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THE HANSARD

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Confirm whether we have quorum

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: I direct that the bell maybe run for 2 minutes.

(The Quorum bell was rung for two minutes)

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION FROM NDINDIKA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to recognize the presence of Ndindika Primary School from Githiga, Laikipia west Constituency. They are accompanied by the following teachers;

1. Francis Chege
2. Lucy Wambui
3. Mary Wanjama
4. Faith Munyiri
5. Salome Wanjiku

Hon. Members, on my own behalf and that of the Assembly, I wish to welcome them to the County Assembly of Laikipia and wish them a fruitful and robust engagement during this visit. I welcome you to the Assembly that you may see the proceedings of your representatives and as you grow up, you may have enormous experience from such visit. You may sit down. Thank you.

PETITION

COUNTY STATE OFFICERS PENSION SCHEME

Speaker: Hon. Members, Section 15 of the accords any person the right to petition a County Assembly any matter within its authority including enacting, amending or repealing any of its legislation. Further, Standing order No. 195 (1) (a) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition other than those presented by a Member.

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In this regard Honourable Members, I wish to report to the House that my office has received a petition from John Wangai, Chris Thumbi, Anthony Murimi and David Sankara, residents of Laikipia County.

The petitioners claim that the retirement benefits (Deputy President and Designated Officers) Act 2015 provides that top national state officers will get among them lifetime monthly pensions, gratuity, vehicles, staff and other porch benefits and allowances including medical allowances to them and their spouses.

The Petitioners further claim that the state officers who enjoy these retirement benefits and privileges include the President, Deputy President, Speaker of the National Assembly and the Senate, Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice, former prime Ministers, the Controller of Budget, Auditor General and Director of Public Prosecutions.

Hon. Members, the petitioner highlights that the top county bosses, the Governor, Deputy Governor and the Speaker of the County Assembly are not considered which is discriminatory noting that they play a crucial role in promoting devolution and therefore they need a befitting send-off upon retirement. Currently, the Governors and Deputy Governors are paid a gratuity that is equivalent to 31% of the basic pay earned in the period they serve or Kshs.10.3 million and 6.94 million respectively.

The petitioner are concerned that it is utter discrimination, inequity and unfairness since other state officers like the President and Deputy President are entitled to a lifetime payment. The Members of parliament who have served for more than two terms get a lifetime monthly pay hence Members of County Assembly who have served more than two terms also deserve similar benefits.

The petitioner further notes that in other jurisdictions with a similar system of governance such as USA, Nigeria and South Africa, Governors are provided with a pension scheme.

The petitioners therefore, pray that the County Assembly enacts the County Governments State Officers Retirement Bill to factor in retirement benefits for the Laikipia County Government State Officers.

Hon. Members, having established that the matter raised in the petition is well within the authority of this House; and further, that the matter raised in this petition are not pending in any court of law, constitutional or legal body, I hereby submit the petition to the Labour and Social Welfare Committee for the consideration pursuant to standing Order 202, Part 1.

The Committee is required to consider the petition and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioner in accordance with standing order 202(3). Thank you, Members.

STATEMENT

INADEQUATE HEALTH WORKFORCE IN MELWA AND MUHOTETU HEALTH CENTRES

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity this afternoon. The Health Services Committee is a select committee deriving its mandate under the County Assembly Standing Order No.190 and is mandated to check on all matters related to County Health Services including in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, veterinary

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services(excluding regulation of the profession), cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal.

Following the attached statement raised on the floor of the House by Hon. Kanyutu of Marmanet ward, the Committee wrote to the County Executive Committee Member for Health Services on 21st June 2023 vide letter ref CGL /CA/CM/002/02, requesting for a response which was received on 20th July 2023 vide Ref CGL/CECM HEALTH/CA/VOL 1/07/2023. The County Executive Member for health services responded as follows;

Mr. Speaker, this morning we had an opportunity to interact with the CECM and the acting CO for health from morning to around midday. We interacted on a lot concerning the statement that was tabled by Hon. Simon Kanyutu. The County Executive Committee Member responded as follows;

That the Laikipia Health Services (LHS) has been mitigating the staffing gaps by engaging Professional Casuals as a stop – gap measure; especially at the County Referral Hospitals, at Kimanju Sub County Hospital which serves as the focal point for the entire County as a Model for Primary Health Care Networks (PCN) under the tagline; the Laikipia Afya Mashinani Programme (LAMP), and at the newly opened Health facilities; awaiting a formal process for the recruitment of new staff. This stop gap mechanism has severally affected the Health operational budget and its ability to support lower facilities to pay their various outstanding bills. Even more critically, the budget resources allocated for the casual wages in the Health operational budget is now exhausted.

The County Department of Health or LHS, has now sought the approval of the County Executive Committee to commence the process of recruitment of new staff to replace those who have exited service, to serve in the new health facilities and to be deployed in the new services following the expansion of the service menu within the existing health facilities.

To enable recruitment, the County Executive Committee has agreed on an objective way to determine optimal staffing and optimal distribution of human resources for health (HRH) based on a scientific method that is based on workload. The County has already commenced the first ever HR assessment process in Laikipia using the World Health Organization's (WHO) workload indicators of staffing Need (WISN). The assessment process is currently underway and will be completed with a comprehensive report at the end of September 2023.

At the conclusion of the WISN process, the Health Services will know the true staff establishment, the workload pressure of every health cadre in every Laikipia County facility and how and where, if any. It will need to re-distribute the existing staff awaiting new recruitments that will definitely fill the staff gaps.

The process is multi -sectoral within the County Executive and will require the involvement of all the offices responsible for the public service management and recruitment. These efforts will not only benefit Melwa and Muhotetu that are the subject of the statement, but all other facilities where there are glaring shortages.

Hon. Speaker, when you look at the response from the CECM at Melwa we have the following stuff: Stephen Kiarie who is the clinical officer and is in charge of the facility. Pamela who is a nurse. Mary Wanjiru Nyaguthie a nurse. Hellen Wanjiru the pharmaceutical technologist. Charity Muriithi as Laboratory Technologist.

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Mr. Speaker, we also have;

1. Margaret Wambui Kimani as nutritionist,
2. Susan Kamande as Public Health Officer
3. Ezekiel Kiprono Keter as clinical officer
4. Brenda Agwenge HTS Provider (UTJ)
5. Joyce Wangeci Mbai as Mentor Mother (Red Cross)

Speaker: What is it Hon. Stephen? I think the Member is presenting a Statement.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, it is good for us to see what he is reading. We cannot even access and we are not aware whether he is lying to us or getting it from his head. We want to see the document on our desks or gadgets. Thank you.

Speaker: Noted Hon. Ndiritu. The Clerk will ensure you have it. Proceed Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you Speaker for coming through for me. The moment I saw the red light I knew somebody was on my neck. Unfortunately, the work of making sure you have a copy of the statement is not my role. I am also reading a copy which was shared to me as discussed with the CECM.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira please note the Clerks and ICT Department is seated next to me working on the document. What is it Hon. Mugweru?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, the words he is using are not kind to us. Saying that it's not his responsibility to make us have the documents are not kind words to us. It is also our responsibility as he goes through the report, we are also entitled to have the same. It's either he sits down and waits for us to have the report, because we don't know the genuineness of what he is reading. It's important for us to have the same.

One of the staff in that department is here and working on the same. We should relax for him to finish. It's unfortunate we cannot see his boss or ask him questions. The Director has never even come here. We need him here in the House because he is answerable. The failure comes from his department. He is the one who is supposed to answer as to why we came to the House having him not uploaded the document in our gadgets. It's unfair.

Speaker: Hon. Mugweru it's noted. I can see the ICT officer is working on it to appear on our e-gadgets. Meanwhile, I will direct that the Member continues as we continue to wait. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think I can also share a few copies. The Clerk, you can have this and make more copies. Mr. Speaker, at Melwa hospital we have a shortage of 3 nurses and Clinical Officer.

Speaker: What is it Hon. Stephen?

