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

PRAYERS

BILL

Second Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY FINANCE BILL 2025

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to move. I beg to move;

THAT the Laikipia County Finance Bill 2025 Laikipia County Bill No. 5 be now read a second time.

Hon. Speaker, we are having this bill read for the second time. Therefore, this bill gives the Members a chance to go through the bill and where they would like to make changes Hon. Speaker, they will make it when we proceed to the third reading.

It is my pressure now to urge Members to go through the bill, read every part, find the amount that will be charged by the Revenue Board and if you come across any part that you are not comfortable with Hon. Members, you have a chance to do so when we come to the Whole House. Therefore, Hon. Speaker I am requesting Hon. Members if you have any recommendation, you can give them to the committee so that it can be tabled in the Whole House where we will pass this Finance Bill.

Hon. Members, I would like to let you know that we are late on this bill. This bill was supposed to be to be in use by September, last year. Therefore, Members, it's now your time. Give your proposals and amendments to the committee and we will work on it. Now we have some amendments and we want to incorporate all of them so that we can ease the work of the committee. I now urge Hon. Gatati to second this bill to be now read a second time. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the second reading of Laikipia County Finance Bill. As the Hon. Chair has said, this is an important document that the Members of this House should go through and give us their recommendations and any query they should raise to the committee. Hon. Speaker, you know one of our main sources of revenue is through collecting money from the public and the Finance Bill gives us all the directions, guidelines, ceilings and the limits that this revenue board should implement.

It is an important thing because we are the representative of the people. If you have any recommendation from the people you represent here, there's a high time when we are going for the third reading you come and table them. What the Chair said, the Finance Committee is very ready to listen to any changes or any recommendations. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second.

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. The motion has been moved and seconded.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I need a list to support or to reject it because I'm looking for something but my friend here is trying to look for the same page. I don't want to work on hearsay. Hon. Speaker, I am going to speak particularly on the same issue, the thorny issue that we have been speaking about here about the land. Most of the time Mr. Speaker, it is good to know a land issue is usually very emotive.

There are things that they are being said at the marketplace. When I say the marketplace, I mean outside the Assembly premises. The proposal from the Executive had not only tripled, but they had hiked the prices by even more than 100%, Mr. Speaker. My good friend here and also the Hon. Chair for the same committee, Hon. Stephen is whispering telling me that they are bringing the amendments. Hon. Speaker, I am left to wonder why would they do so on the same.

Were they testing the waters, Mr. Speaker? Is there any other business that has been done behind our backs, Mr. Speaker? Because up to now...

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, what is it?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I want to clarify on that issue. He is talking about land rates and the land rates is on 8th schedule. Go to the 8th schedule, fees and charges for infrastructure, land, housing, and urban development. That is where you will find the land rates issue. Hon. Speaker, I am reading the schedule so you can go to the bill and look for that schedule. I'm not talking about pages. Pages are on your booklet but I am reading the schedule. No, I will inform you later.

Speaker: Kindly check page 54.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes. Thank you, Hon. