REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 18th April, 2023

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

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

PRAYERS

[Resumption of previous debate dated 13/4/2023]

TRAINING OF BODABODA RIDERS IN THE COUNTY

THAT, AWARE THAT Road traffic crashes, injuries and deaths involving motorcycles (boda boda) are on the rise in the country and County and the numbers are bound to go higher if nothing is done;

NOTING THAT most of the operators within the County do not have driving licenses which is illegal according to the traffic Act 2009;

COGNIZANT THAT lack of training for the riders, failure to wear helmets and carrying excess passengers are the key contributors to the soaring numbers of accidents caused by boba boda riders;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that if nothing is done would lead to more casualties and deaths;

This house URGES the County government to partner with relevant agencies and to mobilize riders through their SACCO's and undertake trainings on road safety measures to *bodaboda* riders and ensure that *bodaboda* riders acquire driving license after completion of the required training.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

Second Reading

THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2023

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move that the Laikipia County Finance Bill, 2023 be now read a second time.

Bwana Spika, nimeomba huu mswada usomwe kwa muda wa pili. Wajumbe wamepitia na kuelewa kwa vile imekaa hapa kwa muda mrefu. Huu ni mswada ambao unapatia serikali nafasi ya kuokota kodi ndio ilete maendeleo kwa wananchi amabo wako pale chini.

Bwana Spika, mwananchi ambaye anafanya kazi pale soko na mwenye anafanya biashara hapa kaunti kama hatalipishwa buila sheria tutakuwa tunahatarisha serikali na kufanya kazi yenye

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sio halali. Tutakuwa na kamati kuu ya bunge nzima kesho ndio tulete marekembisho ambayo inafaa kwa huu mswada ndio tuweze kuangalia.

Bwana Spika, mswada wa fedha ni kumaanisha kila pesa tutakazotoa zitaabatana na huu mswada. Ile shilingi yote itapatikana kwa hii kaunti ni kupitia hii sheria ambayo inafaa. Kuna ile sheria ya PFM ambayo inazungumzia mambo ya kodi na vile pesa zinaletwa kwa kaunti. Tuko na Mgao sawa, Kodi yetu binafsi na ruzuku. Hapa kwa kodi yetu binafsi ndipo tunaletewa huu mswada ndio tuweze kulipisha mwananchi ambaye yuko pale.

Bwana Spika, tunapoenda kesho katika kamati nzima na sana sana tukiziondoa pesa za mishahara na za bima, zile zitabakia pengine ni zile tu zitabaki hapa. Tukiokota kidogo ni kumaanisha hata ile maendeleo tunataka haitapatikana. Zile pesa tunataka zitaingia kwa malipo ya kusubiri *(pending bill).* Kukosa kutimiza ahadi ambazo tumepitisha katika bunge hili. Naomba wajumbe waelewe hii stakabadhi inafaa kuwa inafanmya kazi. Ikifikia Juni na Julai tulete muswada ingine ya fedha ambayo itakaa kwa muda wa mika mnzima.

Bwana Spika huu mswada umekaa kwa sababu wakati ambao ulifaa upitishwe hadi kamati zenyewe hazikuwa zimeudwa. Naomba wajumbe, kwa sababu tunataka serikali iitishe pesa kwa njia ambayo inafaaa ambayo ni sheria tuungane kwa kauli moja na tupishe huu muswada bila pingamizi. Kesho tukutane hapa na tufanye haya marekembisho ndio tupate sheria ya kulipisha mwananchi pale mashinani.

Bwana Spika, kwa niaba ya kamati na bunge yote naomba Mheshimiwa Mary gathoni aunge mkono ndio huu muswada usomwe kwa mara ya pile. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this motion for the purpose of provision of services to the people of Laikipia, I believe revenue should be collected. Thank

(Question proposed)

Hon. Samuel Gatati: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the second reading of the finance bill. As the chair has echoed it is important for this bill to pass. This is the only thing that gives the Executive the go-ahead to collect revenue in all aspects. As the MCA seated here this revenue collection affects us 100%.

Some of the project we do to our communities – provision of water, health facilities and other services the County Government is entitled to provide we get it from our own source revenue. It is important for Members to support because it also affects our deliverables in the community. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have few comments to make on the document. Part 7 of this document; 1 Schedule- fee for market, services and cess, part 7 –overnight holding fee per head, we can see it was 50 to 150 and 200. An increment of 150, that is cows and donkeys. Sheep and goats, we had 30 to 100 an increment of Kshs. 70 which is a higher margin although we want to collect revenue, we need to think on how we are increasing its collection.

The last assembly increased it from Kshs.50 to 200 which a big increment and affects the people in this business. On penalties, I can't see the sense of paying Kshs.5000 per lorry for failing to pay cess which to me is higher. We can look at it and see what we can do about it.

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On part 13 – livestock health certificate, we are proposing health certificates for bulls for seven productions from Kshs. 20 to Kshs. 500, an increment 480. We are killing breeding within the county if we increase to such extent. I am hoping by tomorrow, I will have read a good part of it. Let us consider the amount we are charging on individual items. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am in this Assembly to represent my people. I thank the government and support the revenue collection but I oppose oppressing our people. Before coming to this Assembly, I was a butcher and even today I still am. I am very in touch with what is on the ground. We have been passing this finance bill. Last time when we passed it, even the Chairperson wasn't in. Only the Vice Chairperson was around because of the campaigns period. We were unable to concentrate on it.

Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate because our people got oppressed from that. If you go to the Finance Bill page 11, there is meat inspection. I want to consider the smallest butcher who operates from the ground and cannot afford to slaughter a bull or a cow. Only a chicken.

To slaughter a chicken is Kshs. 5 per head. Imagine having 500 chickens. On page 11 there is the meat inspection fee per carcass. So, if I am a poultry farmer, I have Kshs. 5000 chicken. Just do the calculation and that is okay. I am not opposing meant inspection for a goat to be Kshs 50. My concern is at the lower table which indicates certificate of meat transport, slaughterhouse to butchery per trip. Those are the meat transporters and there is a cart driven.

That is somebody who cannot afford a motor bike. You just take a cart to your butchery which cost you Kshs. 50 yet you have already paid Kshs. 50 for inspection. My big concern is the motor bike which costs Kshs. 50. Certificate of transport is just a receipt to prove that your meat has been inspected. That receipt is always stamped to prove where the meat came from. I am sure charging that amount to our upcoming traders will really oppress them.

