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

[Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

Speaker: Maybe before that statement comes, the Hon. Leader of Majority party who is also with us here, as per the standing orders there is a time that you are supposed to be allocated as the Leader of Majority party. I just wish to give you to say whatever you want to say. You are the Leader of Majority party and I know you might have something to say as you continue guiding the Members before the statement comes.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is true that I am a veteran in this House because I have been here for quite some time. I will say you have ambushed me because the truth of the matter is that when I am in this House and truly as the Leader of Majority party, I cannot lack something to say. First of all, I want to congratulate you and the Hon. Members because at this particular time we know it was not easy to make our way back into this House because we know how things are prevailing in the country due to this COVID-19 pandemic. Members are representatives of the people and they interact with them but have…

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think what we are doing is not procedural. What Hon. Thomi is doing as the Leader of Majority party, he was not supposed to because there is an order in the paper from, let me read…

Speaker: Yeah, it is from Hon. Chris Mark

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: It cannot happen like that; this is a Honourable House Mr. Speaker. You cannot just make a statement without what is in the order paper.

Speaker: Hon. Wakahiu, I rule you out of order because as you know I called the Hon. Leader of Majority party to say something as we were waiting for that statement to come. Hon. Leader of Majority, just continue.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

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Speaker: Hon. Mutahi you are out of order; I have not given you a chance to speak. I have only given it to the Leader of Majority party. I gave him to say something as we were waiting for that business to arrive.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is you who has given me this mandate and truly as I said at the beginning I cannot lack something to say. I got you clearly as we wait for the statement by one of our Members. You said that as the Majority Leader I could have a word to say and that is exactly what I have been trying to do despite the intervention by Hon Wakahiu. I will proceed and as I was saying that this is a House that I believe is doing the right thing. I talked of there being this COVID-19 pandemic. These Members have forced themselves and volunteered to be in this House despite the hard times outside there. I congratulate the Members and yourself because when we come here we definitely have something to say and think of our people.

I can tell you for sure, from the areas we come from, personally I can say that I have observed and known that there are some people who have been arrested because of having no masks. They even do not know what masks are and even the reason for those masks. I believe as a House we have a responsibility to ensure that our people have this message with them that they should have the masks so that they do not just get arrested and taken to the police cells and fined one thousand shillings. That is one and there are so many things that we can do in this House. Once we are out of this House there is the message we can deliver to our people so that at this particular time we may be remembered for having teamed up with the people in our county to ensure that life returns back to normal and it should not be very hard to our people.

I think I have said something and I still want to say once again that it is great and good that these Members can assemble in this House to make decisions and discuss to ensure that our people are represented. I will also request you that even Members can make contributions on exactly what is taking place in the country. We are politicians and we can read the papers and how national politics are moving on. We also have to sit and check on how things are. I want to say that Laikipia County is moving in the right direction at the moment because we have moved from all areas into the Covid-19 issue which I believe is the right way because this is a disease we are fighting with. I believed I have said something as you expected me to do and that this House is running in the right direction. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Leader of Majority party. I believe as per our standing orders we will secure some time because there is some time allocated to the Leader of Majority for him to move government business and that time we will make sure that we give it to you. We want to go back to the order paper and we have a statement by Hon. Chris Mark. The rest I think I will take letter.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION DURING THE COVID-19 PERIOD

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to raise a statement on food distribution during the COVID-19 period. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(2) c, I wish to seek

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a statement from the Chairperson for Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee regarding the above mentioned subject matter.

The County Government of Laikipia developed an Emergency Fund totalling to an amount of Kshs.138 million that would mostly cater for relief food during this COVID-19 pandemic period among other issues. The Public Finance Management Act (Laikipia County Emergency Fund) Regulations 2020, were adopted in this Assembly through a report done by the Committee on Delegated Legislation.

