REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 16th March, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CFSP AND DMSP PROGRAM

Speaker: Hon. Members, I did make a communication last week on CFSP and how the program to handle the same would run. Where we are is not where we are supposed to be. According to the provisions of PFM Act, 2012 Section 117(1) and the County Assembly of Laikipia Standing Order No. 206(1) County Fiscal Strategy Paper, CFSP and the Debt Management Strategy Paper -DMSP, are expected to be received in the County Assembly on 28th February, every year.

Hon. Members, Standing Orders No. 206 (3) provides that upon being laid, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper shall be deemed to have been committed to its Sectoral Committee without question put for each such committee to deliberate upon according to their respective mandate and make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriation Committee.

Hon. Members, the County Assembly received the said Paper on 1st March, 2021 and laid in the Assembly on 3rd March, 2021. Section 117(6), PFM Act, 2012, and Standing Orders No. 206(8), expect the County Budget and Appropriation Committee to consider the report within a period of 14 days from the day of submission. The day is expected to expire on 14th March, 2021. That is yesterday.

Hon. Members, I therefore request Sectoral Committees to meet tomorrow 17th March, 2021 after the morning session to consider the CFSP and thereafter follow the events as detailed in the program. As you all know that meeting was supposed to be there yesterday but it didn't materialize. We have scheduled that meeting to happen tomorrow after the morning sitting.

The program for activities of CFSP and DMSP, 2021 is as follows; we have already laid both the CFSP and DMSP and the committee have already met and scrutinized both documents and placed a public notice for public participation. That was supposed to be done on 11th March, 2021. The sectoral committees meeting will be tomorrow.

From that, we have submission of reports by Sectoral Committees on 18th March, 2021 that is Thursday before we proceed on recess. Then receiving of memoranda the same day on Thursday. Writing of report by the Committee of Budget will be on 19th March, 2021 and

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tabling will be on 6th April, 2021 once we are back. Then debate and subsequent adoption of the CFSP and DMSP will be 7th April, 2021. Kindly note the dates.

There are some stages you cannot go into unless the earliest stages are dealt with. The meeting tomorrow unlocks the committee to be able to do all the other work. It is important for us to make sure that we attend that meeting for those who are concerned and we will be able to proceed from there. Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

OLDER PERSONS CASH TRANSFER (OPCT) PROGRAMME

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT in 2006, the National Government initiated the Older Persons Cash Transfer (OPCT) Programme, popularly known as *Pesa za Wazee*, which is an unconditional cash transfer programme to destitute elderly persons above the age of 65 years to cater for their subsistence needs;

NOTING THAT the beneficiaries receive a monthly stipend of Kshs. 2,000 delivered every two months through appointed payment agents, and also entitled to medical insurance through the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF);

CONCERNED HOWEVER that the programme's credibility is marred by issues of delayed payments to beneficiaries' difficulties in processing of payment through the stipulated agents and payments to persons who are not registered with OPCT Programme;

NOW THEREFORE, this County Assembly URGES the County Government to complement the efforts of the National Government and assist in resolving these challenges by;

i. Developing legislation and policies to protect the elderly including ensuring all elderly persons in the County are registered in the OPCT Programme; and

ii. Organize value addition mechanisms such as financial training to help thee beneficiaries of the programme to efficiently utilize this cash.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

STATEMENTS

GRABBED PUBLIC LAND IN MAILI SABA AREA, THIIRU TRADING CENTRE

Speaker: The Chairperson for Finance is supposed to respond to a Statement raised by Hon. Member from Marmanet Ward, Hon. Kanyutu.

(Silence)

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the Whole House at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, a Statement was tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Simon Kanyutu on 17th June,

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2020 requesting for a response regarding the Statement on grabbed public land in Maili Saba Area, Thiiru Trading Centre.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee sent several letters to the County Executive Committee Member, Infrastructure, and Housing and Urban Development vide REF: CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol.2/008 dated 17th June, 2020; REF: CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol.2/011 dated 28th July, 2020: REF: CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol.2/013 dated 13th August, 2020. The Committee sent another letter REF: CGL/CA/CM/007/02/Vol.2/017 dated 15th February, 2021.

