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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 16th April, 2024

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

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk confirm whether we have quorum?

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum I direct the bell to be rang for 10 minutes.

(The quorum bell was rang for 10 minutes)

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I think we have a quorum.

Speaker: Clerk confirm that status?

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

COMMUMICATION FOM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION FROM RECESS AND ASSEMBLY PROACTIVITY

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Members. I want to take this opportunity to welcome the Members from the two weeks of recess break in accordance with the Assembly calendar for regular sittings. We are set to begin part two of the third session. I hereby wish to urge Members to become proactive in their roles which includes and are not limited to legislation, representation, oversight and budget making process.

The Committees have a role of pending business and I would like to urge and encourage the Liaison Committee to follow-up on the said pending businesses. I also wish to urge the Public Accounts and Investment Committee to double up their role in review and responding to the Auditor's General reports. As you are all aware, 13 such reports were laid and committed to the committee during the first part of the third session. My office is ready to provide necessary support to this Committee whenever the need arises.

Hon. Members, I also wish to thank the Members for holding successful trainings during the recess breaks. We shall endeavour to conduct more trainings and keep Members abreast on matters that pertain to their service. Thank you.

MOTION

BEAUTIFICATION OF COUNTY PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, AWARE THAT cultural activities, public entertainment and public amenities including county parks, beaches and recreational facilities is the function of the County

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Government as stipulated in part 2 of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

FURTHER AWARE THAT beautification is the process of making visual improvements to a place;

RECOGNIZING THAT parks and recreational facilities occupy a critical place in the urban environment, providing opportunity for recreation and wellness as well as environmental management promotion and sustainability for urban communities;

CONCERNED THAT the status of some of the parks and green spaces have diminished over a period of time as maintenance, management and renovation have not kept pace with growth in the urban population and demands for the use of the County parks by the residents;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT the negligence and poor state of this repair of the facilities and amenities at some parks have become hideouts for criminals;

This House URGES the County Government to develop a strategy and measures to rehabilitate all County parks across the County with a view of restoring them to modern aesthetics for recreational areas and facilities for outdoor event; and all such related undertakings as are essential to modernize and beautify the County parks.

Mheshimiwa Spika, huu ni mswada ambao tunaleta kwa siku ya leo. Ni mswada unagusia kurembesha mazingira na hifadhi zetu. Ukienda katika kiwanja ya Kanu hapa Nanyuki, unakuta ni mahali wananchi wanaweza tembea na pia kupumzika pale na kukutana na wananchi wengine. Wakati huu katika taifa letu a Kenya tuko na shida.

Wakati mwingine hua wananchi wanataka mahali pa kupumzika kwa sababu shida ni mingi. Matatizo ni mengi. Nyumbani hakukaliki kwa zile shida ziko huko. Wananchi wakija hapa mtaa kutafuta kazi wakati mwingine unakosa. Huyo mwananchi kumwambia tena aende nyumbani ni shida kwa sababu bibi na watoto wako na inakuwa hakukaliki.

Bwana Spika, badala ya kuja kurandaranda hapa, anafaa kupumzika kwa muda kidogo ili akili irudi achore vile ataenda kwake nyumbani na awaze vile atapokelewa na jamii nyumbani. Bwana Spika, kama tutakuwa tumeweka hiyo sehemu kwa njia nzuri, ninafikiri wale ambao watakuwa wakifika hapo watakuwa wanapumzika na kufurahisha akili zao.

Ndio maana nimekuja na huu mswada ili tuweze kupamba hayo maeneo. Nikiingia kiwanja ya Kanu na Nyahururu, inafaa nikute kuna maua na vifaa vyote kama choo safi na nyasi kwa sababu hiyo ni kazi ya Serikali ya Kaunti. Bwana Spika, tutakuwa tumesaidia wananchi. Kwanza, natoa pole zangu kwa Mheshimiwa Gathoni kwa kumpoteza baba yake. Ilikuwa ni huzuni lakini yameisha. Ninamkaribisha katika Bunge hili ili tuweze kuendelea.

Wakati tulipokuwa pale, mchungaji alihubiri vizuri na kusema kwamba wanaume tuko na shida. Ninaona hili jambo linapelekana vizuri. Wanaume wanapotoka kazini, kuingia nyumbani ni shida. Wengine tuliambiwa wako na magari na sijui kama ni Mheshimiwa Kamara ama Mheshimiwa Leshuel kwamba wakifika pale, badala ya kuingia nyumbani wanakaa kwa gari kwa muda wa dakika ishirini ama thelathini na hatujui nini wanafanya.

