I had concluded my contribution and my proposal was just to give this committee a chance to revisit this issue.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Kwanza nashukuru Kamati ya Afya kwa kuleta huu muswada kama vile iko na dosari mingi. Sisi wote tumejionyesha wazi kuwa tulikuwa usingizi. Tuwache kuonyeshana vidole za lawana kwa kamati zingine ilhali tuko katika Bunge hili. Tunapitisha *bursaries* ilhali kamati ambayo imebeba hiyo bajeti inaenda kutoa pesa kando. Nashukuru Kamati na nawapongeza sana kuleta ripoti ikiwa na dosari. Tumeonyeshana sisi wote tumekuwa usingizi na hakuna aliye msafi katika Bunge hili. Jana tulikuwa hapa na hatukuingia Bunge. Asante sana, Bwana Spika.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, wakati mwingine nastaajabu. I am raising on a point of clarification because I am wondering how a Hon. Member is standing in this House…

Speaker: Are you making a remark or are you seeking clarification?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I need clarification.

Speaker: Then why are you wondering?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I am seeking clarification whether it is in order for a Hon. Member to stand here and accuse these Hon. Members that they were asleep. That is demeaning the House…

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu when you ask like that, then you are not seeking clarification. You are rising on a point of order. When you ask whether it is in order then it means you are rising on a point of order which you need to clarify what point of order you are rising on.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, basi ningetaka kuuliza kwa upole kama ni haki na ningetaka Mheshimiwa anieleze kama hiki ni chumba cha kulala ama kujadili mambo ya wananchi. Nimesikia akisema tumekuwa tumelala. Ningetaka atueleze vitanda ziko wapi. Tukikubali mambo kama haya kusemwa hapa kwamba tulilala inamaanisha kwamba pia wewe ulilala. Hii ni madharau na hayo ni mambo ambayo anafaa kuondoa. Hili Bunge haliwezi lala.

Speaker: Do not make conclusions. Let her clarify it.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Ningetaka aondoe matamshi ya kusema tulilala. Tulilala wapi?

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Kupitia kwa kiti chako nilikuwa nimetamatisha mchango wangu. Nashindwa anauliza nani.

Speaker: I don't think you can run away from what you said. Hon. Catherine as you were quick to finish, the Hon. Member had already switched on the mic. It is only that I did not stop you. By the time I was stopping you, you had already finished. It is important to just clarify.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Pardon.

Speaker: The Member is asking what it means by *tulilala*. You need to clarify on that.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Bwana Spika, nikisema kulala sijasema kuna vitanda hapa. Namaanisha pia yeye hakuwa makini katika Bunge hili kwa sababu hata jana hakuingia katika Bunge hili. Tumekuwa katika Bunge hili akiwa Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Biashara. Kulikuwa na dosari na tukianza kwenda moja kwa moja tukiuliza Kamati ya Biashara inakaa kama ni siasa. Ni kama mtu anatetea Waziri wake. Kwa hivyo sijamaanisha kuna vitanda.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I just wanted to inform the Hon. Member for Thingithu that when somebody says *tumelala* is a metaphor that is taught at level 4 in primary school which means *mtu amezembea kwa kazi.* It has other meaning that come along with it.

Speaker: Hon. Members, if there are no more contributions… Hon. Mugweru do you have something?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I am raising on a point of clarification and as the mover of the motion responds I need this clarification because of words that were mentioned by the vice chair. By sending the committee back to the department, they will get the same answers that we have. My clarification is in relation to FIF because the FIF failed. I wanted a clarification on failing to have FIF in that department, is that what made the

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department not include the execution of budget report. Does it mean if they have FIF that is when they can put the budget execution report?

Number two, a clarification of the same that if they have FIF, does it mean the collection will reduce from 34 to 24 or it will raise from 50 to 55. Mr. Speaker, I feel it is not related anywhere.

Speaker: Unfortunately, I try to think that we may not have time for the mover to reply today so that we can make those clarifications. From what we have in the report, I would wish to request the committee because what members are asking is budget execution. The committee in one of the observations they have observed that it was not there. Therefore, you may go back meet with the department, get that report on execution of the budget.

Afterwards you can move amendments in this House so that you can include the execution part of it. If there will be changes in recommendations, then you can be able to move those recommendations. That will be done in the fourth week after we have opened on a Thursday. The table clerk will give you the date. That brings us to the conclusion of that motion until such a time when those amendments are moved in this House so that we can have the bigger report.

Chair, because you were out, I said that the committee may go and meet with the department and get the information and move the amendments in the fourth week after we resume from recess so that you may amend that report. That can allow more contributions from the Members and afterwards give you time to respond. If those amendments changes your recommendations, then you are allowed to move amendments even to the recommendations and any information but limited to that quarter and that report.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to mention something that has been mentioned when they were discussing…

Speaker: I would guide you not to reply because when you do so….