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Bwana Spika, hii ni Bunge na iko na sheria zake. Ni haki ya kila mjumbe kujua ni nini inaendeleaa. Wizara ya Afya tunaikondolea macho sana. Inabeba afya na

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kushughulikia mwananchi. Tukikubalisha mwenyekiti kuona hana haja ya kuleta hii ripoti ningeomba kwa sababu yale mambo anaongelea ni mambo ambayo inahusu Laikipia hii.

Ningeomba kwa hisani na uwerevu wako, tuwe na hio ripoti. Anaweza soma aone shida na sisi hatuoni. Tumia werevu wako Bwana Spika. Wacha kila ripoti inayosomwa Bunge, wajumbe wakue nayo.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Stephen. The document is being worked on so that every Member gets it on e-parliament. I had already directed that Hon. Lempaira proceeds as you get the copies. Hon. Lempaira proceed.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: We go to Muhotetu dispensary facility. The current staff include;

1. Lucy Wangui Karani - Nurse
2. Mary Muthoni Wachira - Nurse
3. Peter Wachira Kiruhi - Laboratory Technologist
4. Tabby Muhoya - Public Health Officer.

Support Casual Staff

a) Clerk/Cleaner

b) Watchman

When you look at the shortages that we have in terms of staff at Muhotetu, we have a shortage of one nurse. They are supposed to be three but we have two. On Laboratory technician is one. In terms of Clinical Officers, the CECM said it's a small dispensary and a nurse can handle the workload within the place.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, currently, there is understaffing of clinical staff at Melwa Health Centre and Muhotetu Dispensary in Marmanet Ward. The staff shortage is more apparent at Melwa as I said earlier. The issue that has caused this is that we have two officers that have retired. We have one that passed on and all are nurses. That is why we have shortage in nursing in those dispensaries and it is affecting all of us.

Mr. Speaker, what the Health Department is doing to address the staff shortage was when one question was raised by Hon. Simon Kanyutu. This is the response we got from the CECM that Laikipia has lost 177 staff in the last three years through retirement, death and resignation to pursue greener pastures. Mr. Speaker, the nurses that have retired and passed on has a total of 91, 14 clinical officers, 6 laboratory technicians, 10 medical officers and 51 other staff thus totalling to 177 staff.

The current efforts by the Executive to address staff was another question that was asked by Hon. Kanyutu. The Laikipia Health Services as we mitigate the staff gaps by engaging the professional casuals as I said before. These people are in one year or two years contract. As I said this morning, we had interacted with the CECM and as a committee, we came up with a recommendation that we hold a joint meeting together with the Labour Committee, Public Service

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Board, County Secretary, the Health Officers and Chief Officer for Health so that we can all agree on this issue and how we shall sort the issue of professional casuals.

These are people who are not yet employed but they are on contract basis. When you look at the people who have retired and those that have not been replaced, they are 177. Currently, we were informed that the professional casuals in the Health Department are 172. That is why we thought it was good we get to understand the process of doing replacement on these staff so that we can bridge this gap in our dispensaries and the hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, we also agreed as a committee that we need to have a meeting urgently so that we can address this issue that was raised by Hon. Kanyutu. It is also good to note that Mr. Kanyutu, the CECM and the CO concerned visited these two hospitals. The information that we are sharing here today was the information they went to get and verified that indeed these hospitals have shortage of staff and they need to be replaced and in the right process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lempaira. Are you through Hon. Lempaira? You may resume your seat. Thank you. I don't think it is time to discuss the same. Did you want to interject on something Hon. Stephen?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nilikuwa nafikiria ni wakati wa kuongea.

Speaker: I want to give this opportunity to Hon. Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, thank you, for giving me this chance and unfortunately, I am not sure whether we are entitled to give comments on the same because if we were entitled to give our comments or our opinions, it could have been done the other way round. We could have waited for the documents, then go through the documents together. Right now, I was hearing the Honourable Chair telling you if you look yet you do not know where you were looking, you have nothing yet he is telling you to look.

What are you looking at? Hon. Speaker, it is very important to have the documents with us and number two, it is also unprocedural to respond to a statement while Hon. Kanyutu who was so much concerned is not even in this House. We as a House are discussing a statement of someone who is not in the House.

Number three Hon. Speaker, as the Chair has said that today they were in a meeting with the Department of Health discussing the same so that they may bring the report today and yet we are expected to give our opinion. We are expected to discuss on the same yet they met today, they have brought the report today and even the ICT Department did not have time to scan the document and put in our gadgets.

Hon. Speaker, it is important to observe the rules of this House. This is not a market and we need to observe the rules of the House so that we are able to make our contributions. Now if you ask me what he said in the last few minutes, it has already evaporated. I do not have somewhere to refer. We were not together with him as he was reading and my comments may sometimes be irrelevant to the response of the statement.

Hon. Speaker, having said that, the page that I have is page one and I may make my contributions to page one and the rest will be left like that because I do not have them. In the first page, the only thing that I have captured is about where Hon. Kanyutu raised that statement. I have

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seen a point that the County Department of Health… Hon. Speaker, he is making a lot of noise so give him a chance.

Speaker: Hold on. Sorry.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: He is banging the microphone thus creating a lot of noise. You can probably give him a chance and ask what he want.

Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Mr. Speaker, I think we should put some measures here. These are the same people who sit in the House Business Committee and they are the same guys who approved this to come here. If they come here to tell us that they did not see the report, then what did they approve for us to come here. They cannot come here and present to us the report that has not gone through the right process. Mr. Speaker, if there is something else apart from this report, it should come clean.

Secondly, when a report is submitted to a committee, we do not respond to an individual. We respond to this House in general. If somebody says that we cannot present a report because he or she is not there, we will never respond to a statement. Simply because somebody is not there, then I think I need to be properly guided on the way to go. If the House Business Committee did not approve this report, let my committee be told because we passed the right process then we should be guided on the way forward. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Member. I attest and confirm that I have the apologies from Hon. Kanyutu. Substantively with the authority, he is not in the House.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am standing on a point of correction because we are banging the Chairperson of the Health Committee whereas it is not a must he be provided with what he is reading. The elephant in the House is what he is reading. It is not a must. We are concentrating on being provided with what he is reading and we are not listening to what he is reading. Also, when a report is being tabled here, it is not tabled to an individual but it is tabled for the whole House to listen.

Some of us who were very silent are keen listening to what he is reading. Hon. Speaker, it is your role to protect the Chair to provide us with the information he is reading and we are listening. This House is not ending today but if the report will be provided today, we can read it tomorrow and raise another statement. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Protect the Chair.

Speaker: What do you have to say Hon. Gitahi before we hand over to Hon. Mugweru to finish his contribution. Do you have something urgent?

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was a matter of contribution. Let him finish then I will give my own contributions.

Speaker. Thank you. Hon. Mugweru, the floor is yours.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It is always important to observe the rules of this House. Sometimes we bend the rules of the House and people assume it is their right. In fact, we were supposed to get the report 24 hours before now and those are the rules of the House. If we bend them, then you do not assume that that is the right way of doing it. It is wrong, it is illegal and it is unprocedural.

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Not saying that we are not supposed to have the report, we are not supposed to listen. We were supposed to have the reports 24 hours before the Honourable Chair brings it to the House. That is very clear and so Hon. Speaker, it is important to know as you have given the apologies of Hon. Kanyutu, that was important because when a statement is responded to it is important to know the Honourable Member who raised the statement had given the apology and he has given us the go ahead. Hon. Speaker, it is in our rules.

So, Hon. Speaker, sometimes we need to be very careful with what we are saying. Mr. Speaker, as I was making my contributions on the first page where I can only talk about because I do not have the second and the third page. On the second page, I have only come across that the Department of Health has now sought the approval of the County Executive Committee to commence the process of recruitment.

Hon. Speaker, the response came from the County Executive Committee Member. He is the one who responded to this statement and at the same time, the department is seeking approval from the same person who responded to the statement. It is very clear that the response was responded to by the County Executive Committee Member for Health. Down there is that the County Department has not sought the approval of the County Executive Committee Member to do the same.