A response was received on 24th February, 2020 by the Committee vide a letter REF: CGL/INFR/C.ASSEMBLY/VOL.2/95 dated 20th February, 2021informing them that the Chief Officer is compiling a report on the same which is not yet complete due to various parties and offices involved. They also requested for an extension of time for about two weeks to enable them to gather substantive information and compile the report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee hereby requests for an extension of thirty days' period so as to table a comprehensive response to the statement. As a Member of the committee, I have decided to respond because I know the Chair had a vehicle hiccup while coming to today's session. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Karuiru. I was to give you two weeks but then the same date will follow on 30 days because we have recess of two weeks. 30 days granted. We still have another response. Hon. Nderitu you can respond to this statement.

STATUS OF SIPILI STALLS, SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND OLMORAN LIVESTOCK MARKET

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Yes Mr. Speaker, I have a response on the status of Sipili Market and Olmoran livestock market in Olmoran Ward. Mr. Speaker, Sir, a Statement was read on the floor of the House by Hon. George Karuiru on 26th November, 2019 and committed to Trade, Tourism and Cooperative the same day.

The Committee wrote to the CECM for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on 27th November, 2019 vide Ref: CGL/CA/CM/002/009 requesting for a detailed response on the issues raised and the response was received on 15th September, 2020 as follows;

That, indeed in the financial year 2018/19 there was an allocation of Kshs.4.1 million to the rehabilitation of Sipili market stalls, renovation of Sipili slaughterhouse and construction of Olmoran livestock market. However, after conducting in-depth site assessments and feasibility studies to confirm the viability of the projects and scope of work and agreed that the funds were not enough to complete the 3 projects.

That, it was agreed the due to the pressing needs, construction of Olmoran Livestock Market be explored with a proposal for the other projects being allocated monies in the subsequent budgets mooted. The same was amended accordingly in the supplementary budget presented to the County Assembly of Laikipia.

That procurement process for the said project (Olmoran Livestock Market) was executed accordingly. However, all the interested tenderers did not meet the set criterion. The

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evaluation committee recommended for the re-advertisement of the tender but the financial year was nearing closure; hence the money could not be committed.

That, indeed there was funding by a donor on the construction of the same livestock market, hence, it was necessary to proceed with the same project.

That, Sipili Market stalls was allocated money in the financial year 2019/2020. Currently, the procurement process is over, the project is projected to take 3 months and will be operationalized immediately thereafter. The Committee tabled the response in the House for deliberation but the Member for Olmoran Ward was not satisfied.

The committee wrote to the CECM for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on vide ref CGL/CA/CM 002 inviting him to appear before it on Wednesday 4th November, 2020 together with the member for Ol Moran Ward to deliberate on the response.

During the meeting held on 4th November, 2020, the committee resolved to visit the site together with the area MCA and an officer from the Department of Trade Tourism and Cooperative on 10th November, 2020.

During the visit the committee observed the following in regards to issues raised in the statement;

1. When will the Sipili Market Stalls expected to commence and be completed?

   The Members observed that the stalls are being constructed and was satisfied that the work will be completed on time since the contractor was on site and the Members of the public expressed satisfaction on the progress so far.

2. When will the Sipili Slaughter House be constructed to the required standard?

   On matters pertaining to the slaughterhouse construction, the Members were informed by the officer from the Department of Trade that the construction of slaughterhouse is domiciled in the Department of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries.

The committee noted with concern that no construction of slaughterhouse work has commenced on the ground and recommends that the concerned department to make a follow up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That was the statement from Hon. Karuiru. As a committee we have responded as per the statement. Mr. Speaker, therefore Hon. Karuiru may confirm whether whatever I have said is true. Thank you.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Chair Trade for the response and just for reading it and not the resentment of the Assembly. We have had this statement for so long. As indicated it was tabled on 26th November, 2019. It was committed later to the department. This is a whole year and Mr. Speaker, these are three projects. In the first response I said I want the authenticity from page one where they had responded that in the financial year 2018/2019 there was an allocation of Kshs.4.1 million to the rehabilitation of Sipili Market Stalls, renovation of Sipili Slaughterhouse and construction of Ol Moran Livestock Market.

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It is put that as the representative of the Ol Moran Ward, I was present. In that statement number the last paragraph says that it is agreed that the fund were not enough to compete the 3 projects. Mr. Speaker, I would want a copy of the budget that was supplemented to what the committee alleged that there was no enough funds yet it was supplemented and presented to the County Assembly of Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker, the big question is that there is a lot of incompetence in the said department. As the response stipulated that the slaughterhouse does not lie in the Department of Trade, it is the KCB bank that donated Ol Moran Livestock Market. This leaves a big question as to how the Livestock Department and Ol Moran Livestock are not related. There is incompetence as it can retrieved in the HANSARD reports. I have always tabled reports on impeachment of the CECM for Trade.