Mr. Speaker, I propose we should not oppose the COT. By the time I was coming here, I was claiming to be a small butcher but I was able to transport meat to Nairobi. I was a very prominent butcher in Burma and while taking meat, I was the one who was seeking for the COT because I was transporting to another county and another region. That is a proof that the meat I was transporting has been inspected.

It has now turned that COT will be a source of revenue. This is unfortunate because I am feeling like the butchers from the ground are being oppressed. Mr. Speaker, I told you that I am a butcher and the first thing you pay is the license. You pay for the person who slaughters on your behalf. You also pay the owner of the slaughterhouse if it's not in the county.

There is that box that carries meat to the butchery and per year you must pay for that box without any consideration. The butchery itself has a license. Why do we want to kill our butchers in this county. We need to consider some things and the small traders need to be considered. Mr. Speaker, I am sure we are in the third reading and when making the amendments, we need to remove these charges.

I was shocked and my people were calling me to the ground. They were asking whether they gave me a second term to oppress them. I told them no because I could not remember when we were passing the previous Finance Bill. Fortunately, when I raised the concern here, I was told it was in May, 2022 when I was knocked out during the UDA Nominations. This means I was not able to concentrate. That is why it never entered my mind when we were passing.

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Mr. Speaker, I am now keen and we need to ensure we do not oppress our people. Let us ensure that we represent our people here and we see to it. Mr. Speaker, these people are bitter with us. Visit our nearest market, Rumuruti and purchase a goat. The first thing is that you pay cess to the county then you push your goat to the slaughterhouse.

The slaughterhouse is just next and where our county has reached is that the first thing you do is pay the slaughterhouse, the person who will slaughter and the doctor then you are told to pay the COT from the slaughterhouse to the butchery. Mr. Speaker, I cannot support killing of our upcoming traders by double-charging them. Let us have a way we shall give our people a conducive atmosphere because we will overcharge them and they will not afford to do this business.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure we will not have peace because I have Kshs 50 in my pocket and I will be knocked down while going home. We need to encourage them and ensure that fees are collected the right way. Mr. Speaker, I support passing of this but I am also very happy and I would like to see those who will be supporting because there is one of the revenue collectors who stated very clearly, we pass the Finance Bill without our knowledge.

We did it during the campaign time and now we are not in the campaign time. We have to do the necessary and ensure that our people are not oppressed. If there is anyone left to ensure that his people are oppressed, I will not be part and parcel. We have the HANSARD and I will be captured to ensure that my point is well considered. Mr. Speaker, this issue pertaining to butchers has been hurting. It has made me drive at a speed that is not allowed by the Government while coming because I started the journey late.

Mr. Speaker, I am concerned with the prominent butchers who are capable of purchasing. In Rumuruti, we have prominent butchers who go to Posta to get their animals for slaughtering. As they transport from Posta to Rumuruti, there is the consignment fee for goat and sheep. If you are transporting from Posta to Rumuruti, per trip, one to ten goats they charge Kshs. 50 but if you are capable of buying 11 to 50, they charge Kshs. 200. That is another charge for the same butcher.

Mr. Speaker, let us give this consideration to ensure that our people are not pushed. There is another section that I had mentioned but unfortunately, I have entered the House in a rush though I am not late, I feel that it is good we give those consideration. Mr. Speaker, on page 17 we have penalty for single business permit. I am sure to some extent you may not have displayed but charging Kshs. 1000 for not displaying is exorbitant.

Somebody may have an issue and sometimes permits are stolen. I can attest that tonight we worked on one who just broke our businesses. We were able to catch him and we did good work. Imagine sometimes they steal our licenses and the person who is in charge of patrolling finds that your license is not displayed then you are charged Kshs. 1,000. Mr. Speaker, let our penalty be lowered and I propose we get to it.

Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful and I am sure Members who know they represent people, we can pass it but our electorates will be aware that we have not done them justice because we are seeing double taxation on what should not be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to have made my contribution because I am sure those on the ground have realized that Hon. Kanyutu is speaking on their behalf. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. I direct that should any Member have a proposal for any amendment to do so early enough in writing. Let the committee also know; thank you. That was just an information.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have already done it unless the committee will not capture my proposals. I have already recommended to them. Mr. Speaker, I am very keen.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to make my few comments on the Finance Bill. Today morning I was discussing with the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and we had all these issues. To my surprise, he has said in this House that the bill has been in use. Recently over the last one month, is when they started using it. I do not know if they were aware but over the last months, there was no comprehensive for butchers and slaughterhouses.

Last month is when people started complaining. So, it feels like the bill has been in use for the last one month. Secondly, as I look at the bill, I have seen a few things. Bordering two counties, there is part 11 that meat slaughtered outside the county per carcass. In my case, if I live in Suguta, Mararal next to Laikipia and there is a slaughterhouse in Rumuruti, then I will not have to drive all the way to Rumuruti to get meat. You can get at the border but then it is saying you pay an extra Kshs. 200 per carcass. This is ridiculous and I will actually recommend the House to take a whole day and look at this bill so that we get to know what is happening.

Otherwise, this will be a surprise that we will pass a bill that will haunt us later. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me chance to rise and support the Finance Bill. In the few minutes that I have been in the House, I have checked on the land rates and I can see in Laikipia East Sub-County an on sight of 4% value is to be channeled on rates on struck evaluation rule. So, as we sit in this House, we have people in this county who are paying rates very well, very timely, very effectively and some of us having passed this Finance Bill and it being forced on the ground, some people in this county are not paying land rates.

As we stand here today, a conservancy called Solio Ranch has not paid its land rates from 2016 up to date. As we sit here, they have not paid licenses to operate from 2016 to date. When it comes to revenue collection in this county whereas we have a budget allocation, funds are not enough to accommodate members in their wards and operations in this county. The big face of this county are our people who are breaking these laws.

When it comes to enforcement, you cannot be able to access their premises because their gates are always locked. I have tried my best to converse with Solio Ranch Management and it has never come in the short period I have been in this Assembly. As we sit here and go through this Finance Bill, it is upon the House and the Finance Department to know this Bill after being passed must be implemented to the letter. There are no big fish or small fish in tax payment of this county.

Today, the wildlife of Solio Ranch is flourishing and the humble people of Solio villages are languishing. When we discussed with the management of Solio Ranch, they said they cannot install an electric fence because it is worth Kshs.200 million. If at all you cannot pay the taxes and you cannot be able to take care of your wildlife, of what use are you to the society and to the Laikipia County Government. Hon. Members, as we support and deliberate on this Finance Bill, I

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request the House to maybe assist the County Government so that everyone can comply with the Finance Bill as we pass today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the second reading of the bill. I am very happy to see today and categorically looking at this document item by item. We have been charging people revenue without passing a bill in this House. We are happy today that we are discussing the bill and probably next week we shall be having a legal document that will be charging people what they are supposed to be charged.