Pengine wanawaza vile watapokelewa wakiingia katika hiyo nyumba. Wengine wanaachwa nyuma wakifuta ushahidi wa yale mambo walikuwa wanafanya mchana na hawataki mabibi wakiona. Bwana Spika, wakati tutakuwa na huo uwanja, yule ambaye hana gari ataenda hapo kufuta ushahidi mapema kwa sababu akienda nyumbani atapokelewa kwa njia ya heshima.

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Wanaume na akina mama wanaumia na hili ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kufikiria ili tuweze kutengeneza. Vilevile tutaweza kumaliza wizi na unyakuzi wa mashamba. Mfano mzuri ni Doldol. Kunafaa kuwa na uwanja huko lakini tunapoongea kwa sasa, huwezi jua kama iko na kama ilikuwepo, hatujui kama bado uwanja upo. Kama Serikali itakuja na mpango wa utafiti na kuweka *beacon* kisha wapande maua na viti, wananchi wa huko watakuwa na mahali pa kupumzika.

Bwana Spika, unaweza tembea mji fulani na kile ambacho ulikuwa unataka kuona saa tano uambiwe urudi saa tisa. Ukiwa mgeni na hujui hoteli za huko, utatafuta mahali ambapo utaweza kukaa na kuchora na kupumzika bila kusubiriwa. Tunapoongea hapa, nitapeana mfano wa Uwanja wa Kanu ambao uko karibu na sisi na hata Bunge hili. Ukifika pale, wale watu ambao wamekaa hapo si wote Wasamaria wema. Wengine ni wakora. Unaweza kuenda kuketi hapo ukifikiria unakuja kufuta ushahidi na ukitoa simu inaibiwa kama umeme.

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, tunapoongea kuhusu kurembesha na kulinda hizo sehemu, ninaongea kwa sababu ninajua na ninahisi yale wananchi wanapitia. Bwana Spika, katika Majengo Nanyuki, kuna uwanja unaitwa Kieni ya Punda ambao ulikuwa ni wa wananchi ambao wanatokea hapo na watoto walikuwa wanachezea hapo. Kama kumetokea moto walikuwa wanaenda hapo kujificha na kupumzika kabla ya kupata makao.

Isipokuwa ni juzi niliona tutandaze huo uwanja na kwa sasa vijana wanachezea hapo, kwenye huo uwanja ni wakora walikuwa wanakaa. Kulikuwa na majani marefu na kuna watu walikuwa wanafanyia vitendo hapo ilhali hapo ni kijiji na watu wako chini kwa mapato kwa hivyo, wakiona nyasi na miti, vitendo vinafanyika hapo. Watoto wanashikwa na kupelekwa hapo hasa wasichana.

Bwana Spika, ninaomba Serikali ya Kaunti iweze kuja na mikakati mwafaka ya kuhakikisha ya kwamba hizo vifaa viko na zinalindwa na kupandwa maua na nyasi. Serikali ya Kaunti iko na wafanyikazi wa kutosha. Kama hatuna wafanyikazi wa kutosha, Waheshimiwa wako tayari kuleta wananchi wanaotoka hizo sehemu ili kufanya kazi ili tuweze kuunda nafasi ya wafanyikazi ambayo ni moja ya *Manifesto* ya Chama cha UDA.

Bwana Spika, bila kuongea mengi, huu ni mswada ambao Waheshimiwa wanafaa kuangalia kwa makini. Bwana Spika, wasiangalie kwa hali ambayo ziko. Saa zingine, ni vigumu kumkuta Mheshimiwa Kamara, Mheshimiwa Lempaira na Mheshimiwa Kihika kwenye Uwanja wa Kanu lakini kuna mwananchi ambaye hawezi kujimudu kwa mwenda Maxoil, Aberdare's na Peak.

Mahali anaweza kuenda ni Uwanja wa Kanu. Kwa hivyo, tunapochangia huu muswada tuangalie kwa njia kwamba si sisi tu tunajitafutia ila tunamtafutia mwananchi ambaye wakati mwingine hana hata shilingi kumi za kuingia hoteli ili kunywa chai. Bwana Spika, yangu ni hayo na naomba Waheshimiwa wote walio hapa kuunga mkono huu mswada ili tuweze kutengeneza hizo uwanja. Tuweze kuweka mazingira ambayo inaambatana na jamii ilioko ikizingatiwa kwamba idadi ya watu inaendelea kuongezeka.

Bwana Spika, napigia debe wananchi kuongezeka kwa sababu wananchi wakiongezeka, taifa linakua na kura zinaongezeka. Naomba wananchi waendelee kuongezeka na waendelee kuzaana ili Taifa letu liwe na idadi kubwa ya watu ambao watatusaidia kwa kuimarisha uchumi.