So, Hon. Speaker, it is contradicting. You are looking for approvals from yourself. Sometimes, that is why it is important for me to have the document. Now, I have only identified that one because it is in the first page that I have. What about the second, third and the fourth pages Mr. Speaker. It is a serious issue especially when we talk about health and the number of our people who work in our dispensaries.

It is only that Hon. Kanyutu asked for the ones that he knows in Marmanet but if all of us have time to bring a statement here, you would find that every ward has the same challenges. In my ward, we have Githuci Dispensary which only has one staff and if that person doesn't come, the dispensary is closed. If that person is sick, the dispensary is closed. If you go to Timau Framers, it is the same.

Hon. Speaker, if you go to Mugumo which is a big hospital, it has two. It is serious if you go to Kalalu and Maili Nane Dispensary. Those are four and I three of them I have listed have one. This means that 90% of our dispensaries in Umande Ward have the same challenges. Probably the dispensaries in the Hon. Chairpersons Ward have one. This is something that touches all of us and we need to treat this with a lot of seriousness.

That is why I am saying it is important to have the documents with us. Because this one has gone, Hon. Speaker, in future we need to have the documents with us so that we are able to see the staffing in Laikipia. Today I am talking about Umande but tomorrow my brother who is in Nyahururu will be treated there…

Speaker: Hon. Mugweru, Hon. Lempaira is on the floor.

Hon. Nichols Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What Hon. Gatati, the Hon. Member for Salama has just said is good. Be very careful in listening than talking. Mr. Speaker, I can see Hon. Mugweru is eager to talk than to listen. I have just said that we have stated in this report that we have a shortage across the county, not only in Muhotetu and Melwa Dispensaries.

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We have clearly stated that we are going to meet the County Public Service Board. We are going to meet with the Labour Committee and we shall have a joint discussion on this matter so that those staff who have retired or died yet they have not been replaced, get replaced through the right process. The CECM for Health does not recruit. We know the process of recruitment. We have indicated clearly and I wish this reported is provided to Hon. Mugweru to understand clearly what we said.

So let us not misinterpret the reports simply because we have not been given a copy. I can clearly tell Hon. Members that we have shortages across the county and we are going to do a replacement and we are going to initiate the process of talking to the relevant bodies who are supposed to replace these people. We have just indicated here that we have recommended we have a joint meeting with the Labour Committee, the County Public Service Board and the County Secretary so that we address this issue in a better way.

Mr. Speaker, our report is very comprehensive. Our response was very clear that we have a shortage across the county and that is why we are trying to say there are professional casuals on contract basis. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, for your clarification. The floor had been with Hon. Daniel Mugweru and I request Hon. Members we allow him to finish up his contributions. Welcome.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I really thank the Chair because he has confirmed the importance of us having the document. We are not computers or robots to keep the words you are saying in our minds. To clear the fears that he has we are only making contributions on the statement. We are not approving or disapproving. We do not have powers to do that. There is no question that is being put so stop fearing.

There is nothing to panic. We are only giving comments, we are making our contributions and adding to your report the things that we feel are supposed to be put there. Now he is telling Hon. Members not to reject the report. Nobody is rejecting the report. We do not have those powers. We are only giving our contributions on what we believe in. We are reacting on the statement and no question will be put by the Honourable Speaker.

There is no power to put a question on this Hon. Chairman. So, relax and let the Members make their contributions. Let them react to the report and then after that, it will be done. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate this opportunity to contribute to the statement that was read by the Chairperson for the Health Committee; Hon. Lempaira. Before I say this, I am privileged and I appreciate that this House welcomes the 38 pupils from Ndindika Primary School. Hon. Speaker and the entire House, I would want to state that these pupils are squarely from my locality. As their representative, I welcome them once again.

Then Mr. Speaker, I want to delve into the matter that has been raised by Hon. Mugweru, MCA, Umande Ward. I want to state that it is important that we be served with these documents so that we can see for purposes of perusing, confirming and further research. However, Mr. Speaker, I want to concur with what Hon. Mugambi Gatati said. In philosophy, we say that sometimes men are concerned about the opinions they have over things themselves.

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So Mr. Speaker, allow me to comment on the statement given by the Chairperson. First, I want to say that it is a good gesture from the Hon. Member for Marmanet that we sort a statement on the status of health in that ward. It is like opening a Pandoras box. It is raising a lot of issues on staffing in our dispensaries which are the first or the second levels to the issues of health care in this country.

If I was to comment although the Chairperson has clarified that this cuts across the county, in the ward that I come from Githiga Ward, we have dispensaries that have used public money. Others have used non-governmental organisations to have them but today they are not in operation because we do not staff and those that are in operation have a crisis in shortage of professionals that are supposed to serve these people.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak, we have a dispensary at a place called Eighteen Shopping Centre. This dispensary was built in partnership with the County Government and the Laikipia Nature Conservancy. However, Mr. Speaker, no staff was accorded to that facility. As we are speaking, the only thing we have is a structure while the Wanjiku is suffering.

Mr. Speaker, remember along the same belt we have the greatest levels of insecurity. If these people are harmed or injured, where do they rush to. That is why I invite the Health Committee as they do the stakeholders meeting that they are talking about, it is important that they involve us as the representatives of the wards that we come from so that we raise these issues.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, we also have a dispensary in Karuma-indo which was done by this County Government. It is shameful that the same would abandon the facility leaving the people to travel kilometres to access proper health. You Mr. Speaker, I and the whole House understand that as we grow in population and as we rise in civilisation, we need good health facilities. We need professionals to treat us so that we get away from the three enemies that we said at independence.

Mr. Speaker, it is shameful that in more than sixty years after independence, we still have the enemy of ignorance and diseases. It is incumbent upon the Committee on Health. As you conduct the stakeholder engagement you engage us so that we can also raise the issues as stated. As I conclude Mr. Speaker, I want to say that unless there is a visitor in Laikipia County, we all understand that the shortage could translate to hiring of staff.

This is what I would want to state here for the purposes of records. Let us recruit people that are qualified. Let there be no traces of corruption and nepotism in the employment in the Health Sector. We can joke with all other sectors if we may but we cannot joke with the issue of health because it determines our lifespan and our ability to live better in this earth.

As I conclude, I want to say that I am appreciative for the gesture given by Hon. Kanyutu. We would want to have this more and more so that we can realize these challenges, and it is incumbent upon us as leaders to ensure implementation of the same. Having said that, I want to thank you for this opportunity and I also want to thank the House for their robust contribution. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Gitahi. I want to give the opportunity to Hon. Stephen.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kwanza, nataka kuchukua nafasi hii kuwakaribisha watoto ambao wametoka Githiga na wakaja hapa Bungeni. Vilevile, nataka

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kuwakaribisha waalimu na waziri wa afya pamoja na afisa mkuu wa afya ambao wako kwenye Bunge.

Bwana Spika, leo tunazungumzia mambo ya afya na ni vizuri wakati wowote tunapofanya biashara katika Bunge hili tuwe waangalifu na makini. Tunayoyafanya leo, kesho pia tutayafanya. Leo hawa watoto wako hapa wakisikiza vile sisi tunafanya Bungeni na kuangalia utaratibu tunaofuata. Nimemsikia Mjumbe akisema kazi ya mwenyekiti ni kusimama na kuongea na anayoongea yanasikizwa, nami nikafurahia.

Kesho tutaleta mswada wa fedha hapa tu na tukose kuleta makaratasi, wakose kuwa na hiyo habari kisha waje kusimama na kusema wanataka hiyo nakala. Sasa hiyo ni nini? Kesho tutaleta bajeti hapa na kumpa mwenyekiti asome nawe uketi hapo bila nakala na utuambie tuendelee. Kesho utasikia kwamba leo hatutaendelea na bajeti bila hiyo nakala.