Mr. Speaker, Members have a right to look into this document and see what is this that we are supposed to amend? According to the Standing Orders, every Laikipian has a right to write a memorandum to the committee in 24 hours. So, Members you can write a memorandum and I am happy we have received two memoranda from Hon. Kanyutu and another one from the department. So, Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to give us the amendments. Give us details so that we can have guidelines.

This document has items and if you read what Hon. Kanyutu has said, there are two items. There is the Certificate of Transport (COT) which is charging Kshs. 50 and a motor bike is being charged Kshs. 50. So, we want to see what he exactly means. Do you want to use the amount or you want us to scrub the item. Mr. Speaker, the way I am understanding, when you talk about the COT, definitely that means for you to take meat from one point to the other, when someone stops you on the road, you are supposed to convince that person that you are carrying the legal meat, you need to have a certificate.

We need to come up with a way so that if what we are charging is high, then you are able to see whether we shall use or we shall scrap the whole item. The other thing is what Hon. Lekopien has just said. If at all we are charging to just getting the meat from the…

Speaker: Hon. Leshuel, hold on. What is it Hon. Kanyutu?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: I want to stand with a point of clarification.

Speaker: Do you want clarification or you want to give a clarification?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: To give a clarification.

Speaker: Do you need a clarification? Go ahead Honourable Member.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: What I wanted to clarify, is this issue pertaining Certificate of Transport. My concern is, a small butcher has gone to the slaughterhouse and is removing meat from the slaughterhouse to the butchery. You are being charged because you brought your animal to the Slaughterhouse, you are charged to take your animal to the slaughterhouse which is just within your vicinity.

It has been there even previously, but it was not in the Finance Bill because the meat inspector is the one entitled to follow-up and ensure that the meat that is within that locality is inspected. That is a certificate to prove or ensure the stamp on the meat, is the one in the paper.

This means there is a fee that we pay the doctor. The fee should be inclusive of the Certificate of Transport. The doctor is the only person who should be having the paper. An example; I have gone to the bookshop and bought a book and because I am going with the book home, I am charged for another receipt to prove that I have taken it from that bookshop with a new

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receipt on the same. That is what I wanted to clarify to the Hon. Member, that the double charging is the person who has inspected should give you a receipt to prove that I am the person who has done that inspection.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to support Hon. Kanyutu, but he should know I have the capacity to understand what he means. I want to confirm and let him know, if you read the Finance Act, two years back, that item is there. Unless he was not aware and now because the people have complained, that makes him to come and read the document.

I was not in the House then. I am not against what he is saying, he should understand that. I want to let everybody understand something; there are two things here. We have inspection and we have Certificate of Transport. It is us to understand and to let one thing be removed.

If we are going to remove the inspection and get the certificate of Transport, because to my understanding, you cannot transport meat without a certificate. That is my understanding, probably I am understanding the opposite. If it were me, we remove the figure for inspection because the one inspecting is the one issuing the certificate.

You cannot tell me you will take the meat from Doldol to Nyeri without a certificate on the road. You cannot stop on the road and tell somebody who is inspecting, I want to open the box, so that you can see the stamp. I do not think that is the way to go. My concern on certificate of Transport, we need to understand because the Member is saying we have double taxation on two areas.

He is saying, somebody doing the inspection is the same issuing the certificate. Now taking back to the locality and we are talking about the entire County, not unless we come up with another option defining the kind of certificate we are offering. Are we offering transport or what about the locality? I am not opposing this; I just want to have a clear way.

Remember in this country other people are slaughtering donkeys and even dogs. We must be keen on inspection and transportation certificate. If it were me, we scrap the inspection fee and allow the Certificate for Transportation. That is my understanding. Why? Because we can have a transport or something you can show a person has a certificate of transportation?

You know that certificate indicates that you are carrying something that is being consumed by humans. I do not oppose what he is saying because memorandum is with the committee but I want him to give us a guideline so that when we amend, we come with clear amendments. For reason we do not amend and affect other areas.

That is what I want to say. As much as we are talking about what we have reduced, we need to also discuss on the sources of income, just like Hon. Mwaniki has said. Let us not concentrate on areas that will affect our people. Let us look upon that and as well reduce the amount the way you want.

Let us again look at the sources of income. You understand what our revenue target is. You all understand, it is Kshs.1.2 billion. How do you arrive that, we must look for sources of income as much as we are reducing where our people are being affected. I want to open the mind of Members; on the areas we are going to amend and areas that will add so that we can get sources of income.

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These documents we only have two months to implement them. We are awaiting the document for the next year. I am very happy for Members to look into this one because I know when that one comes, they are very vibrant and they will see all areas. I have also not gone through the whole document but I am waiting for the next Finance Bill, so that we can look at all areas.

I am sure probably majority of people have already paid what is in this document, probably few have not, because we have been collecting revenue using this finance bill. Let us make a proposal and have amendments because it is within our rights tomorrow. Whoever have amendments, let us have it in writing and give us a proposal. That you want this one to go this way and reduce this to a certain percentage, so that we can be able to finalize everything.

I want to ask Members, let us be keen on finances. Unless we take this document as if we want to say, those who are not for this are against the public. That is not the way to go. It is us to discuss. Convince us the importance of amending that area. Do not come here and tell us that you want to be on record that some are not supporting. That is not the way to go.

It is here that I am proposing this one. If the Members see the importance of that, they will take your proposal and agree. I want to say this, we are waiting for amendments. I know Members will go through after this and give us more amendments. I am sure based on transport, marketing, kiosks and many areas we must look into.

There is one kiosk which carries four business, which business are we going to charge? There is Mpesa and many others. We must look and see, so that we do not charge all of them. The moment we charge all of them, then we are making that person close that kiosk. Those are areas that we are supposed to look at.

I want to confirm to this House, that we are receiving the memorandum. We are ready to receive again today or tomorrow and make amendments here together. The amendments are welcome, let us look at every area in this document and remember it will be here for two months. After two months, we will come with another one.

I want to say last year's finance bill is the same as this one. I want to refer those who may quote me wrongly, to go back and read it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to comment on the same. I can see Hon. Leshuel and Hon. Kanyutu, arguing on the same plate because one claims to be a butcher which I believe so and the other one rears the livestock. Hon. Leshuel rears the cows and goats while Hon. Kanyutu is the butcher.