Kwa hayo machache, namuomba Mheshimiwa Leshuel ambaye ni Mheshimiwa kutoka Mashariki mwa Mukogodo na ambaye anaelewa ili aweze kuchangia huu mswada na kutoa maoni na mapendekezo yake ambayo angetaka Serikali ya Kaunti kupitia Idara husika

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kuhakikisha ya kwamba uwanja zimedumishwa kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate the mover of this motion for this good idea of making sure that this county is beautiful and that we shall have a conducive environment. Mr. Speaker, it is very important to have a beautiful county. A beautiful county demonstrates many things. Mr. Speaker, the same case is when you live in a good environment, it makes you stress-free.

Mr. Speaker, according to the pastoralists, when you are stressed with many things, you look after your animals in the forest. Because of that environment, it is good when you hear birds singing and other natural sounds. You will realize that you become a stress-free person. Mr. Speaker, a beautiful county makes us beautiful.

What is this thing called climate change? It is contributed by so many things including cutting down of trees. So, when we make our town beautiful, it will create a good environment and supply of clean oxygen. As we know, we breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide. The other thing is that when we make our small place beautiful, it protects that ground. We have so many land-grabbers in this country, and when you leave your piece of land somewhere just idle, you will realize that somebody will have settled there the next day. However, when you fence that land or put some things in it, nobody will settle there. So, it also prevents people from grabbing.

Mr. Speaker, it is not costly to make this town beautiful, including our small town like Doldol. It will only require flowers, planting of grass and probably maintenance, and that area will be very beautiful. So, it is not something that costs a lot of money but it will make all of us to feel that we are living in a very good area. The same case applies when you come to town. Unless you go and sit inside a hotel, there is nowhere else where you would go. However, when you get inside a hotel the first thing you read is that idle people are not allowed to sit there.

What does that tell you? That you must buy a cup of tea. At the end of the day, you realize that some Members here take more than twenty cups of tea in a day. Why? Because when you go to a hotel you must buy a cup of tea, which is the cheapest thing to buy. When you move out of that hotel, you will just find yourself in another one. Somebody will want to meet you and you can only meet in a certain hotel. There is nowhere else where you can meet, unless you sit inside your vehicles which is also not a good thing. When you find people seated inside a car for more than an hour, you have to think twice because they could be doing or planning bad things.

Mr. Speaker, the same case applies to our people, especially those from the interior areas. They come here with a mission such as seeking birth certificates for their kids. However, they are told to go and come back after two hours. Where will that person go and relax for those two hours? Nowhere. So, it is very important to have a very beautiful area. It is the same case when you go to Nairobi, which is why the government has planned such that in every area you visit, there is a place where people can sit and wait for their mission to mature.

So, I stand to support this and want to urge the Members to support it, and let us actualize the manifesto of UDA. I repeat, let us actualize it. Let us not just talk but get an opposite outcome. This thing must start from Doldol. Beautification of grounds must start from Doldol and come upwards instead of starting from Nairobi and going downwards. I am happy and privileged to be in the Implementation Committee, so I will follow up to make sure that all sub-county towns have beautiful grounds.

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That will also attract guests. When they pass around, they will see that at least we are planning and caring for our people. When they want to relax, they will go somewhere and relax. We all know that we are in a digital country. Our youth have nowhere to go relax and use their gadgets, so when we create a good place and probably install Wi-Fi, our youth will go there and write proposals, apply for jobs, and so on. So, it is very inclusive. It is not just about relaxing or resting, it provides for a lot of things. It is a very good environment which is silent, so you can use your gadget comfortably and take all the time you want. There will be no hurry. So, it is very important.

As we all know, we do not even have a social hall in this area. That is another facility that the youth can utilize to implement their plans. So, this one is very important. It is only that we do not want to identify that it is Nanyuki or Nyahururu, but it should be established even in those towns that do not have such a ground. The land is already there, so it is only for the government to plan and get the land and then plan it properly. I am sure there is water in every sub-county, so there is nothing lacking. I stand to support, and want to appreciate Members for seeing this motion as a very important thing. I can read their mood and know that they will support this. I stand to second. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. The motion on beautification of county parks and recreational facilities has been moved and seconded.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion and to congratulate the Honourable Member. On my part, beautification of the County Parks cannot be in my mind. The small park that I have is just at the barrier within Marmanet but my people really enjoy the forest nearby. So, they rarely use the park but I support the Honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker, the unfortunate thing is it is really bothering as he is talking about the parks. We also need to push the Government because some of the floodlights that were in these towns are not operational. We are trying to push this but at the end of the day, you are told there is no finance.