Kwa hivyo, mambo tunayoyafanya leo, wewe ukiwa hapo kama Spika kuwa mwangalifu na makini. Kesho hawa watoto watakuja hapa Bungeni. Leo wameingia hapa na kudhibitisha ya kwamba hata mwalimu anaweza kusoma naye asikilize na kufanya mtihani bila kuwa na hiyo karatasi. Hapo tumemdanganya, sasa wanasoma nini? Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri yale tunayoyafanya hapa Bungeni tuyafanye tukijua ya kwamba kuna vizazi vinavyotuangalia.

Kwa sababu hatuna nakala, yale ambayo nimesikia mwenyekiti akisema ni kwamba, iwapo nakumbuka kwa sababu sina pa kuangalia, idara ya afya ina pesa ya kutosha na wafanyikazi wapo. Mimi nimesikia hayo kwa sababu tumeambiwa tusikilize na ndiposa nasema ni vizuri kuwa na nakala. Sheria inasema... Asante.

Speaker: Order! Hon. Stephen. Hon. Anthony?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand on a point of information. First of all, we need to understand that this is a House of records and decorum, but I need to defend my Chairperson here. I think Hon. Kagondu is being malicious. I did not hear any part saying that the Health Committee have enough money. I need clarification…

Speaker: Hon. Anthony, I am not aware of any Member called Hon. Kagondu, I am aware of Hon. Stephen Ndiritu. Thank you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: My sincere apologies. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu from Thingithu Ward, my friend here and also my neighbour. I want to understand and get a point of information from my Chair, did he really say that? I do not think that they can say they have enough money because that would translate to being malicious. How can they have enough money unless we are understaffed?

So, we need clarification from the Chairperson. Having said that, I am in the support of saying we need the papers and relevance here. That is why we have the Koran, the Bible and the textbooks we call teacher's guides, so that we can see where we are headed. Please, we want a clarification from my Chairperson, did he really say that, because after this I think he needs to resign.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anthony. Before I give the Chair to give a clarification, I will allow Hon. Stephen Ndiritu to proceed as the Chair as the Chair finds out the real information. Hold on, Hon. Stephen. Hon. Mugambi, a burning issue?

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Hon. Samuel Mugambi: I am seeking your indulgence, Hon. Speaker, because we are misleading this House. Someone saying that a Chairpersons report should be given here 24 hours; he is not reading a report, he is responding to a Member's statement. The Standing Orders are very clear that it is not a must for you be provided with a copy of a response. This is very different.

Hon. Speaker, you have the capacity, and you have the Standing Order there. So, I want these guys who are misleading us… and funny enough, these are second term MCA's yet they cannot even understand a simple thing that you cannot give a response before 24 hours. A response is the same as asking me a question and I respond to you. What they are referring to is a report, and whatever the Chairperson of Health is reading is not a report. What Hon. Lempaira is reading is a response to a statement and it is not a must that you provide any written document anywhere. He can even present it orally without reading anywhere. We want you to give us direction and do not mislead us here. Some of us are scholars and we need to be on record that we are doing the right thing and not the wrong thing. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Member. Hon. Gitahi, you have an urgent matter? The floor is for Hon. Stephen.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: I am rising on a point of order. It is very unhonourable for a Member to rise up and call us guys. This is an Honourable House. Right now, I just said that I have people from my immediate village. For them to elect an Hon. Member to be referred to as a guy is very dishonourable. Thank you.

Speaker: I concur with you. We do not have guys in this House, we have Hon. Members of the County Assembly of Laikipia. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, may you proceed.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru kwa kunipa ulinzi ili niweze kuendelea na mswada wangu. Mimi nimesikiza vile Wajumbe wanaongea na yote yanayosemwa. Yale ninayosema ni yale ninayosikia. Kwa hivyo, nikisema tofauti awe anasimama na kusema kuwa hajasema hivyo, kwa sababu mimi sina nakala ya kuangalia. Hio basi ndio maana ya kuwa na hiyo nakala.

Bwana Spika, leo nimemsikia Mheshimiwa Gatati akimtetea Mwenyekiti, nami namtetea, lakini yeye mwenyewe ndiye alisema ataleta hiyo taarifa hapa siku ya leo. Hakuna mahali Kamati ya Shughuli za Bunge, kwa sababu nimesimama hapa kutetea Kamati ya Shughuli za Bunge, imesema ulete taarifa siku ya leo. Wewe mwenyewe ndio ulisema upewe wiki mbili au moja au yenye tu ulisema. Kwa hivyo, hiyo siku ikifika hata hakuna mtu anakukumbusha, unakuja kwenye Bunge na kukuta iko hapo kwa sababu tuna rekodi na tunaweka kumbukumbu ya yote tunayoongea hapa. Kwa hivyo hatuna shida na Mheshimiwa Lempaira au mambo anayoongea. Tuna shida na maelezo anayoeleza Bunge hili.

Leo nimemsikia Mheshimiwa Gatati akisema kuwa yeye anasikiza. Kesho ataenda hapa Salama akute hakuna daktari na waziri ampigie simu kwamba si lazima yeye amletee nakala. Asikize yale amemwambia na iwe hivyo. Atajaribu kumwitisha nakala na anasema hivyo akiwa hapa. Kwa hivyo, kesho hata akiwa na shida mpigie simu na kumwelezea shida naye atatatua kwa sababu hayo ndiyo mambo anayotaka kuleta kwenye hili Bunge.

Bwana Spika, tunapozungumza mambo hapa, na nimesema vizuri, uwe makini sana. Kesho utajikuta hapo. Mimi nitasema leo, nikiwa na shida Thingithu uniambie kwa mdomo na uniletee karatasi kwa sababu mimi nataka kuweka kumbukumbu. Kama hakuna daktari kwenye zahanati

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ya Baraka, unieleze kwa mdomo na pia uniletee nakala ya kuthibitisha kuwa hakuna daktari ama dawa, si mdomo.

Kwa hivyo mimi nawaeleza Wajumbe kuwa yale tunayoyasema hapa, tunaona kama tunamtetea Mheshimiwa Lempaira. Yeye sio waziri na hata yale anasema amepewa na Idara ya Afya. Kama umedanganywa, shauri yako; mimi sitadanganywa. Mimi nataka nakala, nataka nione ni kwa nini hakuna daktari. Ni pesa huna, ni watu hamna, ni sisi watu wa Laikipia hatuna madaktari ama ni nini? Kwa hivyo, tunapoongea hapa ni vizuri pia tuangalie mgongoni tusije tukaleta maneno mengine hapa, kwa sababu kesho atakuja kulilia hapa.

Jawabu ni sawa na unaweza kujibu utakavyo, lakini mambo tunayozungumza hapa ni kuhusu afya ya wananchi wa Laikipia. Kesho hawa watoto wataenda hospitalini Githiga na kukuta hakuna dawa. Si ataenda basi? Si alisikia Bungeni kwamba ukiambiwa na mdomo unaenda? Hata hatauliza haki yake ya kutaka kuona hadi mahali zinapowekwa kama kuna dawa. Yeye anasema na anaelewa na kujua. Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri wakati wowote unaposema jambo na mdomo useme pia na nakala.

Bwana Spika, leo nimeona mambo mengi, na nimeshaona mengi kwa hivyo ninayoyaona leo hayatanishtua. Kesho ni huyu na siku hiyo nyingine ni huyo mwingine. Kesho Waheshimiwa Lempaira na Gatati watakuja kusimama hapa na kusema wanataka kujua ni pesa ngapi zinaokotwa kwao. Na wanajua kwa sababu huwezi kuuliza kitu bila kuwa na habari kidogo. Yale yatajibiwa hapa hakuna mtu atakuja kukuambia ulete nakala kwa sababu leo tumeweka mfano na Mheshimiwa Lempaira, Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Afya. Kesho tutaweka mfano na Mheshimiwa Nyokabi, Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Biashara. Akija hapa aniambie na mdomo nitatosheka kwa sababu sio lazima niwe na nakala, hiyo ndiyo imewekwa.