The objects and purpose of the fund was as stipulated in the Emergency Fund Regulations include;

a) Enable payments to be made in respect of the County when urgent and unforeseen need arises for which there is no specific legislative authority or budgetary allocation;
b) Facilitate preparedness and timely response to emergencies to reduce and minimize its negative effects;
c) Enable purchase, issuance of contracts, supplies of necessities like emergency protective gears and kits, food, water, fodder, farm inputs, hiring personnel on contract basis, increase spending in case of threat of damage to human life, animals, (livestock and wildlife), vegetation crops, environment by epidemics, catastrophes, drought, fire, floods, war or otherwise and setting up makeshift facilities to mitigate the emergencies;
d) A common reserve emergency fund that can facilitate faster, transparent, predictable and accountable release of funds for emergency management.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate the efforts of the County Government in food distribution, most especially during these difficult economic times for many households…

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do not have what Hon. Chris Mark is reading. That is history to us because we do not have the papers.

Speaker: Where is the statement? Where are the papers? Sorry, what Hon. Chris Mark is doing is raising a statement. When the time comes for response I believe each one of us will have a copy of the response. I think he is raising that statement for the first time. Go on Hon. Chris.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I was saying, we appreciate the effort of the Country Government on food distribution most especially during these difficult economic times for many households in Kenya through the '*Lisha jamii* initiative'. However, I wish to request the Chairperson for Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee to inform this House on;

1. The number of households that have benefitted so far from the initiative. This number of households should be done per ward
2. The food donations that have been done through the County Government and how the donations have been distributed.

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Mr. Speaker, it is good that you have given guidance on that. I believe that is why I have raised this statement and I can see the Vice Chair of the Committee is here so that at least when the response comes each and every Member will have a copy of the response so that we get to know this. It is such a time when as Members in this House need to buffer and cushion vulnerable members of the society. When a Hon Member is told that distribution of maize flour was done but I did not get is why we ask such a statement so that we get transparency of the whole process and answers as to whether everybody was satisfied and even get ideas on how to make sure everybody is sorted out and given this support. With your guidance I know the able vice chair is here and such a matter of food does not need to take a lot of time because our people are getting hungry outside there. They are still complaining that they have not gotten their food. Thank you.

Speaker: That statement is raised to the Chair of Agriculture Committee and the Vice chair is present. Hon Vice Chair, could you respond how much time you need?

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of my chairman Hon. Kanyutu, let us be given one week so that we can sit as a Committee and see the way forward.

Speaker: You said one week? So that will be responded to next week on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. I believe let us make sure that we adhere to that time because as the Hon. Member who raised the statement said that this distribution is an urgent thing. It is already happening and therefore it will not be relevant to bring a response to the House when we cannot salvage anything. Therefore, it is good for the Committee to work speedily to make sure that the statement comes to this House on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. Hon. Mutahi, you wanted to say something and I said I would give you later.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, wakati ulipomwita Kiongozi wa walio wengi kulingana na kanuni zetu na utaziangalia vizuri, inasemekana kila Jumanne kabla ya saa kumi na mbili za jioni atatoa taarifa kuhusiana na biashara zitakazoendelea…

Speaker: Kila Jumanne saa kumi na mbili, umesema saa kumi na mbili?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Kabla ya saa kumi na mbili jioni atatoa taarifa ya jinsi biashara zitakazokuwa zinaendelea Bungeni kwa wiki kwa sababu kiongozi wa walio wengi ni mwanachama katika kamati ya biashara Bungeni. Ulipompa nafasi na Mheshimiwa Wakahiu aliposimama swala hilo limejitokeza hapa Bungeni tangu tufungue. Imekua ikiulizwa wapi orodha ya biashara ya Bunge kwenye meza? Unakumbuka vizuri sana hayo ndiyo yangempa mwongozo wa kujua ni kitu gani kinachoendelea mbele ya safari.

Pili, kiongozi wa walio wengi anastahili kulifahamisha Bunge jinsi mambo katika Kaunti yetu, hata kabla hatujaongelea kitaifa, yanavyoendelea. Pia sisi kama wajumbe unastahili kutupa muda kutoa taarifa ya kawaida ambayo haiko katika mpangilio wa Bunge. Hayo ndiyo yalikuwa maoni yangu wala siyo hoja. Ulipompa wakati uliona tumesimama na tuko hapa kusaidiana siyo kwamba tulikuwa tunapinga hoja yako. Macho yako nakusihi sana wakati mwingine jambo

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likijotokeza hata kama huoni unayageuza upande mwingine huenda ukaona. Hilo ndilo lilikuwa swala langu.