I produced this document as one of the objects that did not satisfy the electorates of Ol Moran Ward who brought me in this Assembly. I wonder who makes the budget once the response said that time was nearing closure, then the department refunded the money to the treasury. In the aforesaid statement, I would want to have the BQ's of the said Sipili Market Stalls that was hidden to me. Currently, there has been a build-up of 14 stalls and I haven't seen the BQ. Secondly, towards the closure of the said financial year I would want the exchequer from the Department of Trade of the amount that was retained by the treasury.

Mr. Speaker, my honest decision towards this is the department to write to the Department concerned them being the implementers because our business is oversight and I believe…

Speaker: The committee. It is not the department to write to the department. Otherwise we will be assuming that the committee is the Department of Trade.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee to write to the Department of Trade. I want the authenticity of the meeting that was in page one, number 1 and a copy of the exchequer that indeed this money was returned. Thirdly, the competence if our oversight business reaches the extent of that exchequer that was to be returned. Was it the commitment of the Chief Officer or the CECM who was supposed to commit the same after this agreement?

If the committee went to the ground and found the slaughterhouse was not done and at the same time the Trade Department alleged that it was done by the donor, it was done because the response clearly stipulated it. Why should the Trade Department through a particular donor do Ol Moran Livestock and not the Sipili slaughterhouse? The entire responsibility of implementation lies in the Executive. They should show where this money was not allocated and when it was bulky or where the tendering did not go well.

I would want to have these things documented so that no day I will beg the Executive. It is either in the incoming Supplementary Budget I put the Sipili Slaughterhouse in the budget or otherwise. Mr. Speaker, I am not satisfied with this response. I beg our able clerks to have the clear information of the three questions I have asked. Thank you.

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Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, I hope you have noted the number of issues that Hon. Karuiru has raised. Have you noted something?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kama vile Mheshimiwa amekubali ni kwamba hii nakala iko hapa kwa muda mrefu. Kama vile nimemsikiza Mheshimiwa Karuiru anavyouliza maswali ni kweli kwa sababu anawakilisha watu wa Ol Moran kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Mheshimiwa Spika, vile nimeona hii taarifa hata tukirudisha majibu mara tatu Mheshimiwa Karuiru hataridhika. Hii ni kulingana na maswali yake. Leo anaongea kuhusu BQ na hakutaja BQ katika taarifa yake.

Kulingana na mimi ni kwamba naona kama anataka kuongezea maswali mengine na inakubalika kisheria kwa sababu ni haki yake kuuliza. Sisi kama kamati hatungeweza kuuliza kwa sababu yeye mwenyewe hajajibu. Nafikiri tumekuwa na Mheshimiwa Karuiru kwa mikutano mbili na tukaenda naye kwa kichinjio cha Ol Moran na aliridhika.

Leo anaongea kuhusu mambo ya BQ ilhali hakutaja hayo kwenye taarifa yake. Mimi ninaona kama anataka kuongeza maswali mengine na hiyo inakubalika kisheria kwa sababu ni haki yake kuuliza hilo. Sisi kama kamati hatungeweza kuuliza hilo kwa sababu yeye mwenyewe hajajibu.

Tena, Bwana Spika, nafikiri nimekuwa na Mheshimiwa Karuiru kwenye mikutano miwili hata wakati tulipokuwa Olmoran. Tulienda kwenye kichinjio na hata yeye akaridhika, lakini leo ameruka. Bali najua ni ukweli kwa sababu ni lazima awakilishe watu wake wa Olmoran kwa njia ambayo inastahili. Mimi namheshimu yeye pamoja na watu wa Olmoran, lakini hata Tukiwa hapo na afisa wa Biashara alimweleza vizuri kwamba mambo ya kichinjio yako chini ya idara ya Kilimo, na yeye mwenyewe anakubali na hilo amelisema hapa vizuri.

Lakini kama kuna mfadhili aliyefanya pengine alikuwa ni mtu wa biashara na akaingia kwenye hiyo idara. Hilo siwezi kulieleza bali waziri anaweza. Kuna wakati tulikuwa naye tukamwita waziri na yeye pia na nafikiri angemwuliza waziri hayo maswali hapo ili aweze kuyajibu.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the Chair is not getting me well, and it's good that he has clarified it. Despite my representation as the MCA of Olmoran Ward, the key question should be: who makes the budget? The Budget came. If it was modified in the Assembly then I would take the liability. But the Budget came saying that it is under the Trade Department that Sipili slaughterhouse was to be constructed. Now I'm wondering how it is that at the closure of answering this, it is entirely under the Agriculture Department.