Kwa hivyo, hebu tuwe makini kwa yale tunazungumza. Hatuna shida na Kamati ya Afya, kusema ukweli tunawapenda, na kama kuna Idara ambayo imeokota pesa ya Laikipia yote hadi tunakosa msaada wa karo ni hiyo Idara ya Afya. Kwa sababu imechukua takriban asilimia hamsini ya bajeti ya matumizi ya kawaida ya Laikipia. Nami nasema hivyo kwa sababu najua bajeti ilikuja hapa na kila mtu ana hiyo nakala na anaelewa.

Kwa hivyo, wakati tunazungumza kuhusu hii Idara ya Afya ni lazima tuwe sawa. Yale nimesikia akisema ni kama ametosheka. Anasema anakutana na Kamati ya Kazi, kwa hivyo bado watakuwa na nafasi ya kuzungumza hayo mambo. Tena ametuambia leo ameleta jawabu, sasa hata sisi tunachanganyikiwa. Unaleta jawabu na unasema bado mnaenda kuketi ili uje na habari. Sasa unatuambia nini leo? Hapo hutoi jawabu kwa taarifa.

Mimi naona kama tunapoteza mwelekeo kidogo na ni vizuri kwa sababu kesho tutakuwa na mambo hapa Bungeni. Kesho nitakutana na waziri wa afya na aniambie eti walisema hakuna wafanyikazi. Nitamwambia sijui kwa sababu mimi nilimsikia Mwenyekiti akisema wako sawa. Mimi sina nakala ya kuangalia. Kwa hivyo, huwezi sema ukija hapa yale unayozungumza uweke kwenye akili yako. Basi ipo haja gani ya kuwa na hizi mashini? Kuna haja gani ya kuwa na makaratasi? Ni kwa sababu ya kuweka habari na kukumbusha kwa ajili ya kesho. Asante.

Speaker: Order! Hon. Stephen. Hon. Mugambi?

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: I am standing on a point of information. I am not the one who wrote the Standing Orders…

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, mimi ndio nimesimama na amesema ana habari bali sitaki kupewa habari.

Speaker: Order! Hon. Stephen. I have not given you an opportunity. Resume your seat.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: I am praying for clarity because Standing Orders are very clear: if a Chair is giving a response, it is not a must to provide any written response. The only requirement in the Standing Orders is when you are giving a committee report, whereby it says that you give the committee and it be accessible to all Members before 24 hours. The Member here is also misleading in another thing. He is saying that the Chair was responding at the same time saying he will meet the CECM and County Secretary. It is very right because in fact, he is overworking. He is responding to one thing and then wants to handle the whole issue.

So, Hon. Speaker, we are listening to so much misinformation here yet you are giving them time and they are wasting our time. We have other serious businesses that we need to let the Chair attend to with his committee and find more details. Also, by saying that the Health Committee has the highest budget; Hon. Ndiritu is a Member of the Budget Committee and had the right to either cut the budget or increase it. So, you cannot stand here and behave like an innocent bystander by accusing the Chairperson of the Health Committee. You are wasting our time and it is illegal and unprocedural. Let us give the committee time to go and meet with other stakeholders. Also, whatever he has read is in the HANSARD, you can access the information immediately after here. So, it is not something that he read and it went into a dustbin.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mugambi. Before I come back because the floor is yours, Hon. Stephen, I want to cross over to Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I think we need to confirm whether Hon. Stephen actually knows how to read. This document is already in our gadgets and he should access it and read it. Thank you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of information. That is not Honourable language from my counterpart here. As much as I am protecting him as my Chairperson, we cannot just assume that the Hon. Member from Thingithu does not know how to read or interpret. What he is saying is just basic. It is very emotional and serious. As much as we are discussing this, let us maintain decorum and please, do not shy away from answering questions. I asked you a very simple question; are you sure that the CECM and acting CO, Dr. Panga, said that we have enough money?

Speaker: I would prefer to give the chance to Hon. Stephen to finalize so that we can clear up the floor for another Member.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Leo nimeona kweli hunitakii mema. Ni vizuri tuangalie Kanuni zetu za Bunge zinasemaje. Nimemsikia Mheshimiwa Gatati akisema anasimama kwa kanuni ya kunipa habari. Ungeniuliza kama mimi nataka kupewa habari. Nimeona kama unaegemea upande huo na ni vizuri. Pili, Mheshimiwa Lempaira anajifanya yeye ndiye anajua kusoma sana, kama yeye ni profesa. Ajue kwamba maprofesa hata hawako hapa, wako mbali. Kwa hivyo, akiuliza iwapo najua kusoma na kuandika, labda aje nimwonyeshe iwapo najua ama sijui. Hayo ni mambo ambayo tunaelewa. Amesema ya kwamba tuko na nakala, iko wapi? Mimi nina mashini hapa, iko wapi?

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Kwa hivyo mambo ambayo yanazungumzwa hapa ni mambo yanayofaa kuzungumzwa kwa njia ya makini tuelewe ni nini tunafanya hapa. Mimi sitashindana na Mheshimiwa Lempaira kwa sababu alikotoka hata mtaa ameuona juzi. Ametoka kwenye kichaka, hajajua mambo ya mtaani. Sisi tumelelewa mtaani na tunaelewa mambo ya hapa, tunaelewa mambo yote. Sisi tunaongoza watu ambao wamesoma, maprofesa, na hayo yote tunayajua. Kwa hivyo, wacha niachane naye.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nimeona ni vizuri... Ninayo kipazasauti. Hadi uniambie niketi, mimi najua sijatumia muda wangu wote na wanaosema ninapoteza muda wao ni vizuri wajue mimi nilipigiwa kura. Niliwekewa debe pale nikahesabiwa na ya mwingine pia ikahesabiwa na nikashinda. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri aniheshimu kwa hiyo tu. Najua yale tunayozungumzia ni mambo ambayo tuta...

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, I really do not want to disturb you at all but there is a Member who is really agitated, Hon. Gitahi.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, ndiposa nimesema mimi nikifinya hunioni bali yeye akifinya unamwona. Asante, wacha tu ningoje amalize.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order. The trivialities that we are bringing in this debate are not related to the matters that we are talking about. If someone does not have a memory to remember what Hon. Lempaira has just said, I mean, excuse us. We have listened carefully to this statement as it is being read. The response has been made and everybody has listened. If it is documents, they are being provided. As we are speaking, you can see that the ICT expert is responding to the same matter.

We cannot stay here till cows get back home on an issue of somebody who has not been provided with a document. The analogies that he is pushing are also false analogies. The stories he is talking about on talking to what CECM to respond to you, these are neither here nor there. So, I would want to ask, let us not attack the person. Let us face the ideas that have been provided by Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: I would like to ask that we do not attack the person, rather face the ideas that have been provided by Hon. Lempaira. If we need further statements and clarifications, you can direct that the committee convinces the stakeholder. This will square out what we are saying here. If we divert from the main issues we shall argue till late. The matters are as clear as black and white. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. I can see that an officer is working to ensure that Hon. Stephen will have the entire response. Mine is already reflecting and I guess all the gadgets have it now. I will allow Hon. Stephen to proceed and make his conclusion for we still have other businesses to handle.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nashukuru ofisa anayerekebisha mitambo kwa kunirekebishia. Ni kama mitambo ilikuwa ikisubiri akuwe. Niko na Mheshimiwa Theuri hapa na yake bado haijafika. Tunayo yazungumzia ni mambo muhimu. Kwa leo, nitakomea hapo.

Ningependa kumjibu Mheshimiwa Gatati ambaye amesema kuwa nilikuwa nafaa kupunguza Bajeti. Nikifahamisha ya kwamba mimi sina uwezo wa kupunguza Bajeti. Sina nguvu

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ya kusema nitapeana kiwango fulani cha pesa. Bajeti inapitishwa hapa Bungeni naye ni mmoja wa wale waliunga mkono Bajeti hio. Tunayoyaona leo, itarudiwa kesho. Leo ni hili na kesho pia ni hili na mimi sitalitetea. Ni vyema tuendeleeni kuhudumia wananchi.