Nikichangia nitaenda katika kifungu cha 177 cha Katiba ya Kenya kinachonieleza mimi ni nani. Katika kanuni zetu za sheria za ugatuzi nambari nane na tisa, wajumbe wasome na wajue tunapoingia kwenye Bunge hili sisi sote ni wajumbe. Mambo mengine yanapojitokeza hapa kwamba hao ni zaidi kuliko wengine, hapa kila mtu anapata mshahara na marupurupu kwa hivyo siyo mtu fulani. Hata wakati mwingine nilipokuwa nikisoma hiyo katiba na kanuni niliyaona majukumu yangu. Hakuna aliye zaidi ya mwingine. Kuna wengine wanapata mshahara mkubwa kuliko hata mimi ambaye ni mwakilishi wa watu? Kwa hivyo…

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi, I had given you a chance and you started very well and said that you wanted to support what the Leader of Majority should be given a time. You can be seated. You have really exhausted on that but now you are trying to sneak a different agenda which I will not allow at this particular time. I also want to direct ourselves to Standing Order 45 Statement Hour;

(1) Notwithstanding Standing Order 41 (Sequence of Proceedings), there shall be time, to be designated Statement Hour, every Thursday, commencing not later than 3.00 pm.

(2) During the statement hour-

(a) a member of the House Business Committee designated by the Committee for that purpose shall, every Thursday or on the last sitting day, for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the Table, a statement informing the Assembly of the business coming before the Assembly in the following week;

Therefore, many times we do not adhere to this Standing Order because you cannot lay a Statement that does not show any business. It is only when we have business that takes us to the following week that we can be able to do that.

(b) the Leader of the Majority Party, or the Leader of the Minority Party as the case may be, or their designees may make a statement relating to their responsibilities in the Assembly or activities of a Committee.

Therefore, the Leader of Majority or Minority as the case may be or their designees can be given some time to make a statement relating to their responsibilities as the Leader of Majority because they have responsibilities. The Leader of Majority is also the Chair of the Selection Committee. Hon. Wakahiu can only switch on your microphone because we cannot get exactly what you are saying. The Leader of Majority because of his responsibilities then can be given some time to make such statements. In that case, I knew that the Leader of Majority could not lack something to say because he has responsibilities with regards to that.

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Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nilikuwa nikiuliza tu, kwa hayo miaka mitatu amekuwa wapi? Tuwache mzaha. Umeongea vizuri sana lakini miaka hiyo mitatu amekuwa wapi? Hakutuambia hayo.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Kulingana na vile umesoma kanuni za Bunge umesema vizuri ya kwamba viongozi wa walio wachache na wengi wanafaa kutuambia zile biashara wanazofanya. Nikiwa kama Mjumbe wa Thingithu ambaye ameingia hapa kwa tikiti ya Chama cha Jubilee ninasema kiongozi wa walio wengi, kwa sababu Bunge hili ni la wana Jubilee, angekuwa na jambo la kutuambia haswa wakati huu ambapo tunaona kweli serikali inajitahidi kuona ya kwamba chama hicho kimesimama na kufuata mambo yote yaliyowekwa…

Speaker: Just sit Hon. Ndiritu.

Hon George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was rising on a point of order because this House is not only constituted of only Jubilee Party Members. I think Hon. Ndiritu should apologize because he is missing some people from this House who also come from other parties. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, sijui kama Mheshimiwa Karuiru alikihama Chama Cha Jubilee na kama amehama anafaa kuondolewa. Tunataka yale mambo yanayofanyika kule juu pia yaweze kumchunguza kwa sababu ninafikiria wale wote walio hapa ni watu wa Jubilee isipokuwa tu mmoja aliyekuja na chama cha PNU. Chama hicho ni mpenzi wa Jubilee kwa hivyo ninafikiria hayo ndiyo mambo tunayopaswa kuongea hapa…

Hon. George Karuiru: Mr. Speaker, I think that one person should be exempted from being a Jubilee Party member. Categorically Hon. Ndiritu had said that we are all from Jubilee Party in this House. Being a friendly party to Jubilee does not mean that you are a member of the same party. The other day Hon. Ndiritu called people from this end opposition Members. Hon. Ndiritu is always confusing this House and he stands to be guided. Thank you.