In my area, I think the Oljabet floodlight is not working and if you go to Kalaba, all the streetlights that were there are not operational. When you go to Junction, they are not operational, the ones at Kwa-Wanjiku and even the floodlight at Karandi. Therefore, as the Honourable Member is pushing for beautification of parks where people can rest, I also push for the floodlights because I am sure when it comes to forests, we just enjoy the healthy air inside.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I would wish those of us from the village ensure that we push for more tree planting so that our people can get other areas to go for recreation. In that case, I support the mover but I would wish before we renovate the County Parks, we also ensure that the already existing utilities funded by the county are well maintained. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kanyutu, kindly switch off your microphone. The floor is still open for the debate Honourable Members. Thank you, Honourable Members, I will therefore take the opportunity to invite the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nataka kuchukua nafasi hii kupongeza Wabunge kwa kuona umuhimu wa huu mswada. Vile wachangaji walivyonena hapo awali, ni ya kwamba hizi bustani ni muhimu sana. Tuhakikishe ya kwamba mahali popote

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kama vile Hon. Leshuel amesema, katika kila Kata ndogo tuwe na uwanja na hiyo sehemu ambayo itakuwa imetengwa ili kutengenezwa kwa njia ambayo inavutia mtu kukaa hapo.

Pia nataka kumshukuru Hon. Kanyutu kwa kuwa amesema yeye kwao hawana uwanja lakini wako na msitu. Hilo ni pongezi kwake kwa kuwa ni bahati ya kwamba yeye yuko karibu na msitu lakini katika Wadi yake, awe akijua kuwa kuna watu wako Oljabet na hawana msitu karibu. Kutoka Oljabet kuteremka kule ni kilomita chache na kutembea kwa miguu itakuwa ni shida.

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, tunataka hapo Oljabet tuwe na uwanja. Ninafikiria tukisaidiwa na mwanachama kama Mheshimiwa Kanyutu kwa kuhakikisha kuwa tumepata uwanja kwa kuwa yeye huwa anapigana na wale wanyakuzi wa ardhi. Apigane nao kama wako huko kwake na kuhakikisha tumepata uwanja pale Oljabet. Huo uwanja utengenezwe ndio wale wananchi wa huko wanaokuja kupata huduma zao ziwe ni za hospitali au za nini, waweze kuwa na nafasi mzuri sana.

Vilevile, nimemshukuru kwa vile amesema urembo inaambatana na mwangaza. Alivyosema hapa ni kwamba katika kila mji, taa zimekwama kabisa. Ninasikia Kalaba sijui wapi mpaka hapa nje ya Bunge hakuna taa na zote hazifanyi. Sisi hatujui tumetoka upande gani na tunataka serikali iamke na kama kuna mtu amelala, amke maana katika Kaunti yetu tuko katika giza totoro.

Mirera juzi juzi nilisikia hakuna taa na sijui kama Matanya wako nazo, labda Mbunge wao yuko hapa anaweza kutuhakikishia kama kwake kuko sawa ama haiko sawa. Pia, hata huko Likii ni kubaya hivyo, tunahitaji huo urembo kuambatana na *Smart Town*. Kusema *Smart Town* sio kumaanisha ile ilani ya zamani bali, ni kurembesha miji katika kila sehemu ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba mazingira ya miji imetengenezwa. Hata zile miji ndogo ndogo zinazokuwa pia ziwe zimezingatiwa katika hiyo maneno.

Kwa hayo machache, nashukuru na kupongeza Wabunge kwa kuona umuhimu wa kupitisha huu mswada. Pia nataka kueleza ya kuwa tunahitaji biashara katika hii Nyumba. Kuna mambo mengi ambayo yanafanyika huko mashinani na kuna bishara zinazoendelea huko mbaya mbaya ambayo tungetaka serikali iangazie.

Bwana Spika, kama kuna Mbunge ambaye ana mswada wowote wa watu wake, ningewaomba mbele ya Bunge hii. Kama uko na mswada wowote kuhusu watu wako ama nchi yetu, ulete hapo ndio tuweze kuzingatia huo mswada. Tuko tayari kufanya kazi na ndio maana tulichaguliwa ili kuhakikisha kwamba kila sehemu ya Laikipia tunaiunga mkono. Kwa hivyo, walete mswada na tuhakikishe ya kwamba tumeunga mkono na tumeungana ili kuhakikisha kuwa huduma imeenda kwa mwananchi vile inavyostahili. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow the 17th of April, 2024 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.10 p.m.

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