Wageni wetu wa siku ya leo asante sana. Nawauliza wakifika Githiga wapeleke salamu. Na waseme wamepatana na Kagondu ambaye hapendi kuelezwa mambo kwa mdomo mbali anataka kuona vitendo. Wakisema kuna barabara nataka naguza. Wakisema kumejengwa hospitali, naenda kuguza ukuta. Wale wa kuambiwa, waambiwe tu. Bwana Spika, Mungu akubariki. Nimeona leo uko sawa na umevalia nguo ya heshima. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen for ending your statement. Hon. Members I want to refer you to the Standing Order number 45 and read part (C) and (d) of 45(2). It is in regards to responses to statements. Let us have in mind that this is what our Standing Order states: -

c) A Member may request for a statement from the Committee Chairperson relating to matters under the mandate of the Committee and the Speaker may either appoint a day for the statement or direct that the statement be issued on the same day.

d) A Member may request for a statement from the Committee Chairperson relating to matters under the mandate of the Committee, the Speaker may either appoint a day for the statement or direct that the statement be issued on the same day, and the statement sought must be restricted to matters within the mandate of the Committee and which have been exhaustively dealt with and conclude by the Committee or where the Chairperson is authorized by Members to issue preliminary reports to the House.

We have been dealing with a matter of a response to a statement. Let us note that the Speaker can direct that a response be made. It is not therefore mandatory for it to be in written form. I would have asked the Member who raised the question to respond as we close this but he sent an apology that he will not make it. We conclude on this matter. We do not put questions on statements. I will give it to the Chairperson to make a concluding remark before we move to the next order.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to respond to Hon. Anthony Theuri on the question he asked on the issue of the CECM and CO saying that we have enough money. We are asking that in the next Budget of 2024 - 2025 we approve an addition of Kshs. 200 million in the health budget. This will help to deal with the delay of promotion and all payroll issues. I have not talked about having enough funds. Nobody has ever said they have enough money. This is why we are requesting for sectoral meetings to settle this.

The issues of health touches all of us in person, our families and our Ward members. We should have those meetings to have these problems addressed in the best possible way. I want to appreciate the Members who have contributed to this Report. It shows that we all interested in the issue of health and it is a good gesture. As a Committee we want to promise this House we shall always be there to answer any question. We are always ready to move the extra mile to make sure that the people of Laikipia have the best health services. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Chairperson, Health Committee. We now move to the next business.

MOTION

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WASTE DISPOSAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Leila Hussein, I beg to move the following Motion.

THAT AWARE THAT County Health services, including in particular refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal is a function of the County Government as stipulated in Part 2 of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

FURTHER AWARE THAT domestic and Industrial discharges of waste pollute air, land and water with pollutants and toxics that can harm human and animal health and plant life;

NOTING THAT waste technologies must therefore grow hand in hand with changing societal complexities to cope with the high volumes and new types of wastes produced;

OBSERVING THAT the question of cost arises and becomes significant where national economies are weak or disorganized;

CONCERNED THAT Garbage heaps lying uncollected poses a health threat to the residents of the county as well as destruction of the beauty within the major towns within Laikipia County;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT Urbanization is associated with increased generation of solid waste;

COGNIZANT THAT Poor solid waste management has negative health impacts, including the spread of infectious and non-communicable diseases, environmental degradation and greenhouse gas emissions.

This House URGES the County Government to;

a) Create education awareness for its residents on proper waste procedures and disposal as well as waste reduction and recycling in order to reuse and recycle waste products in households.

b) Formulate policies that govern Waste Management in order to curb the negative short- and long-term impacts on human health and the environment in general and punish the law breakers of it.

c) Come up with strong enforcement plans to compel town dwellers and estate owners to ensure that household waste is disposed off in the designated dustbins.

d) Forge strong partnerships with private waste handlers and come up with policies to encourage recycling and promotion of consumption of finished recycled products by the locals as well as for external markets.

e) Support youth to run garbage collection and disposal business in Nanyuki, Nyahururu, Rumuruti and other upcoming towns.

f) Undertake intensive community training programs on reduction, reuse and recycle domestic solid waste across the major and upcoming towns in the County.

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g) To design, expand, construct a new sewer treatment plant in Nanyuki town and relocate the existing one from residential area.

I would like to call upon Hon. Stephen to second the Motion.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nataka kumshukuru Hon. Umija kwa kujikakamua na kuleta mswada huu. Jambo la waste management hasa katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia ni jambo ambalo linafaa kushughulikiwa. Mheshimiwa Umija ameeleza mambo ambayo angependa Serikali ya Kaunti iweze kufanya. Nakubaliana na yeye kwa sababu ukiingia Nanyuki, utapata maafisa ambao wanafanya kazi ya usafi na mji ni msafi. Lakini kuna sehemu zingine ambazo ziko na shida. Sehemu kama ya Majengo utapata uchafu na takataka zimetapakaa kila mahali.

Tungetaka Serikali iwe na sheria ambazo zitatuwezesha kuondoa uchafu wote ulio huku. Tukiangalia mbinu ya kwanza aliyoitoa Mheshimiwa Umija ni; *'Create education awareness to its residents on proper waste procedures and disposal as well as waste reduction and recycling in order to reuse and recycle waste products in households.'*

Mahali kama Baraka ni mahali kunakua kwa kasi sana. Kwa vile wananchi wamejaa huko, uchafu nao ni mwingi sana. Ni vyema kwa sababu Idara ya Mazingara wako na Bajeti. Waweze kuelimisha wananchi wa sehemu kama hizo. Hii itawapa ujuzi wa kutupa takataka na kutunza mazingira.

Katika Kaunti yetu watu hawana elimu tosha kuhusu takataka. Mfano mwema ni ule nimepeana wa Baraka. Lori tulionayo ya kuokota takataka inafika huko siku moja kwa wiki. Wananchi wanaoishi huko ni karibu nusu ya wananchi wa jiji hili. Tigithi pia kuna wananchi wengi sana na tunakaa siku mbili au tatu bila kuokota takataka.

Haya ni mambo tunayofaa kuyazungumzia ili tuweze kuelimisha wananchi kuhusu takataka. Likii pia kuna watu wengi sana lakini utapata Serikali ya Kaunti haiwezi kuokota takataka vizuri. Tunahitaji kuelimisha wananchi jinsi ya kutupa takataka na kutunza mazingira. Kuna vitu zinaweza tumika zaidi ya mara moja. Hatuwezi tumia kama hatujaelewa jinsi ya kufanya hivyo.

Juzi Waziri wa Taifa alisema ya kwamba tunaweza kunywa maji taka. Tafakari ukiambia watu wanywe maji taka. Lazima utaelimisha ili waelewe jinsi watakavyokunywa. Bila elimu, hatuwezi kuelewa na tunaweza kupiga na mawe na kesho tutakunyima kura. Ni vizuri kuwa na elimu na ujuzi. Mzungu anasema, *'Information is power'*.

Mwenye mswada anazungumzia maneno ya uhamishaji na ujenzi wa mahali pa kutibu maji. Hili ni jambo mzuri na tutalitenda. Hii itasaidia kuwaondolea wananchi ambao wamezingirwa na hilo pupa shida hiyo ya miaka mingi. Ukienda hapa Blue Gum utapata watu bado wanavalia barakoa kwa sababu ya harufu mbaya inayotoka huko. Nasema hivi kuwatetea walionipea kura.

Naunga mkono Mswada huu kwa sababu ni mswada utakaosaidia wananchi wote. Naunga mkono msemo wa kuhamisha maji taka ya Nanyuki. Tutasaidia wananchi wote ambao nawakilisha. Harufu mbaya itaondoka na takataka inayoletwa na upepo itapungua. Ningeomba wanamazingira wa Kaunti kuhakikisha kuwa takataka ya Nanyuki imetengenezwa vizuri na

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takataka yote inayotupwa hapo inachomwa. Hii itatupa nafasi ya kutupa takataka hata miaka tano inayokuja.