Speaker: I think he has been guided because he has said that we have one Member from PNU.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Singetaka tupotee sana kwa hii laini tuliyokuwa nayo. Kiongozi wa walio wengi ameshaongea ukweli lakini kwa miaka mitatu…

Speaker: Hon. Wakahiu, order. You asked a question and I think Hon. Ndiritu is still contributing to the same then we can have a reply or response.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika na ninashukuru kwa huo mwelekeo ndio maana nilikuwa ninasema kuwa kiongozi wa walio wengi angefaa kutueleza haswa wakati huu ambapo tunapoona kuna mzozano katika chama cha Jubilee. Hata hapa Kaunti tujue ni akina nani ambao hawako katika chama hiki. Tuwajue wao wamesimama wapi ndipo tuweze kuwang'oa na kuweka nyumba yetu ya Jubilee kwa njia inayofanya kwa sababu kumekuwa na matatizo katika

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Kaunti hii yetu na hata nchini. Hii ni kwa kuwa hatujui kwa kweli wale ambao wamekishikilia chama cha Jubilee ni akina nani.

Ninafikiria Kiongozi wa walio wengi atakuwa akitupa mwelekeo huo ndipo tujue iwapo kuna mtu ambaye hayuko katika mlengo ambao tunataka Rais asimame na ambapo tunasimama kuhakikisha tunatimiza ajenda nne pia yeye tutamumulika na macho mengine kwa sababu sisi sote tuko nyuma ya Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta na Jubilee. Tutahakikisha ya kwamba Jubilee imesimama katika Kaunti hii yetu ya Laikipia. Kwa hayo machache ninafikiria kiongozi wa walio wengi yuko katika nafasi ya kutueleza na kutuambia mahali tutaelekea ndipo wembe ule unafanyika kule uje hadi hapa katika Kaunti yetu.

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi and remember you are also from the Office of the Leader of Majority Party, therefore, I believe you are supposed to respond as an Office because the question has been raised by a Member.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Swala linalojitokeza na tuangalie sana sisi wajumbe ambao tumekuwa katika Bunge hili kwa hiyo miaka mitatu vile tumekuwa tukifanya tukiwajibika na kutekeleza sera za chama kilichotuleta. Ndipo nikakunukulia kifungu cha sheria 177 cha katiba ya Kenya kinachonieleza mimi ni nani. Nilienda katika kanuni hizo na ninakushukuru kwa yale uliyosema na kuongeza kuwa Mungu alikusaidia sana na kukupa hiyo busara ya kujua mimi kama mjumbe aliyepewa ridhaa na kupokea kodi ya wananchi ninafanya nini. Kama Afisi ya Kiongozi wa walio wengi haijakuwa ikifanya sawa sisi tunaongozwa katika chama chetu tunayo mapungufu. Tusije tukajielekezana lawama na tujiulize kama sera za serikali ya Jubilee tunazitekelza kwa dhati. Tunayo uchungu kwa nchi hii ama tumeondoka kwenye mwenendo wa reli? Sisi tumeletwa hapa Bungeni, unipende ama usinipende, ni chama cha Jubilee.

Kama vile mjumbe wa Thingithu alivyosema sisi tunatakiwa sasa hivi kujihisi kuelezea mafanikio ya chama chetu kilichotuleta hapa Bungeni. Lakini sasa mmetupeleka kwenye darasa, tulipoingia hapa Bungeni mara ya kwanza ulitupeleka katika kituo, hata nimesahau, cha CPST kule Nairobi tukafunzwa jinsi ya kuwajibika kama Mbunge. Mimi kama Mbunge nijue ninatekeleza wajibu wangu na wewe ukiwa unawakilisha kina mama, je umefanya hivyo sawasawa? Mimi kama Mutahi Muritu, nimewafanyia watu wa Tigithi sawasawa? Mimi kama kijana nimewawakilisha inavyostahili? Kwa sababu hii inatoka katika chama cha Jubilee.