Mr. Speaker, I would want the Chair to realize that as fine as it is that they came to Olmoran Ward for their key role business, visiting the Sipili stalls, and they have indicated that the slaughterhouse has not commenced, actually it is in a pathetic condition. I was with them, but the demand that I am talking about is the first meeting in page number one of their statement, that indeed in the Financial Yea 2018/2019, there was an allocation of Kshs.4.1 million to the rehabilitation of Sipili Market stalls, renovation of Sipili slaughterhouse and construction of Olmoran Livestock Market.

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However, after conducting in-depth site assessments and feasibility studies to confirm the viability of the project and scope of work and with consultation with relevant stakeholders including the area MCA; quote that, Mr. Speaker, the area MCA. This is where I want to see where these minutes were written and authenticated.

Lastly it was agreed that the funds were not enough to complete the three projects. That is the only slot that I demand to know, that particular meeting that I was in. Duly, according to the law, we must sign a particular meeting as per any statements given or meeting held. I want that statement and the minutes. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Namwelewa Mheshimiwa Karuiru na uchungu alio nao kwa sababu naona hapa wameandika kwamba waliweza kuongea naye. Lakini wakati tulimwita yeye na waziri, hakuuliza hilo swali. Ndiposa ninauliza mbona anauliza hapa na haulizi wakati waziri yupo hapo?

Tulimwita yeye kwenye mkutano kisha waziri akasema ni kijana wake msaidizi ndiye alimwakilisha. Kwa hivyo msaidizi wake wa kibinafsi akiwa hapo, basi yeye alikuwa hapo. Ni yeye mwenyewe alimtuma lakini hakuweza kujibu hayo mashtaka waziri akiwa hapo. Kwa hivyo haya ni maneno ambayo yatatuzungusha tu. Ningetaka Karuiru aongee kinagaubaga, aache kupiga chenga.

Speaker: Honourable Karuiru.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Ndio, Hon. Karuiru. Aache kupiga chenga kwa sababu yale ambayo ninasema, niko na wanakamati hapa ambao ni mashahidi, wanajua hayo yote. Ila akija hapa anaruka kwa njia nyingine. Ningeomba Mheshimiwa Chris Mark asitoke kwanza kwa sababu pia yeye ni shahidi wa haya mambo, asante.

Speaker: We cannot deny a Member permission to walk out; maybe it's to relieve himself. If the Member needs to help himself it's imperative that we allow him to do so. I wish to give back to Hon. Karuiru. I don't know whether I heard clearly that there is also *kijana yako,* I think your P.A, I don't know. But just proceed.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think our abled clerks are fully given the authority to write whatever they would write and it is clearly stipulated here that it is my representation that was there. Actually it is not a P.A. If it was a P.A it would have been written here. I also wonder why the Chair would beg Hon. Members not to answer the calls of nature just to support him.

Mr. Speaker, our core business in this Assembly is representation. I should think wholeheartedly as the Chairman of Labour, Social, and Community Welfare myself, and the Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, my abled Member who always supports me, I don't have your matters here supporting the CECM's and CO's about issues. What I say is that I am now going to write, to represent the Assembly and the Member represented in that particular ward about a question asked. So there must be support from these things because if we are to answer what the Members are saying, and I thank the Chair because he is telling me that I have wholeheartedly represented my people.

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Then all of a sudden he says that even if it takes years it won't be of any help. I should think that the entire thing for an MCA is to fully accept that I have heard from the Member of Olmoran Ward. I am going to write to the CECM to enquire more about what the Member is asking because he cannot answer me directly. I think this representation is in conjunction. I know the Chair as a hard-core, he cannot be compromised, but he might be compromised. What I want is this representation.

If you tell me that there were monies that were returned to the Treasury just because the due time was approaching, then there is incompetence in that department. The Chief Officer ought to have negotiated and seen that this fund should not go there. And because a supplementary budget is always around in this Assembly or even a written document to the Treasury, it would have gone there and this money would not have been returned to the Treasury.

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

[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) took the Chair]

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nafikiri yale anayoyauliza Mheshimiwa Karuiru ni haki lakini hata tukirudisha hii taarifa mara nyingine tano itarudi hivyo tu. Ikifika mwisho wa mwaka bila pesa kutumiwa kuna vile *PFM Act* inavyosema na hakuna atakayebishana na hilo. Ikifika, pesa inarudishwa na kwa vile pesa imerudi hakuna njia nyingine isipokuwa atafute bajeti nyingine.