Kuna vijana waliosemea masomo ya mazingira. Tunaweza wapa kazi ya kuchunga. Wawe wanahakikisha kwamba takataka zote zinazotupwa zimechomwa au kupelekwa mahali zinafaa. Naunga mkono mswada huu na kuwaomba Wabunge wakubali na kupitisha Mswada huo. Kama hatutaweza kuelimisha watoto wetu jinsi ya kutupa takataka, kesho tutapata matatizo.

Niko na karibu miaka arubaini. Nilisikia mtu akisema kwamba maisha ya watu sasa inafika miaka arubaini na mitano. Ni vizuri sisi tulio na jukumu wakati huu tuweze kuyatunza mazingira kwa sababu ya vizazi vyetu. Niko na kijana anayemaliza shule ya upili na mwingine aliye PP1. Ni lazima niyalinde maisha yao kwa kuchukua hatua leo. Naungana na Mheshimiwa Umija kwenye Mswada huu wa kutunza mazingira.

Kuna takataka ambazo zinafaa kuchomwa. Takataka kama zile za hospitali ikiwemo sindano. Naamini kuwa Kamati ya Afya iko na wajuzi wanaoweza kutibu takataka hio ili kuizuia kudhuru mwananchi. Nauliza Serikali yetu ya Laikipia tuwe mstari wa mbele kuelimisha na kulinda mazingira. Nawakilisha watu wengi na wanafaa waelimishwe jinsi ya kutupa takataka. Takataka haiwezi kujitupa. Tuna nafasi mzuri ya kuelimisha wananchi wetu.

Leo niko tayari kufanya kazi hadi saa sita. Naona ukiniangalia ni kama nimeongea sana. Natumia nafasi hii kwa sababu kuna watoto waliokuja kusoma na kujua Bunge inavyoendelea. Nashukuru Mheshimiwa Umija kwa kuleta Mswada huu. Sote tuwe kama Mheshimiwa Umija anayejali wananchi. Yeye ni mwanamke na ningependa tuwe tuna watunza na kuwapa nguvu huku tukiwaeleza kuwa kesho wanaweza wakafanya mambo makubwa kuliko hata wanaume. Nawaomba wawe wakakamavu wote akina mama kwa wasichana. Kesho watakuja kuwa Spika, wawakilishi Wadi na hata Rais. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi ya kuchangia. Kwanza nashukuru Mheshimiwa Umija kwa sababu haya ni mambo ambayo yanafaa kuzungumziwa kila wakati. La pili ni kuwakaribisha wanafunzi wetu na walimu na pia wale ambao tunawaongelea kina *Chief Officers.*

Binadamu huwa na tabia ya kukumbuka maovu lakini hakumbuki mazuri yaliyotendwa. Karibuni sana wanafunzi wetu na nawatakia kila la heri. Nimeona uya kwamba wako na jina ambalo linalovutia sana, Ndindika. Huko kwetu Ndindika inamaanisha kusukumwa. Sijui kama mumejitayarisha kuwasukuma leo au vipi. Gavana wetu ametoka huko na sio Gavana wa mara ya kwanza bali ni mara ya pili, kijana shupavu na nilikuwa namuombea kwa Mungu wakati wa siasa. Unajua wakati wa siasa kila mtu huomba kivyake.

Wakati wa siasa huwa tunaambiana ya kwamba kila mtu ni mgonjwa lakini mimi nikiwa *out patient* nilikuwa naangalia Mheshimiwa Joseph na alikuwa anakaa ni kama alikuwa HDU kwa maana alikuwa amefinyika zaidi. Kwa hivyo, mkirudi nyumbani muambie wazazi wenu asante kwa sababu mulileta kijana wenu hapa. Hata kama hamtafanya kazi nyingine hapa, mulituletea kijana ambaye anayetusaidia hapa. Ninapenda hiyo shule na wajisukume kabisa na wako na mbegu ya uongozi.

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Nikiingia katika hoja ya leo, haya mambo yanapelekana na mambo ya afya sana. Uokotaji wa takataka, ni ile husema kwa kimombo, *it casts abroad.* Kwanza mahali ambapo mimi nimetoka, nashukuru Mheshimiwa Kagondu kwa sababu ameongea ukweli mtupu. Mimi nimetoka Kitongoji cha Likii ambacho kiko na watu wengi kuliko huu mji na pia kuliko Thingithu. Sijui niseme namna gani lakini nitaongea ukweli kwa sababu Mungu husema ya kwamba anayeongea ukweli ni mwenye haki.

Likii iko na Barabara moja ya lami karibu kilomita moja na ingine inapitia Nturukuma na kupitia kwa daraja. Sasa, wenyeji wa huko huambiwa ya kwamba wanatoa takataka huko ndani na kuileta kwa Barabara. Wanakuja mara tatu kwa wiki na kwa hivyo, mara nyingi Likii huwa na uchafu. Ni vizuri tuangalie ni uchafu wa aina gani. Kabla serikali ikataze makaratasi ya *nylon*, hiyo ndiyo ilikuwa shida kubwa zaidi. Mazingira yetu ilikuwa imezungukwa na hiyo *nylon* kila mahali.

Sasa hivi tuko na shida nyingine Bwana Spika na siombi nipigwe lakini ni ukweli. Ukiangalia katika takataka zetu, ule uchafu mwingi sana ni ya *diapers*. Hizi *diapers* sio *organic* kumaanisha hauwezi kuchimbia shimo na uzike ili iishe. Ni lazima serikali iingilie na kuweka mikakati kamili. Hizi *diapers* ambazo huwa zinatengenezwa, na ninaposema hivyo mimi ni mzazi na huzinunua kila wakati lakini pia huwa ni kero katika mazingira yetu. Kwa hivyo, ni muhimu wakati serikali inapopeana mwongozo wapeana jibu pia kwa sababu walitoa *nylon* lakini sasa ni *diapers* ambazo zimekuwa kero zaidi.

Jambo lingine muhimu sana ni kwamba hatuna watu wa kutosha wa kufanya kazi ya kubeba takataka na kuosha mitaro yetu. Mahali ambapo mimi nimetoka, watu wengi wametoka huko na huwa wanaingia kazi 6.30 asubuhi na jioni huwa wanatoka wakiwa wa mwisho. Lile jambo ambalo lilinikasirisha kabisa, ningeomba Mheshimiwa Wachuka na wengineo wa Kamati ya Utendakazi waangalie kwa sababu hao watu badala ya waongezewe mishahara, walikatwa mishahara yao.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nauliza, sisi tunataka kaunti ambayo ni safi na mazingira safi lakini tunalipa vibovu. Hiyo ni kero na haiwezekani. Mimi husema hapa ya kwamba sisi huja kupiga mdomo na kisha tunaenda nyumbani lakini hakuna kitu ambacho kinabadilika. Kama tunamaanisha kuhusu haya mambo ya mazingira, tunafaa tuongezee watu na bajeti ya mazingira pia iangaliwe. Watu waongezewe mishahara na pia waongezwe.

La muhimu zaidi kabla niketi chini, ni ya kwamba hata sisi wenyewe tujiangalie. Vile Askari wa kawaida wa AP na wengineo huja kwetu nyumbani kukimbiza pombe haramu lakini huwa hakuna pombe haramu. Sisi hunywa chai nzuri kabisa ya ketepa na ikifunuliwa hivi wanakuja mbio kutuharibia. Haya ni maneno ambayo ilipita. Vile ambavyo wanavyopigana na mambo haramu ya usiku, tunataka hiyo bidii ya askari wetu kwa kaunti wakikimbize watu wanaotupa mate ovyo ovyo na wanaotupa takataka ovyo ili kaunti yetu iwe safi.

Mimi sijawahi enda Rwanda lakini utanipeleka hivi karibuni. Huwa inasemekana ya kwamba Rwanda ndio ile nchi ambayo ni safi kabisa lakini ukiangalia ni kwa sababu Rais wao huwa anamaanisha. Hata yeye kila Jumamosi huwa namuona kwa taarifa na sio siasa huwa anafanya kwa sababu hawana demokrasia. Singetaka anisikie lakini hata akinisikia mimi ni Mkenya na hakuna mahali atakaponipeleka. Mimi husikia ya kwamba yeye ni *dictator* lakini wakati mwingine *dictator* husaidia.