Hapa Mheshimiwa Spika, nitakueleza leo na isikike kwamba kama hatutarudi kwenye mwenendo wa kuwa Wajumbe waliochaguliwa hapa tutakuwa Bunge la pili ovyo zaidi. Ninakueleza hivyo ndivyo ilivyo kwa sababu tumetoka kwenye reli. Kama Mutahi Muritu yuko upande ule na anasimama na ukweli nitaenda ili nimkomoe. Unamkomoa nani? Nimeapa kwa jina la Mwenyezi Mungu na katiba kuwa kama nitawaona wananchi wangu wa Laikipia nitasimama na hao na kusema hivyo mbele ya Bunge hili na iwekwe kwenye magazeti na sitarudi nyuma.

Kama wewe ni wa walemavu wasimamie walemavu vile inavyostahili. Mimi ninawawakilisha watu wa Tigithi wala sikuletwa hapa kwa jambo lingine. Nililetwa na chama cha

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Jubilee na nimetia sahihi kwamba nitafuata ilani ya chama hicho. Sasa kwa muda uliyotupa badala ya kugombana na mambo mengine tungetakikana kiongozi asimame atueleze na kama ni mwongozo atupe unaohusiana na chama chetu. Kama ameona leo chama cha Jubilee kwa sababu ndicho cha wengi atupe mwongozo ili tujue kama nimeregea ijulikane nimetoka kwenye laini. Tutayasema na tumeyafikisha mahali panapostahili kuwa kama umepotoka umepotea. Tusije tukadanganya watu na tunakula mishahara. Tunalipwa mishahara na marupurupu kupitia kodi ya wanalaikipia twende tusimamie akina mama. Ninamshukuru dada yangu hapa Mheshimiwa Patricia…

Speaker: We said you address the Members through the Chair

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Ninamshukuru dada yangu hapa Mheshimiwa Patricia. Kila mwaka ananipatia chakula na kuniambia kama kuna mama ako na shida mpe…

Speaker: Order! Hon Mutahi.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa Mutahi asikudanganye sana kwa kuongea mambo mengi. Kama ni ujumbe wa Laikipia…

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Hoja ya nidhamu! Mheshimiwa Spika. Sidhani kama…

Speaker: You are out of order Hon. Mutahi because the Member has not even raised. Hon. Wakahiu, you also have to address the Member through the Chair and let me give Hon. Veronica first.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also wanted to urge Hon. Mutahi to be direct to the point because it is like he is addressing us in a public rally while this is a Hon. House. That is what I wanted him to do.

Speaker: Hon. Wakahiu today you seem to talk too much without the microphone. Be seated, you are out of order. Of course you seem to be very happy and in good moods. I have always heard you even intervene when a Member is speaking. It is good to observe the rules of the House. Hon. Ndiritu, you did speak on that matter

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Ndiyo Mheshimiwa Spika, nilikuwa ninataka ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa Mutahi ambaye amesema kweli kila mtu hapa yuko na jukumu lake. Ninataka pia kufafanua ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Mutahi alikuwa anasema kuwa kama mimi ni Mheshimiwa wa Thingithu ninawakilisha watu wa huko. Kama wewe umekuja hapa kuwakilisha kina mama leta biashara yao hapa Bungeni kwa sababu hilo ndilo linaonekana kana kwamba Bunge limelegea kidogo. Ningetaka Mheshimiwa Mutahi anifafanulie kwa sababu ninaamini kuwa hapa kunao wale waliochaguliwa kuwakilisha kina mama. Tunataka ripoti ya kina mama pia tuijadili hapa Bungeni…

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Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, the Member categorically stated that if you are representing people with disabilities you have to push their agenda, likewise for women. He went ahead to give the example of Hon. Patricia who has been taking food to women.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningependa kumkosoa ndugu yangu aliyesema ukiwa mwakilishi wa vijana tunaruhusiwa kuleta mjadala hapa Bungeni. Ni vigumu kuingia Wadi ya mtu hata kusalimiana wacha kupeleka chakula huko. Hatuna bajeti na ninafikiri Mheshimiwa Patricia Mungu alimsaidia kidogo anaweza kuwapelekea watu chakula lakini hata kuingia wadi inakuwa shida.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika…

Speaker: Hon. Wakahiu, you are out of order

Hon. Jacob Endom: Mheshimiwa Spika, ninaona kana kwamba nimepotea kwa sababu ninaona kama katika orodha ya biashara bungeni tumemaliza ile biashara tuliyokuwa nayo hapa. La pili ninataka kumjibu mwenzangu ambaye amesema amekatazwa kuingia Wadi. Kila mtu hapa ni Mbunge hata uwe Mbunge maalum uko na haki ya kwenda katika kila Wadi. Kama umekatazwa wadi nyingine kujeni Sosian, niko huru kuwakaribisha kwa sababu wewe ni Mbunge kama mimi hakuna tofauti yoyote kati yetu. Umechaguliwa na ukaletwa hapa Bungeni kwa hivyo hakuna tofauti kati yetu. Mshahara na marupurupu ninayopata hapa pia wewe unapata. Mimi sioni tofauti ambayo mnasema mnakatazwa. Sisi sote ni wawakilishi wa Laikipia na lazima tuwawakilishe watu wote kwa pamoja. Maneno hayo mnayoyasema sioni kama kuna Wadi mmetembea mkakatazwa.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you Hon Speaker. This is a very lively conversation but I find some Members trying to mislead this House. Let us not allow this. How can a full Hon. Member rise up and say that she has been denied access to some wards without giving specific wards and times? If we continue like that we are heading in a very wrong direction. These nominated Members are drawing funds from the public and it is their right. They should get all the time they need with the people they represent. Let us leave all other debates now and deal with that specific ward that the Member has been denied access to serve the great people of Laikipia.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know what we are discussing. Two, we are not in a public rally. The Hon. Member who spoke earlier was addressing us as if we are in a public rally or a lecture room. We all know that we are Members of this House and we have the responsibility given by the constitution. The three key responsibilities are representation; every Member here represents. Two is to legislate and third is that every Member provides oversight. I believe every Member in this House has done all those roles. The Hon. Member who spoke as if some Members are not doing what they are supposed to be doing should tell us how many motions have been moved here by Hon. Members who have been nominated affecting various issues in this County.

There are bills that are still pending in this House which have been brought by these Members to be legislated on. We have been so active in every committee providing oversight. I do

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not know why Hon Members are trying to portray that we are drawing funds from the public and we are not doing what we are supposed to. As the Chair of Education he should tell us how many reports on oversight on education have been tabled in this House. He should tell us how many motions have been moved by him in this House.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Sasa nimeshukuru sana na hapo…

Speaker: You had a contribution but I thought you are raising a point of order or information.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Nilikuwa na hoja ya nidhamu kwa Mheshimiwa Matunge ambaye amesema wiki jana tafadhali na twende kwa kumbukumbu ya Bunge ili tuweze kuelewana…

Speaker: So what is the point?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Nilitaka kumfahamisha vile alivyosema kwamba wenye viti hawafanyi kazi ndipo tunakosa biashara hapa Bungeni. Hivyo ndivyo alivyosema na akaniuliza kama mwenyekiti. Ninasema mimi ni mwanachama katika kamati kama wanachama wengine. Hatusemi ya kwamba kunazo pesa zinazochukuliwa za bure, kile nilichoeleza ni kwamba nilichaguliwa Tigithi na yule Mbunge mwingine ambaye tuko na yeye ndani ya nyumba hii alichaguliwa kusimamia Wadi maalum. Wadi hizo maalum nikatoa mfano mzuri na dadangu Mheshimiwa Patricia hapa. Isiwe ni siasa ndipo nikasema tusitoke kwa mwenendo. Nimemsikia dada yangu pale akisema unaweza kuingia kwa wadi zingine watu hawakuongeleshi. Sasa ninahitaji kuongeleshwa nini…

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi, Order! You are out of order because you are raising a point of order to Hon. Matunge not Hon. Zamzam. Members as we go on I still want to say that this is a very lively debate and very important because it is reflecting on the business of the House that we all have a mandate as a House. I want to start from where Hon Mutahi started, that we have to push the agenda of the Jubilee Government in the House. How do we move it? When the budget comes we ask ourselves, one of the agendas of the Jubilee Government is housing. The question is, through the budget, have we as a House and as Members of the Jubilee party allocated money for Housing or are we in one way or the other fighting the same? Hon. Matunge, wait first.