On the reality, we must be careful on where we are stepping in, because we are living on dangerous times as leaders. I woke up very early in the morning today and I went to the ground. We had the rains and the good work we have done but we are going to repeat it, though we thank God for the rains.

The same *Mwananchi* should understand. I speak here as a leader, not a politician. Most of the time as a leader you have to make unpopular decisions. Hon. Kanyutu, as much as I support you, maybe the previous House, you intended for us to be vegetarians. You are saying all the butchers are being hit hard.

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I want to ask as Hon. Nicholas Muturi, was saying there. We are using a sledge hammer on the common *Mwananchi*. I understand most of these big ranches have their slaughterhouses. If you remove the COT, then you are benefitting the "*wazungus"* and the big ranchers.

When they are slaughtering there, how do I know? How many animals were slaughtered today? We do not have the numbers and thus the County lost the revenue. They are using our roads and bursaries because they are paying poorly. I can tell you because I have worked with them.

As much as he has the experience with butchers, I have worked in the informal sector, so I know they pay poorly. The County Government should not be thinking on how to hit more on the common *Mwananchi*. We should be thinking about all the ranches that are here. Hon. Leshuel and Hon. Lekopien there, they happen to be from Laikipia North. How much are you bringing to us, as the County Government?

The *Mwananchi* as we are speaking right now, I do not know what is going to happen in the budget. I am expecting a lot of money because of the infrastructure, bursaries and as well in my pocket. Now I am asking, if you all come here and Mr. Speaker you should protect me because I do not know what the Member wants to say, but it is not something good.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, it is not that I am pushing something wrong to him, but I wanted to clarify to him that on this finance bill we have written a counter. This is what is touching on these big ranches, whereby you get a whole farm slaughters sixty animals. They are packed in a small lorry and they are charged seven hundred while a butcher in Nanyuki is charged for a single goat from the slaughterhouse to the butchery, fifty shillings. The person still there, is really oppressing the small holder who is doing a small business.

Speaker: The floor is still with Hon. Anthony.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want….

Speaker: Do you want to contribute Hon. Lekopien?

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: I want to give information.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: I do not need any information at this juncture. They should give me time to express myself. I am only speaking from my heart because if you speak from the locality you have come from, things will be different. I am asking this House, and I am speaking as a leader because I believe in one thing. As much as you want to look good to your people and at the same time you are not helping them, then you are not doing anything good to them.

I should clarify this to Hon. Kanyutu, we are only crying over spilt milk because we are only speaking about two months. Where have you been for the last seven months? We are not helping anything, unless we are going to reimburse the same money we have been collecting. I do not think we are arguing anything here.

For the last nine months, this has been in use. Assuming I am the butcher. Whatever he is calculating, if you were to win today and it is very unlikely. Are you going to return the same money to the butcher? I am only speaking the truth; we should be thinking about the future and not the past. That was your mess and you should correct it.

My point is this, as the Hon. President of this country has said, he is not going to take any money to help us. It is up to us. We should know on this budget they said they are going to take

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Kshs. 250 million, to a good cause and I support it. If every morning we will be coming here and reducing rates, where are we heading as a County? Where are we going to get money for developments and even this House?

We should be thinking of how to widen the nets and how we will visit those ranches. Even my place in Likii. As much as I love them, they must give the tax to this County if they need development. That is the only thing we can do. If we go to the right direction as he is saying, then I can tell you if I was to read this and go to my *Juakali* people, then I will be unfair to them. We should remove this and this. At the end of the day, we won't have a County to run.

Hon. Kanyutu, Hon. Leshuel and this House, I urge as much as it is taken, let us not discuss anything more than this. Let us pass it as it is and use it as a lesson so that we can work on another. It will be illegible that we are going to amend it for two months, we have very many "*Wajuajis"* nowadays. If someone decides to go to court and say that we have been collecting the money illegally, we are going to use the money on the court again. The same money that can be used for a noble cause. Mr. Speaker, was Hon. Nicholas asleep as I was speaking?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to get some serious correction from the Deputy Speaker. If this document has no use or input does not count us, why is it brought to us? We must correct the mess even if they have been using it so that next time, we do not use it to do the injustices to our people.

Even when you look at the street parking, I want to introduce for these two months. We must have a specific column that clearly states, any vehicle that has the County Assembly stickers, should not be grounded. We must protect ourselves. If you have to protect *Wanjiku*, we must first protect ourselves. Every day I find Hon. Leshuels car being grounded. The other day it was my car, the other day it is Hon. John Gichuki car and maybe another Hon. Member. We must put things straight from the beginning. Even if they have been using it…

Speaker: What is it, Hon. Lekopien?

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to add on something because I am getting irritated by the Deputy Speaker, saying that we should continue with the bill as it is. I think it is not in order as a small farmer, paying a rent of Kshs.2,000 per year, while one of these big ranches are paying Kshs. 20 per acre. I have a plot of land which is 50 by 100, and I am paying two thousand shillings.

Speaker: Hon. Lekopien, just a minute. Hon. Members, Order! I would like you to maintain silence in the House. Proceed Hon. Lekopien.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just getting a little irritated when the deputy Speaker said, that we should continue with the bill as it is. I think it is not in order, as a small farmer will say. I am paying a rent of two thousand shilling per year when one of these big ranches are paying twenty shillings. I mean twenty shillings per year, per acre. We have a plot of land that is fifty by hundred and I pay two thousand a year.

Speaker: The Hon. Lekopien, just a minute. The Hon. Members, Order! I would like you to keep silence in the House. Proceed, Hon. Parleto Lekopien.

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Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Mr. Speaker, They seem to be busy, they seem to be having their own Bunge somewhere else. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just trying to give the information to the Deputy Speaker. That is happening now.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: If my mind serves me well, Last time I spoke to Hon. Lekopien. I said he should reserve his opinion until I am done. You are going to have the floor; you can speak what you want to say.

Speaker: The floor is his for the time being.

Hon. Lekopien Parleto: I was just talking about the issue of land rates. In this case, if we continue paying or doing what is happening now. Some of us are paying Kshs. 2,000 per annum for a piece of fifty by a hundred when big ranches who have got thousands of acres are paying Kshs. 20 per acre per annum.

It is ridiculous and if my mind serves me right. I had Hon. Nicholas from Tigithi saying, that from 2016 some of these ranches have not paid anything. Are we really trying to work hard to increase the rates of this country for the Members, young farmers or are we just oppressing them even further? We will just need to look at the document, scrutinize it and just make sure that we know people we represent are not suffering.