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Kama ndugu yako ameshikwa akitupa taka taka, wacha kupigia bwana Kome ili aachiliwe lakini wacha sisi wenyewe tutunze mazingira. Mimi niko na Watoto wadogo na nimeishi kwa kitongoji kwa miaka mingi. Isipokuwa ni vile hatuwezi kukubali daktari atoe maono yake hapa, atakwambia ya kwamba magonjwa mengi yanayopelekwa hospitani huwa yanasababishwa na mazingira chafu.

Kama tunamaanisha kuangalia mazingira yetu na tuongezee wafanyikazi na pia bajeti, hata hospitali itapunguza watu kwa sababu magonjwa mengi huletwa na mazingira chafu. Kwa hivyo, naomba Waheshimiwa wapitishe huu mjadala. Vile vile ikipita kwa bajeti, iangaliwe na hata sisi wenyewe tujukumike tuhakikishe ya kwamba kaunti yetu ni safi. Wakati kaunti yetu ni safi na mji wetu ni msafi, biashara zinafanyika rahisi na tunavutia watalii na hata sisi wenyewe tunajivunia.

Mheshimiwa Spika, unasahau ya vile nchi ya Tanzania huwa safi tunaposafiri huko na sio kitu kingine, ni hao wenyewe ambao wamejumuika. Tunafaa pia kuweka utaratibu wa mji. Nawashukuru hawa Waheshimiwa wakiongozwa na Salim, Gitahi na pia Gatati ambaye ananiombea niweze kumaliza haraka sana. Waliweza kunipitishia manispaa na bado tunakimbizana na ya Nyahururu na haya mambo yote itakuwa chini ya manispaa. Yule ambaye atakuwa mkubwa wa manispaa kwa sasa, ni yule ambaye aliyekuwa karani wa hili Bunge ambaye ni Bwana Mutuiri.

Huu mji wetu utakuwa na magari ya kutosha maji na askari wengi wa kuweka nidhamu. Hata mahospitali yetu yatapunguza magonjwa kwa sababu magonjwa mengi ni sisi ambao hujiletea. Asante kwa hiyo nafasi na ninaomba hawa waheshimiwa tafadhali tupitishe huu mjadala na tuifuatilie hadi dakika ya mwisho.

Hon. Salim Edung: Kitu cha kwanza ni pongezi kwa Bwana Spika na pia nakaribisha wanafunzi kutoka Wadi ya Githiga Pamoja na walimu wao. Nashukuru kwa sababu ya huu mswada ambao uko mbele yetu siku ya leo. Nashukuru Mheshimiwa Umija kwa huu mjadala ambao ameleta leo. Huu ni mswada ambao unaongea kuhusu afya na mazingira. Nikiangalia kwa umakini sana, mara nyingi huwa tunaambiwa ya kwamba tuangalie mazingira yetu.

Sana sana katika vitongoji zetu, utapata gari letu la kaunti ikizunguka kuokota takataka lakini kuna sehemu ambazo huwa hawafiki. Sasa unapata ya kwamba sehemu ambazo hawafiki takataka zikipeperushwa na upepo. Hizo takataka huchangia mazingira yetu kuwa duni. Ukikaa katika kitongoji ambacho mazingira ni duni, magonjwa huwa zinajaa zile sehemu.

Mimi ninaunga huu mswada wa leo nikisema ya kwamba ni vizuri sisi tuangalie mazingira na mahali ambapo tunaweka takataka. Kama ni kwa shimo tuangalie sana urefu kwa sababu kuna shimo zingine ambazo zinashibwa tu na zikiwa fiti mbili au tatu, upepo unapovuma unaanza kubeba makaratasi au uchafu ulioko ndani. Hapo hatutakuwa tumesaidika.

Kitu kingine ambacho nimejaribu kuangalia kwa makini sana, katika makao yetu, unakuta katika vijiji zingine kuna watu ambao wanaokota takataka lakini kuna zingine ambazo hukaa tu hivyo kwa sababu ukipeleka habari katika Idara ya Mazingira, unaelezewa ya kwamba katika wadi yako labda kuna watu kama ishirini waliotengwa na inabaki hivyo.

Sasa unakuta mahali kwingine hakupati watu ambao wanaookota takataka na kuzichoma. Kwa hivyo, kitu ambacho ninachoomba katika hili Bunge ni kwamba tuwe makini sana katika mazingira. Haya mazingira ndiyo husababisha magonjwa kwa Watoto wetu na pia sisi. Inafaa sisi tuweke mikakati ambapo tutapunguza ule uchafu ambao huwa katika miji zetu.

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Katika zile miradi ambayo huwa huko mashinani hasa sehemu zingine kama zile zimezingira mbuga za Wanyama, unakuta karatasi zikitapakaa karibu ziingie ndani ya hizo mbuga na kupata Wanyama. Wanyama wakila nyasi pale, unakuta ya kwamba mbuzi au ng'ombe wamekula hizo makaratasi. Mwishowe yule mnyama anadhoofika katika afya yake. Sisi tunaongelea hapa afya ya binadamu na pia afya ya Wanyama.

Inafaa sisi tuweke mikakati hata kama kuna mahali ambapo watu wa kuokota takataka hawajaajiriwa, tunaomba katika hili Bunge tutakapoongeza bajeti, tuongezwe pesa katika mgawo wa mazingira vile Mheshimiwa wetu, Naibu wa Spika ametaja. Inafaa pesa iongezewe ndio pia wale wakuwe na watu ambao wanaokota makaratasi katika kila eneo ili hizo makaratasi zipungue katika miji yetu. Ninaunga mkono nikisema ya kwamba tumeunga huu mswada.

Speaker: Thank you, I now call upon Hon. Gitahi.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Hon. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion presented before us by Hon. Leila Amina Yusuf. I am supporting the motion because of three dimensions. The motion presented before us, for first take in consideration the aspect of ensuring that our people live in dignified environments. As you walk through the villages and centres and towns that are present in the entire county and in all wards, you will realize that people are living in deplorable conditions. There is a lot of litter in all the environments. As a statement of good intention, is able to inform the County Government and compel it to ensure that our people live in dignified environments.

Secondly, as the Chairperson for the Department of Environment, I want to state that as this policy gets to the right direction on the issue of climate change, one of the causes of pollution and why our climate is behaving the way it is behaving today, it is because we are not able to direct waste where it is supposed to be directed, whether solid, gas emulsions or spillages of sewage to clean water that is consumed by people. That is another aspect of this motion. Finally, I want to state that just like we have done in other departments, we also need to increase funding on this aspect of the environment.

You will realize that a man is from nature and we are feeding from nature and living in nature, but very mean in terms of the allocation that we are giving to conserve the nature that we are feeding from. So, I urge this House to take future measures. Even as we will be arguing out in the division of our budget and other things, let us also increase allocation on environment so that we may have people who are working there are properly renumerated and in a good system. Having said that, I support the motion and I urge all other Members to support me on the same. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Gitahi and now I call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Hon. Members for contributing towards this motion that has been brought forward by Hon. Leila. I just want to say that the habit of cleanliness, the Bible says that cleanliness is second to Godliness. By making our environment clean, it stars from home. If we are able to curb our cleanliness from home, we will be able to separate our waste management from home and therefore it will be easier for the county to do the rest.

That is why we are compelling the County Government to create awareness within our community so that we are able to do cleanliness from our homes and then to the communities. I hope that all the Hon. Members within their various communities will be able to bring up cleanliness exercises within their communities to encourage people to be able to clean up their

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areas so that we can maintain cleanliness as we help the County Government to do their work. I hope there are clear policies on ways to manage solid waste by the County Government and a lot of awareness will be done so that we may keep our environment clean. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 2nd August, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.25 p.m.

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