Two, we ask ourselves as members of the Jubilee Party, both elected and nominated, another agenda of the Jubilee Party is improving food security. Are we oversighting the government led by the executive on matters food security? Are we allocating enough funds? Are we trying to improve food security because that is an agenda of the Jubilee Party? We ask ourselves, the other agenda is health. Are we as a House allocating enough money for the health services to push the universal health agenda of the President? I think all of us as a House have that agenda and responsibility to make sure we don't say it here by word of mouth but when it comes to budget it reflects something different. If we are pushing the agenda of the Jubilee Government, let us see money in housing, agriculture, health and every agenda of the Government.

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I do not mean that we compromise other departments but I remember there is a time the health committee was in this House trying to seek for an increase of money. Maybe that money I do not known whether we gave it and as Jubilee members then we could have supported that because it is the government's agenda. It brings us to a conclusion that we are live to what we are all supposed to do. I believe if all of us took responsibility, elected and nominated, in committees, in the leadership of committees, it means we are able to move the agenda of the people of Laikipia in a better way. I wish to give those who have not spoken, only two or three members then we conclude on the same.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to rise and say a bit. I have heard a Hon. Members unfortunately saying that if you are put here in this House you must do this. Let me tell you, there are those who have the strength to bring legislation. They can bring as many motions. In fact, they may bring so many motions and statements till we get tired. I even have two bills and he has three. There are those who are good at working in the committee but that does not mean a Hon. Member is not working just because he is nominated. He does not have to come here and bring reports to say that this is what the women and the youth are doing to be seen to be working. There are people who have their different strengths.

Some of the committees have Members who are good at working there. Some are good at bringing ideas to the committee. I always believe it is a joint effort by the nominated and elected Members. That does not mean that a person must come here and start saying that this Member did not bring business. Until now I do not believe I have ever been denied to go to any ward. I will not even dwell much on that but I want to believe that we should not bring this tension of this versus that one. We have been working well for the past two and a half plus years. We still have a long way to go.

On the issue of Jubilee, we are loyal Members but one thing I would like to remind a Member here, the party is headquartered in Nairobi. Whatever we may do here we cannot threaten another Member that we will discipline them here, you cannot. We saw what happened in the Senate. We have seen what is going to happen in the National Assembly. Directions come from the party then they are sorted. Here we should just be our Hon. selves and do the will of the Jubilee like we have said but not look like we are intimidating someone that if we do not this the Jubilee Government will do this to you. I do not think that is the way.

Apart from that I would just like to say that it is good to bring this debate. Maybe there are people who have been feeling like there are things they were not able to say those two years. It is good but this is a House of rules. I have seen Members picking up the microphone, not once, twice or thrice, and look like they are lecturing us. Nobody is a child here, let us talk with decorum. You can always pass your points across and I will understand without looking like you are lecturing us. Some of us have been keeping quiet and it is not good to feel like another Member keeps lecturing you.

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I am telling you we have a County Governor. There is no day I have seen a County Governor looking like he is lecturing us. We have you the Speaker, we have never seen you lecturing us. We have the Leader of Majority Party who is the senior most official in the party. Even any time he picks the microphone we have never seen him lecturing us. Why should we have a Member do it? Even the president of the republic, when speaking to Hon. colleagues even in State House, we go there he does not lecture. You talk with people with…

Speaker: I will give the point of clarification. Thank you, Hon. Chris. Order! Hon. Members, we are not turning this debate into a war of words or as Hon. Kiguru calls it, political fight but we are debating constructively. The reason why Hon. Members we allowed this is simply because we had a point raised here last week by Hon. Mary Samken on the matters of business of the House. I think all this is emerging that all of us have a responsibility to make sure that this House has got business. Each one of us here has a responsibility and contribution to make. That is why we are all here, elected and specially elected. Those who brought us to this House, whether elected or specially elected, believed in us that we have the capability and ability to move the agenda of Laikipians and leave Laikipia a better place and county than we found it. Therefore, let us look at it in a more constructive way that if you work alone you cannot make it and cannot go far but if we work together as a team, all of us in committees, we are able to do very well and to go very far.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members you may rise. The sitting of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday 27th May, 2020, at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.17 p.m.

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