Waziri alisema hivyo, atafute bajeti nyingine kama alivyofanya kwenye *Olmoran Market stalls*. Alitafuta pesa na sasa hivi iko sawa. Kama anaona hayo yote hayawezi kufanyika, ningetaka alete mswada wa kuondoa wale maofisa kwa sababu ndivyo ilivyo. Hata akiitisha Hazina itakuja hivyo tu. Njia nzuri zaidi ni kutafuta mswada tumwondoe. Bwana Spika mimi naonelea utoe mwongozo kwa sababu sisi tunafanya kazi kwa niaba ya Bunge na hilo ndilo tutafanya. Alete mswada wa kung'atuliwa mamlakani kama kweli anaona haikufanyika vizuri. Sisemi hivi kwa kumtetea waziri, hapana.

Hon. George Karuiru: Mr. Speaker, I would wonder that even from your seat the Hon. Member can say that the next best move I can make is impeachment. I think from your stand you understand the role of the Members that you lead in this Hon. House. So I would wonder why a Member should say that this is the way to go instead of saying, well, I should go for this.

If he has a statement from the CECM saying that this is the last statement, and if this statement now comes back to us it is the last statement and if it comes back to us it is the last statement, Mr. Speaker. From where you are sitting you should guide the Member that this is the authority of the Member, I am also taking notes Mr. Speaker if this comes again the same way as it is, not unless we take further steps.

Mr. Speaker, I would wonder, is the Hon. Stephen Ndiritu CECM, the Chairman of Trade in the Assembly or he is the Chairman of the Trade Committee in the Assembly and not the CECM? He should front this. He is my great friend and I think what he needs to do is to say Mr. Speaker I had not oversighted this and I'm going now to write to my CECM to have a response over this. Thank you.

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Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Hon. Ndiritu has just given out his suggestion so he is not commanding anyone to impeach anyone, but that is his thinking and we can't crucify him for that because you can choose to take or to drop. Wisely enough you have chosen to drop, according to how you have communicated.

Hon. Members and Chairs of various Committees, the work of Committees is to ensure the flow and coordination of activities in this Assembly as Members represent their people. Today it is only the Committee on Trade and Tourism that have under their jurisdiction to call for such meetings and do investigations on behalf of other Members who are not members of that Committee. So, Committee of Trade, once you are given such a mandate you are given that authority by this House to represent us in various Committees.

It's not a must that all of us be Members because we'll never be members of all committees at the same time. So please try to answer Members appropriately and on time so that at least we can be realistic on how we are representing our people. For this particular one, the Hon. Member is asking whether he will see those funds going back to the Treasury. He is not committing any crime in asking for such because the high chances are that those funds have been returned to the Treasury. But I was expecting that the Committee stands and says yes, this money has gone back and this is the evidence. This money has been relocated and this is the evidence.

If initially we never knew that slaughterhouse would be under trade, it was budgeted to be under trade. Now it is very clear that trade wouldn't take that up. That activity will roll to the right department which is agriculture and livestock. That fund will have to go back to treasury or for this House to do relocation of a different program in trade because that money was in that department of trade.

It is only that we never had that idea the slaughterhouse would be u+nder agriculture not trade. We need such flow of information because then that's how we will be able to represent this House. That is the wish and hope that Members of this House had in you while placing you in different committees.

We have been having such in various committees; not only in trade. I don't think we have ever got that letter showing us that this amount has gone back to treasury across all departments. I must have had two to three issues of members trying to follow such to the letter. I will call upon all committee Chairs and indeed Vice Chairs of those various committees to be thorough so that at least we try to ensure such flow for all of us become satisfied. All of us want to see transparency in this department.

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Bwana Spika, ni vyema nimefanya utafiti katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Nikaona kweli kuna changamoto kwa hii pesa ambaye Serikali Kuu iliweza kupeana mwaka wa 2010. Kwa wale watu ambaye wameadhirika kwa chini ni umri ambaye imezidi zaidi ya sabini. Serikali yetu ikiongozwa na Mheshimiwa Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta iliweza kupitisha hii sheria mwaka wa 2017 na kuanzisha hii mazoezi ya kulipa pesa kwa wazee kwa kila wadi na wazee zaidi ya miaka sabini.