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: They have said that there are charges that the hospital is using which are not in the finance bill. The hospital mostly issues the regulations and we have been requesting the Delegated Committee to follow up. So I would like this House to also intervene because if the committee is reluctant, the blame will be put on Health Committee and I would like that to be looked at.

Speaker: I wish to give more work both to the Health and Finance Committee. We need that clarification because what I have here in the regulations which were brought into this House, I don't think they were approved because the copy that I have was for introduction in the House. It still charges Kshs.500 for mortuary but when you go back to the community, it is Kshs.1000. So, we want to know how they came up with that figure because even this for 2018 is Kshs.500. That is an issue that falls under finance. Unfortunately, we have not passed the Health Act which is supposed to govern all that and therefore we have to keep on using these regulations.

I believe that jointly Finance and Health should be able to come up with the charges. Is there something which is not in line with what we are supposed to do? Finance can be able to go to other departments like Hon. Ndiritu raised. The charges which are being charged have not been approved by this House and the Government is not supposed to collect any money that has not been approved in this House. If we have not approved it in the financial year, then we use what was previously approved by this Assembly whether it was in 2013 or 2014. If the Executive is committing an illegality, then as a House we can be able to respond to that.

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir I beg to move the following motion;

THAT pursuant to Standing Order 28 and 29, the County Assembly do adjourn until Tuesday, 8th February, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know, we are in the month of December where we must be with our communities and our families. Therefore, this motion will enable us to officially close the Assembly and also to prepare for coming back next year. So as I call upon Hon. Stephen to second this motion, I also urge the Members to approve the same. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono huu mswada wa kuahirisha Bunge ili kuruhusu Bunge liende likizo ili tuweze kukutana na wananchi na kufanya kazi ambayo iko mashinani. Tutaweza kukutana na wananchi na kusikia lililo chao kama kile ambacho tunaongelea hapa na hiyo itapatia Wajumbe nafasi ya kupumzisha akili. Baadaye tukirudi tutaweza kulelewa vile mambo ambayo tunayojadili hapa inaweza kuadhiri Bunge na hadi mwananchi wa kawaida. Mambo ingine ambayo nimeona hapa huenda isiwe ya busara na kwa hivyo kwa naiba ya Kiongozi wa walio Wengi ninaunga mkono kuahirisha Bunge mpaka 8/02/2022.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support because for proper management of time, one is supposed to have a calendar. As an Assembly being like any other, we have got a calendar which guides us. The calendar dictates that we should be adjourning until 8/02/2022 which I concur with because it is our calendar and we believe in it.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the adjournment of this Assembly. I know that we have had a good time and have done a lot of work. The time has come for us to go and interact with our people and also to get some rest as we re-energize for next year's activities.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude, I also wish to thank the Members as well as your office for the support that we have had in this assembly for the past year. I wish all the Members a merry Christmas and a happy prosperous new year. As we come back to this Assembly. We should come back with enough energy to serve the Laikipians. Thank you.

Speaker: In this motion we do not put the question since it is in the calendar. I wish to make some remarks and this is also to take my time and wish you well. Since last year we have had Covid-19. As we all know, we had issue with Covid-19 and therefore life has not been so easy. Therefore, I wish you well. We have really fought hard and we hope that next year will not be like this but hope for more improvements as far as economy is concerned. We also pray that Covid-19 goes away for miles.

Number two, I know that this is time to take us back to electorates who have high expectations as we near the election year. As others have said, we are ready to come back in this House again. No matter the challenges, we are ready to face them. There is a saying that goes; there are metals that can be used to screw others and when you ask those metals, they will tell you that they are not made of the same material as other metals.

So I believe that unto whom much is given much is demanded and those demands and challenges makes you a built up person and a hardened person. Therefore, you are able to

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become a hard iron metal which cannot really be shaken. Therefore, let us continue fighting being made everyday by the challenges we face.

Lastly, we have got an opportunity to go back to our families who are close to us. I know that when we face these challenges, at the end of the day we go back to our families for comfort, encouragement. They are the ones who sacrifice so much. At times you may have money and the electorates are asking for it and you also have challenges in your own home. At times our wives and children may have to wait for more days as we attend to other people. The little we have we are forced to share.

It could have belonged to the family but we have to share with our electorates because they are so special to us. So let us spend our time with them as much as we want to go back to the electorates. I believe that we have got some holiday weeks like two of them. We need to spend time with our families and understand them, give much as we can to our children, give them company and take them out. Our spouses and children requires that when my mum or dad will accompany me to school while reopening.

That time you are paying school fees for many children and many other callings but it is good to switch off from public and attend our families. They are so special to us and we come to realize that when we need them the most. Otherwise I also wish to take this chance to wish you an enjoyable holiday and also a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. I wish to remind you also that we are meeting next week but one when we will be having the end of year party where we will have a chance to wish one another a merry Christmas. As an Assembly we shall cater for that particular day.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until, Tuesday, 8th February, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.40 a.m.

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