As Hon. Leshuel said earlier, we need to do our amendments. I just want to get some clear information on what should be done. As new as I am, he said 24 hours but this document surely, we need more than 24 hours. For us to check through, check and make amendments then continue. I would request if by any chance, we need more than 24 hours to check on it. Even if it is valid for two months, two months is a big time. Two months is a big time for the Members of this County and the people of this County to suffer the same problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: The Hon. Mugweru has not spoken, I think you will let him present something.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I wanted to give a clarification, not today, the document has been with Hon. Lekopien, the document unless he ignored to pick the document. The document has been there and it was read on 21st

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Can the Chairperson clarify whether it is the one in use or we are using the previous one.

Speaker: It looks like more clarification is needed Hon. Members. The Hon. Stephen Ndiritu hold on, I want you to assert whether indeed this is the act on use currently or the one in use is similar to this one or they have been using an irregularity.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. It is my time

Speaker: I wanted to allow him to clarify.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Mr. Speaker just before he clarifies. He needs to be corrected that this document has not been provided from 21st as he said. Even if you read this document here, it has not come to my attention or in my small cabin there or make sure it can be somewhere I can access, do not just imagine that I have been having it. I just got it today. If he said that, that it has been there from the 21st it is he who knows that it has been there. Whoever, who is supposed to

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provide this document to us has failed and needs to be corrected before you just come to the House and pass things without getting enough time to go through them.

Speaker: The Hon. Stephen Ndiritu is duly informed that the Members', majority got the document today. Kindly proceed with the clarification whether this is the act that is in use before it is passed or the one before similar to this or they have been working on an irregularity.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa. Spika, ni vizuri niweke mambo wazi. ya Kwamba, wakati muswada unasomwa kwa mara ya kwanza, inasomwa kwa hii Bunge. Sio kusema kuwa inasomwa ukae chini. Kama mwanachama, ni lazima ujue ni nini imeweza kusomwa. Ulikuja hapa ukaweza kupitisha tukiwa wote somo la kwanza. Hii inamaanisha, anajua na yuko naye na kama hana, ni kuchukua hajaenda kuchukua mahali panapofaa. Sio mimi nafaa kumchukulia kwa maana sio mimi nafaa kumpelekea. Hata hii, sio mimi niliyempelekea, imekuja hapa ndio pia nimuarifu kabisa tutafanya hiyo kitu.

Jambo la pili Bwana Spika, muswada wa fedha ambao unatumika, sheria inasema ya kwamba kama mmechelewa kupitisha kama vile tumechelewa, inatumiwa ya mwaka uliopita na hiyo ndio sheria. Kila mtu anaelewa namna hiyo. Kwa hivyo, Bwana Spika, hii na yale malipo ambayo yanalipishwa ni yale yaliyo katika muswada ule mwingine. Hii hata tukipitisha leo vile ilivyo, hata tupitishe na marekebisho itatumika tu kwa miezi mbili tatu na ikifika Septemba, tutakuwa tumeleta muswada mwingine ambao utafanya kazi kutoka mwezi wa 2023/2024.

Hiyo ndio sheria na hivyo ndivyo inavyofaa. Asante, Bwana spika, yeyote atakaye kaa hapa alaumu ya kwamba, hajapata hii Bunge ni kumaanisha ya kwamba yeye hawakilishi watu wake. Ama ya kwamba, kila kitu kinachosemwa hapa Bungeni hafuatilii. Kwa hivyo, Bwana. Spika haitakuwa ni shida yangu isipokuwa aniandike niwe msaidizi wake.

Speaker: The Hon. Stephen. Order! The floor was for Hon. Mugweru and I would like him to finish up so that we are be able to interject.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I want Hon. Kagondu to withdraw something. He cannot come here and tell us that if you don't have the document, you do not represent your people. Mr. Kagondu, I want you to know that I was not elected at night. I was elected very early in the morning and announced during day time. You cannot come here and say we do not represent our people, yet whoever is supposed to provide these documents to us have not done so. That is your failure and whatever you have said, you need to withdraw that. It is an insult to our people. We got the document today. It is not a secret and whoever was supposed to provide us with the document, do not come and tell us that you do not represent your people. That is wrong.

Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Lempaira I think you have put your point across.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: He needs to withdraw it so that I can sit down.

Speaker: I believe you are addressing Hon. Stephen, not Mr. Kagondu.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: He is Stephen what is the difference?

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lempaira may you take your seat. I want to give a chance to Hon. Stephen. I guess you said that the Members have not been elected if you have not been able to pick this. It is ideal that you withdraw this.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, mimi nataka Mheshimiwa Lempaira anielewe vizuri. Mimi nimesema muswada kusomwa hapa unaamaanisha nini? Inaamaanisha muswada uko sakafuni, iko kwa Nyumba. Bwana Spika, kama yeye ameshindwa kuenda kuchukua ile hati. Sio mimi nimlete ile hati, yeye ndiye anafaa kuchukua ile karatasi na ajue nini hiyo imesomwa kwa mara ya kwanza. Yeye alikuwa pale, isipokuwa hakuwa makini na ile hati iliyofaa.

Kwa sababu, kama huchukui hati unataka nitoe nini. Hii hati kila mtu anaye na imekuwa hapa kutoka tarehe 21. Ndiposa nimesema, isipokuwa akuwe alikuwa na mambo ingine. Ninajua alichaguliwa mchana, peupe kama vile tulichaguliwa. Mimi nataka atetee watu wake mchana na usiku. Hata leo wakati alichelewa kuchukua Hati, aendelee kuwatetea mpaka wa leo iwe usiku ama mchana. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Thank you for clarifying that you did not mean whoever had not picked the document is not legitimately elected. Thank you. You agree that they are elected?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I agree he was elected.

Speaker: Hon. Mugweru. Kindly, Members. Let us not interrupt as much. The floor is yours Hon. Daniel.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Today is a funny day. In a few minutes Hon. Kagondu has just said "*alikataa kuenda kuoya*" I did not know what that was? The Hon. Speaker, it is just a serious concern, we should take the issue with a lot of seriousness. I have been listening to Members making their contributions. In some areas, we are not putting the seriousness that is supposed to be.

One thing, I must make the Members understand. I know even the mover himself understands because he has just repeated to this House is that we cannot confidently say that this bill will only be used for two months. Reason being, he has just stated that if we do not pass the next finance bill, the law is very clear. we are going to use this one until we pass the other one. If we pass this one without the right decisions, without the right amendments then the new one fails to come. Be assured, we are going to use this one with its irregularity for a whole year until the other one comes.

We need to be very serious with this document. Let us not say it is just two months because if the finance committee or this House, we as Members, do not approve the other one in those two months. Be assured we are going to use this one as we have been using the previous one until to date. Hon. Speaker, I say; I am not a butcher neither I am a……

Speaker: Hon Mugweru. What is it Hon. Mwaniki.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: I rise on a point of clarification, from the Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Speaker: You are requesting him to give a clarification.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: A clarification.

Speaker: Or you want to clarify.

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: I want him to give me a clarification because I do not understand. I seem not to understand Hon. Mugweru, are we using the previous bill by the previous Assembly or are we using this bill as it is that has not been passed by the Assembly.

Speaker. Thank you, Let the Hon. Mugweru will touch on the clarification.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Let me make that clarification. This is the finance Bill that has not been approved. Because we never approved this one, that's why we are using the previous one that was approved. This comes to the message that I am giving to you Members. Today, we approve this one, if we do not approve the other one in two months, be assured we shall continue using this one until we approve the next one.

Hon. Speaker, I am saying we cannot just say it will be used for only two months. In two months, if we do not approve the next one, it means we are going to use the one we are going to approve. Let us assume we approve this one today or tomorrow. It means we will use this one until we approve the next one. If we do not approve the next one in two months, we will use this one until we get the new one.

I was saying I am not a butcher like Hon. Kanyutu nor am I not what Hon. Leshuel is. I do not know whatever he is but those who supply animals. I was almost using another name that I have found it is illegal. Hon. Speaker, I really like the way Hon. Leshuel has said to Hon. Kanyutu. That Hon. Kanyutu, probably, he never knew about this one at that time. Now that the community has complained, he is bringing the issue. That is the work we are supposed to do. We are supposed to represent the interest of our people.

Even if we pass this one tomorrow and then your community is complaining. You should bring the complaints to this House. That is what we call representation. You should represent your people as it is. Hon. Kanyutu if the butchers are complaining and you are their representative, you should stand and represent their complaints in this House to the end. That is the best way because everyone has the interest of his people at heart.

I was doing my mathematics, simple mathematics here. If somebody has 5,000 chickens, he is supposed to pay Kshs. 25,000. I found Kshs. 25,000 being a lot to those people who rear chicken. We need to be realistic and be fair to everyone. Also, ask ourselves. Now that we are passing this Bill, are we ready to implement this bill to the letter.

I have gone to the page number fifty where I have seen what Hon. Lempaira was talking about the County Assembly. The owners of the County Assembly vehicles. It should be written clearly, The County Assembly Vehicles; Members and staff. On the side of the price, we see a zero there. Instead of us shouting here, today this morning, Hon. Kamara's vehicle was clamped. Hon. Speaker, we should have such a thing as Hon. Lempaira was saying.

At the same time, I have come across whereby the motorbikes in this town should pay I think Kshs.300 per month. Honourable Speaker, it has been there. Are we going to implement this or are we just doing writings here? Today, if we write that they should pay and they do not pay, we don't make a follow up for them to pay. Then, why should you follow the shopkeepers to pay their license. If today, we say that every person should pay, then we should make sure that everybody pays.

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If we are following this finance bill. Then we should make sure it is not selective. If we say that every shopkeeper should pay, then they should pay. If we say one acre of land is twenty shillings. Then, those who have 1,000 acres should get the 1,000 acres by Kshs.20 shillings. Those who have one acre then it should be Kshs.20 shilling.

Otherwise, we shall not apply the law discriminatively or selectively. I do not know why we regard this big fish in this County Hon. Mwaniki, has just said that big farms like Ol'pejeta they do not pay. For the last like four five years. Why then would you oppress? Somebody else with one acre to pay. I have just heard like those farms. The ones that do animal farming they supply meat a whole canter and pay seven hundred yet somebody else who is taking one animal one cow to the slaughter is paying the same amount. We should balance. We should not apply the law selectively. If it is good for me, let it be good to everyone else. Let us be keen. Hon Mwaniki is interested

Speaker: Hon. Mwaniki. Thank you Hon. Mugweru. What is it?

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: It is just a point of correction to Hon. Mugweru. It is not Olpejeta but Solio Ranch. Thank you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Mr. Speaker, I am just asking myself whether I am that ignorant because the last time I stood here, it was a point of information but it seems that the whole House has stood to contribute and I need your guidance. Should anyone contribute before the Hon. Member has finished his contribution? The last time I was contributing, it is only Hon. Lekopien who stood but from there, it seems as if we are starting again. Are we taking the right direction Hon. Speaker? It seems that they are all pre-empting what I was supposed to say. We can simply call Hon. Leshuel a livestock farmer and not the other word he wanted to say.

Mr. Speaker, when you are not here, I usually stand there and you are my mentor and the way you are directing me, it seems that when you will not be here, I will take the right direction. Kindly show us the direction and I will be very happy because I am even confused on where I was in my contribution…

Speaker: You mean you did not finish your contribution?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: I did not…

Speaker: Thank you. I will resituate that. Just take your seat as Hon. Mugweru winds-up.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Deputy Speaker for having time to remind the House that you had not completed your contribution. I was seeing you comfortably seated and thought that you had finished. At least, having you open up has made me remember that Hon. Leshuel is a livestock farmer. The other word I wanted to use, he could have taken me to court.

My point is that this Finance Bill should be taken with a lot of seriousness and not just this bill but there are so many things we need to take with a lot of seriousness.

Today this Finance Bill was brought here on the day the mover of the motion has said but at the same time, we need to understand the importance of our pigeon holes. Today I checked mine but there was no letter. I have received this in the last two minutes while such documents are supposed to be there. That is why you have your name and your wardrobe there. Unless I did not

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check mine, but I had checked today morning and I found nothing. I even checked whether there is a letter but there was nothing.

I am not saying that we now start delaying this one but it is important for such important documents. The person who is supposed to give the Members, just put them in the pigeonholes. Sometimes last year you could hear the Hon. Member saying that he/she has not received the report only to go and check in the pigeonholes and find documents from two years ago. So, on this one I can categorically say that this finance Bill was never put in the pigeonhole. Even this minute as we are talking, you can send one of the Sergeants at Arms to go and open those boxes and check whether there is any that has this document but you are going to find none.

We must start correcting the House by the time Hon. Chairperson for Finance will be replying, it is so important to remind the Members that the Clerk Assistant in charge was supposed to put these documents in the pigeonholes and from there, we can blame the Hon. Members that they did not pick the documents. For now, nothing was there. What were they picking?

So now that we have the document, we should not hesitate to bring the amendments as the Hon. Chair has said. Let us do it in writing before the end of tomorrow. whether it is 24 hours, let us work round the clock and make sure to present the amendments so that tomorrow, we will work on the amendments in the House. We cannot take the committee hostage and then we wait for two or three months but now that it has happened, let us work extra hard and make sure that we give out our amendments so that tomorrow, they may get them in writing.

In future let us have the documents in the pigeonholes so that we may have ample time to make our own amendments. For now, Hon. Speaker, let us support the bill and bring the amendments as soon as possible so that we may implement this one earliest tie possible.

Hon. Speaker, I would also call upon the Hon. Committee. It is a committee that represents the whole House to start working immediately after this one on the next Finance Bill so that we may not find ourselves using this one for another one year which will affect our people. Let us have time and get the best for next year. Let us have time and get the best for the next few months, go page by page. Let the committee take us letter by letter so that we may get the best for the next whole year. So, I support and call upon the Members to make the amendments in writing as soon as possible. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Daniel Mugweru. I wish to give this chance to Hon. Anthony to wind-up the other part of his contribution.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: I am just going to finalize anyway. A lot has been said but I have observed a few things. If at all we don't want this trouble in the near future, I would urge the Hon. Members because most of us are business people, we must be innovative. First, we must encourage our people for value addition if we want to evade the taxes. We must find a clever way to avoid it.

The other thing is about the implementation. As Hon. Mugweru has put it, whatever we pass here, do we follow it to the letter? Especially when it comes to the rates and taxes, we need to improve on that because it is very unfortunate that a whole ranch for the last seven years or six has not paid a cent to this county while the common citizen has been harassed and most of the time, he has been paying the little he has and we have been servicing the same.

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So, Mr. Speaker, I urge this House to pass this as a lesson to us and to everyone. I urge that the next one we must be involved. I don't want to say that I am supporting Hon. Ndiritu but I received this document on the first day because I asked for it personally and also the previous one. So, we should not wait until the last minute and we are complaining that we don't have. It is our duty to even go for an extra mile to get the materials from whatever sources so that we do not get an excuse.

It is very unfortunate if the electorates would hear an Hon. Member saying here that he has not seen this. I wish we vied from the same ward. That is a very dangerous statement to hear from a Hon. Member especially on this floor. It is our duty to go to an extra mile to serve or people. I support and urge this House to support the bill. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anthony Theuri. I now wish to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuwapongeza Wajumbe kwa kutoa maoni yao kuhusu huu mswada. Wakati nilikuwa nasikiza hawa Wajumbe, nimesikia na nikaona ya kwamba wako sawa na wako tayari kufanyia wananchi kazi. Jambo ambalo limenifurahisha zaidi ni mchango ambao umefanywa na Mheshimiwa Anthony, ambaye ameufanya kwa njia ya ukakamavu na kwa njia ya kuelewa zaidi, kwa sababu katika umri wake, sikuwa nafikiria ya kwamba anaweza kuondoa siasa na kuongea kama kiongozi kama vile amefanya leo. Hiyo imenionyesha ya kwamba yeye ni kiongozi ambaye tunamtegemea kesho ambapo ikifikia ni wakati wa siasa, unaweka siasa na uongozi kando na kupeana mawaidha ambayo itainua.

Bwana Spika, tukiwa na watu kama hawa katika hii Kaunti ya Laikipia, ni kumaanisha ya kwamba tutasonga mbele. Nimeunga vile amongea na pia vile wengine wameongea. Yake imenifurahisha zaidi kama kiongozi na ikaniguza roho kabisa kulingana pia na umri wake.

Bwana Spika, kuna jambo moja ambalo nimesikia Wajumbe wakiongelea kuhusu *land rates,* ambapo tumeona ya kwamba watu wengi hawalipi. Juzi nilisikia Mheshimiwa Wachuka akiomba tuwe na kuondolewa kwa faini za *land rates.* Kama hiyo ingewezekana, itainua hali ya uchumi na pia tutaweza kuokota pesa nyingi kwa wale wengine ambao wameshindwa.

Mheshimiwa Muturi pia amesema ya kwamba kuna mbuga ambazo huwa hazilipi na ambazo hazileti pesa kwa kaunti ilhali wanataka huduma. Ni lazima hao watu tuwaendee shingo kwa shingo na kichwa kwa kichwa mpaka tuhakikishe ya kwamba wamelipa maana hizo pesa ndizo zinasaidia mwanachi ambaye yuko huko chini ili aweze kupata maendeleo. Kwa Hivyo Bwana Spika, kama vile tutakavyopitisha hapa, kama tumepitisha mtu awe akilipa, anafaa alipe.

Jambo lingine ambalo nimeona ni ya kwamba kuna haya mambo ya kuegeza magari ambayo Mheshimiwa Lempaira amependekeza, ya kwamba tuwekee Wajumbe. Mimi naonelea hayo mambo ameifanya tu kisiasa kwa sababu tukiweka mambo namna hiyo, ni kumaanisha ya kwamba pengine kuna wale watu spesheli na kuna wengine ambao sio spesheli. Wakati tuko hapa katika hii kaunti, sisi wote tuko na jukumu la kulipa ushuru na hakuna mtu ambaye anafaa kutolipa ushuru lakini tulipe kwa njia ambayo inastahili.

Mahali ambapo tunafaa kupewa heshima kama Wajumbe, tupewe pole pole lakini sio kwa maandishi kwa maana tukiandika hapo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba wale wanachi walioko kule wataomba hata yao iandikwe hapo. Hapo tutakuwa tunaleta kutoelewana katika mambo ya kaunti.

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Vile vile Bwana Spika, kuna mazungumzo ambayo yametolewa na Mheshimiwa Kanyutu ambapo amejibiwa na Mheshimiwa Leshuel ambaye ameiweka vile inavyostahili. Leo hapa watu katika soko wanaomba waondolewe hii shilingi Hamsini kwa sababu inawafinya na wanafinywa. Wakati wanalalamika kuwaondolea, ni kumaanisha pia tukiondoa ushuru utarudi chini. Kwa hivyo ningeomba Wajumbe, kama wewe uko na mapendeleo pande fulani, usilete mapendeleo upande huo pekee na kusahau wale wengine. Kama tutatoa hiyo COT basi tutoe hadi yule mama mboga ambaye anauzia pale, hiyo shilingi Hamsini yake. Ukiangalia kwa hii karatasi nimeona ya kwamba boda boda hulipa Hamsini na kanta hulipa mia saba.