Tukiangalia kwa serikali yetu ya Kaunti tuko na kamati ya *Social Security Department* ambaye tunajua ni kamati ya elimu inaongozwa na Biwott. Ni vyema kabisa tungeweza kukuja na *data* ya kujua kiwango ya hao wazee katika Kaunti yetu. Tunajua asilimia elfu ishirini na mbili ni wazee katika Kaunti yetu. Ni vyema tukumbuke watu kama hao ambao wanaadhirika katika Kaunti yetu.

Hiyo ni jambo moja imetuleta katika Bunge yetu ya Kaunti ili tujue vile wanaendelea na vyenye wanapata hizi pesa ambaye inatoka Serikali Kuu. Tumeona changamoto hao wazee wanaweza kupitia. Tumeona hii pesa ambaye tunaambiwa inakuja baada ya miezi mbili zinakuja baada ya miezi nne, sita hivi na inakuja kama elfu sita. Ukweli ni kwamba wenye walipata juzi ilikuwa ya Septemba, Oktoba, Novemba na Disemba. Kumaanisha Januari na Februari hawajapata hizo pesa.

Bwana Spika, changamoto ingine kubwa unapata mtu anatoka Doldol kuja Nanyuki kutafuta shilingi elfu mbili. Mtu mwingine anatoka Wangwachi anaenda hadi Nyahururu kutafuta shilingi elfu mbili pia.

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Deputy. Speaker: Order! Hon. Stephen Nderitu and the Member representing the people of Olmoran.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Ni vyema kwa sababu, tunajua kuna watu wamekuja kutetea agenda katika Bunge la Kaunti ya Laikipia. Wachunguze hio mambo na kuangalia hao watu wanaadhirika kweli. Unapata Nanyuki siku ambaye wanakuja kupata hayo malipo, wanakaa siku mbili ili wapate yale malipo.

Mimi ombi langu katika Bunge la Kaunti na pia ikishirikiana na serikali kuu, hao watu ni vizuri wapelekewe pesa mashinani. Hii ni kwa sababu tunajua kuna wale Maafisa wa benki kama KCB, Coorpative na Equity, ambaye wanaweza enda pale mashinani kuwakabidhi wale wazee zile fedha kuliko kuwaleta hadi mjini na ni kitu kidogo wanapata kwa elfu mbili.

Jambo lingine ningeomba serikali yetu iangalie ni hatuwezi kosa kitu kidogo, ama serikali kuu kuongezea hawa wazee elfu mbili hadi elfu tano ndio wapate kuangalia masilahi. Jamii mingi katika Kaunti yetu na dunia mzima wametenga wazee na kuwaacha wakihangaika na si vyema.

Bwana Spika, janga lingine tumeona ni mambo ya ile kadi ya NHIF, Serikali yetu ilikuwa inalipia watu *NHIF* na zile pesa za wazee, lakini kuanzia muda uliopita kidogo, wale watu hawapati hadi zile pesa za *NHIF*.

Sasa ni vizuri serikali yetu ikiongozwa na Gavana Nderitu Muriithi, ikipitia wizara ya Afya izunguke tupate *data* na wizara ya Elimu kwa sababu, ndio iko kwa huduma za kijamii iweze kutuelezea na kutwambia hao wazee wapate kadi za NHIF. Serikali yetu iwalipie hao wazee hizo kadi.

Ombi langu ni hilo Bwana Spika, kwa sababu tumegawa mabilioni ya pesa katika Kaunti na tumeambiwa ni miradi, na hizo miradi hakuna ambayo imetekelezwa. Hata ikifanyia hao wazee *NHIF*, muda mbili ama tatu itakuwa jambo la maana. Kwa sababu hata ukikaa kwa hio kiti saa hii tutaweza kupitisha bilioni ingine moja ambayo hatujui itaenda wapi.

Bwana Spika, mambo ya usajili kuanzia mwaka wa *2017* hawajawahi fanya ile huduma, hadi leo na tuko na miaka nne. Naomba serikali yetu ya Kaunti ijaribu kuangalia na ikiongea na serikali kuu ili iweze kufanya ile huduma. Hii ni kwa sababu watu wengi wamepitisha miaka sitini na tano na wengine sabini na hao wanapaswa kuwa kwa ile miradi ya pesa kwa wazee.

Bwana Spika, tuko na mambo ingine ya mbadala, mtu akiweza kuaga ama mtu hayuko kumwingiza kwa ile ratiba inakuwa ngumu sana. Ni vyema mtu akitoka hata familia, wenye ule umri ni vyema kurudia katika ile eneo.

Bwana Spika, niliona ni jambo mzuri kama viongozi wa Laikipia, kukaa na kufikiria umuhimu wa hao wazee katika Kaunti yetu. Tuwache siasa duni, na siasa ambayo haina maana na kwenda kwa wananchi kuwaambia unataka kura 2022. Ebu jiulize umefanyia wananchi nini? Ni jambo gani umeleta kwenye Bunge ambaye itasaidia wananchi kijumla wa Laikipia. Asante Bwana Spika, ningeomba Wajumbe waweze kuunga mkono huu Mswada uweze kupita ili usaidie wazee katika Kaunti yetu. Naita dada yangu Hon. Judy Lukio aweze kuunga mkono Mswada huu.

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Deputy Speaker: Hon. Judy Lukio,

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to second this important motion brought in by Minority Representative Hon. Zamzam. Truth be told the elderly in this county and our country and majority of these elderly groups, they don't get any cash at all and if they get it is much delayed.

It comes after four, five or six months and by then it is in this age group that they get endless illness and they need a lot of medication whereby they don't have any money. Mr. Speaker, a lot of this age group of the elderly have been abandoned by their families, they are left with no one to help them.

It is the other day I heard in the media, some are getting sexually abused in the name of being helped by those immoral people. They are sexually abused and it should be noted they need protection; they need to be put in the elderly homes if the county can afford that. Majority of them are abandoned and don't have families of their own at all. That's why I stand to second this motion, thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion and I want to most sincerely thank the mover because this motion is very well thought of. The beneficiaries of this motion, if they were in this gallery to hear what the mover is talking about, I am sure that they would wish her very well. These elderly persons are people who need a lot of support and respect and the National Government came up with this idea in 2006 to give the elderly persons some cash for upkeep and it was a well thought idea.

Mr. Speaker, if this one is not taken seriously, it may turn and give a bad name to these elderly persons or annoy them because there is no good format of how these people should receive this money. Again this money is not received when they have been promised to wait for it. So this motion is very important and as the mover has put it urging the County Government to complement efforts so that these people may be served in the right way, it is very important.

We might find these persons especially at a time like now, we have these issues of COVID-19, they are kept somewhere waiting for this money without even seats to seat while waiting. Therefore, we as Laikipia County should take this matter seriously to ensure that these people are treated well, served in the right way and given the respect they require as they wait for this money. We should also urge the Government to ensure that this money comes at the expected time because these people await for this money in a very big way.

We should also have a committee or a style whereby we are able to establish those who reach this age and that you need certain services so that they can be known and also be in that list because at times you will find these elderly persons arguing that some do get money while others don't. This is a matter that needs a lot of thinking and a lot of input put in it because there are some people who maybe died and were entitled to this money and their sons are the ones who are getting this money. I think that system as the mover is putting it, not only now

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but it has to be looked into so that this motion is keenly studied and implemented and a lot of what has been asked for to be done so that we benefit these beneficiaries.

So it was a very good idea but at times it is going to mess us up even those who are in leadership because whenever you go into a meeting, the elderly persons will always ask where their money is. For those who are not been registered to get it, they also query on why they are left out. So this is a motion that needs to be looked into, has a lot of information in it and I wish to say thank you to the mover for coming up with a very good idea of this motion. Thank you, very much, I support.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga huu mswada mkono ambao umeletwa na mtetezi wa wafugaji hapa maana yeye amekuwa katika mstahili wa kwanza kusema ya kwamba yeye ni mtetezi wa wafugaji lakini hata leo nimeona pia yeye ni mtetezi wa wakongwe. Kwa hivyo mimi nampea hongera na pongezi kwa mswada ambao kwa kweli ni wa maana. Ni mswada ambao unauliza Serikali Kuu iweze kutilia maanani lile azimio ililoweza kupitisha ya kwamba wale ambao ni wazee waweze kupata pesa za kujisaidia katika maisha ya uzeeni.

Mimi katika maoni yangu nimeona ya kwamba huu ni mswada ambao tunafaa kuuchangia na kufuatilia kwa makini kwa sababu ni mswada aambao unaguza zaidi wale ambao tunawakilisha katika wadi zetu. Mimi pia nimekuwa na changamoto kwa sababu wale wazee huwa wananitafuta kila wakati kuniuliza kuhusu pesa zao. Wakati huo nasikia nimevunjika moyo kwa sababu kama mtu amefikisha miaka sabini na serikali imesema ya kwamba itampatia pesa halafu tena ikose, hilo sio jambo nzuri. Katika hii miaka ambayo ni zaidi ya sitini na tano, ni miaka ambayo yule ambaye anafaa kupewa zile pesa hana nguvu za kufanya kibarua kama watu wengine. Kwa hivyo inafaa serikali ikifikia wakati wa kupeana wanapeana mara moja ili hao wazee wanaweza kujisimamia maishani mwao.

Jambo lingine ambalo huniudhi ni ya kwamba wakati hao wazee pesa yao inakosa hata kufika, wale ambao hawafanyi hivyo ni wale ambao hawajafikisha hiyo miaka zaidi ya sitini na tano na jambo ambalo ni la kuvunja moyo. Wale ambao wanafanya hivyo ni vizuri wajue ya kwamba kwa leo wako na miaka michache lakini kesho watafikisha hiyo miaka na yale ambayo hawa wanapitia hata huyu atakuja kupitia. Ninaunga mkono na ninaona ya kwamba hili ni jambo mwafaka na mambo ambayo tunafaa kufuata. Inafaa pia kuangaliwa ni kwa nini hawa wazee hata wengine ambao wamefikisha miaka hawajaweza kuingia katika huo mpango kwa sababu ni wengi.

Yule ambaye anakaa kwa DC hataweza kupata hilo changamoto na wale pia ambao pengine ni Wabunge walio na cheo kubwa au Magavana hawatapata zile changamoto kwa sababu sisi ndio huenda pale mashinani na ndio hupata hayo mambo. Kila asubuhi hawa wazee huja hadi kwako nyumbani kuuliza kwani shida iko wapi mpaka wakati mwingine tunarudi kwa mfuko kupatia huyo mzee kitu kidogo ndio angalau aweze kusukuma maisha yake. Kwa hivyo hilo ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kufuatilia, tuungane kama Wajumbe kama vile mwenye mswada amesema na tuweze kusukuma Serikali Kuu ili iweze kuharakisha huu mpango na iweze kuwalipia fidia hawa wazee kwa sababu hii ni haki na hii pesa iko katika Katiba yetu ya

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Kenya na kwa sababu ni vizuri tufuate sheria na katiba yetu. Kwa hayo machache naunga mkono huu mswada 100%.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Kwanza ni kumshukuru dadangu Zamzam kwa kuona umuhimu na kukumbuka hao wazee na wakongwe ambao husahaulika kila wakati. Kwanza kwa maoni yangu ningeomba serikali ya kwamba hawa wazee wasiwe wakienda mbali kuchukua hii pesa lakini iwe ikiletwa karibu nao. Pia wakati watakapokuwa wakiendea zile pesa wawe wakipewa heshima kwa sababu hata sisi vile tuko hapa hata wenye ni vijana sasa hivi zote twaelekea hiyo barabara. Kwa hivyo wapewe heshima wanapoenda pale na sio kushinda wamepangishwa laini kutoka asubuhi hadi jioni.

Tungeomba serikali pia ifuatilie hizi pesa ili wawe wakipata kila mwezi juu wengine watoto wao labda wamewaacha ama wakati kama huu wa janga la COVID-19 watoto wao hawana kazi, chakula au pesa za kununua dawa juu wengi wanaugua na magonjwa mengine. Kwa hivyo ningeomba ya kwamba huu mswada utiliwe maanani na zote tuliopo kwa hili Bunge tuone umuhimu wa kujali hawa wakongwe. Asante.

Deputy Speaker: May I call the mover now to make a reply.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nawashukuru Wajumbe wote ambao wameweza kutilia mkazo huu mswada wa wakongwe katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Ninaomba serikali ya Ndiritu Muriithi iache kushughulika na matajiri na waanze kushughulika na wakongwe. Ninarudia ya kwamba iache kushughulika na mabwanyenye kwa sababu hii serikali ni ya mabwanyenye na inasemekana ukweli usemwe na ukweli wauma. Ajaribu kuangalia maskini na ajaribu kuwalipa hadi NHIF.

Naomba ya kwamba serikali itatimiza haraka iwezekanavyo ikiongozwa na Bwana Mbathi ambaye ndiye Mkuu katika Kaunti yetu ili aweze kuambia maafisa wa mabenki waweze kwenda mashinani kwa ofisi za chifu na DC kuweza kulipia hao wakongwe huko. Wasiende Nanyuki, Nyahururu na wengine wasiende Maralal kama watu wa Sosian huenda hadi mpaka wa Maralal kutafuta hizo shilingi mbili. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until later tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 17th March, 2021 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.42 p.m.

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