Bwana Spika, ni kumaanisha ya kwamba kila mtu amewekwa kulingana na uwezo wake. Hiyo inayoitwa mkokoteni ya kusukuma, kunayo ambayo inasukuma hata kuliko *pick up* kwa sababu hubeba na wanaume ambao husukuma na wanalipa tu shilingi Hamsini. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, ni lazima tujue ni wapi ambapo tunalenga kwa maana tunaweza lenga mahali kwingine na kuwacha wengine na shida. Kwa hivyo, mimi sioni shida na hayo mambo kwa sababu ukiangalia kwa hii stakabadhi, inaelezea vizuri ya kwamba ni huduma zipi ambazo zinapeanwa.

Kama unataka COT ama hiyo barua ya kupeleka nyama Nyeri, enda ulipie ili uweze kupeleka nyama Nyeri. Sasa ile shida ambayo sisi tuko nayo ni kutatofautisha mtu ambaye anapeleka Nyeri na yule ambaye anapeleka hapa Nanyuki. Hautaweza kujua kwa sababu kama leo nikisimama hapa ile pikipiki ambayo hunipita nikitoka Narumoru ikija pande za Nanyuki kuchukua nyama, ni nyingi mpaka za watu ambao nawajua. Kwa hivyo ni lazima tuwe waangalifu.

Vile vile, Mheshimiwa Leshuel amesema ya kwamba hii COT inasaidia kwa sababu unapopewa hiyo barua ni kumaanisha ya kwamba hiyo nyama yako imekaguliwa na imechinjiwa katika kichinjio fulani. Leo tukiondoa hiyo COT ambayo Mheshimiwa ameongea kuhusu, yule mchinjaji ambaye ako hapa na huko kwa Kanyutu Maili saba, anaweza kuenda na hapo nyuma na achije mbwa na aweke kwa kile kisaduku kwa maana ako na kile kisanduku na amelipia.

Yule afisa wa afya akija hapo na amkute kwa mlango na ameweka ule mhuri kwa maana siku hizi hizo mihuri zinatengenezwa lakini huyo mtu ukimshika na hiyo COT utaweza kumuitisha barua kama imechinjiwa kichinjio.

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, serikali hapa naona ya kwamba inalinda mwananchi wa kawaida ili asikule mbwa kwa maana mbwa ikichinjwa na itolewe kichwa na ikatwe miguu, inakaa kama mbuzi. Hiyo ndiyo ile shida ambayo tuko nayo. Kwa hivyo, tunapoongea mambo ya kubadilisha hiyo COT, ni lazima tuangalie kwa upana na tusione tu yule mtu ambaye anasema ya kwamba nalipishwa shilingi Hamsini. Shilingi Hamsini ni nyingi lakini inaweza kuwa ya kwamba tutaumiza wananchi wetu na wafe kwa mamia. Ni afadhali ulipe hamsini na tuokoe wananchi wa Laikipia.

Ningetaka Wajumbe waone hayo namna hiyo lakini tusione tu kisiasa na vile ambavyo tunasukumiwa na wale wananchi ambao tunawakilisha kwa sababu kila mwananchi yuko na jambo. Kama ni Kamala yuko na jambo la wakulima wa ngano na iko hapa. Inawezekana ya kwamba angetaka lori ipunguzwe. Kwa hivyo, labda mimi niko na mapendeleo, ni vizuri kutangaza hapa ya kwamba niko na mapendeleo ndio wakati ambapo tutakapozungumza haya mambo, tujue ili wakati tutakapokuwa tukizungumza tukuweke kando ili tuongee na hivyo ndivyo sheria iko. Kama uko na mapendeleo unatangaza mapema.

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Sasa hivi nikisema ya kwamba ninaleta marekebisho ya watu wa soko, niseme mapema ya kwamba niko na mapendeleo kwa sababu mimi ni mmoja wao. Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri tuangalie haya mambo na tuiweke kwa njia ambayo inayoeleweka ndio tutafute pesa na kaunti yetu iweze kupata mapato. Hao watu ambao Mheshimiwa Kanyutu anasema kuhusu, ambao huendea nyama kwa pikipiki, barabara ikiharibika hapa, kama yeye halipi, ndiye huwa wa kwanza kusema ya kwamba barabara ni mbaya, huyu Kanyutu akwende au huyo Kagondu akwende maana barabara ni mbaya.

Tukisema pia tutampatia bure, mimi sioni mahali tunaelekea na kwa hivyo ni lazima tukae chini na tuzungumze kama Bunge ili tuone. Tukipeleka Bunge vibaya, sisi izote ndio tutaumia na tutahesabiwa kwa wale viongozi ambao watakuwa kwa siku zile. Kwa hayo machache ninaomba Wajumbe hawa wote kwa unyenyekevu, kama uko na marekebisho, andika na ulete.

Bwana Spika, tukifanya hizo marekebisho, tuweke fikira ya kwamba tunataka kaunti isonge mbele na tunataka pia tuwe na pesa ya kuweza kufanya maendeleo ambayo iko hapa. Ninawaomba kwa heshima kwa maana hili ni Bunge la kwanza na niwakumbushe ya kwamba kile kitu ambacho kimefanya huu mswada uchelewa ni ya kwamba mswda unafaa kupitishwa mwezi wat isa lakini huop mwezi hatukuwa tumeapishwa. Kwa hivyo hayo sio makosa ya Bunge hili. Hiyo ndiyo huwa inafanyika wakati wowote ambapo tunakuwa na Bunge mpya. Hata CIDP tulipitisha ikiwa imechelewa kwa sababu ya mambo kama haya. Wakati huo wa mwezi wat isa hakukuwa na kamati ambayo iliyokuwa imeundwa.

Kwa hivyo ninataka kumhakikishia Mheshimiwa Mugweru ya kwamba hii ikipita, siku itakayofuata tutakuwa na hayo makaratasi ya mapendekezo ya hiyo ingine itakayokuwa ikifuata. Kwa hivyo nawaomba ifikapo kesho, mje kwa wingi ili tukae chini na tupitishe ili mwanachi alipishwe pesa kwa njia ambayo ni ya kisheria maana kulipa ushuru ni kujitegemea. Tulipe ushuru tujenge nchi yetu na tufuate maagizo ya Rais wetu ambaye amesema ya kwamba kila mtu lazima illipe kodi, mpaka wale ambao wako katika azimio na sisi zote tulipe kodi. Asanteni sana na ninaomba ya kwamba kesho mje ili tupitishe hili jambo. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMNET

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.10 p.m.

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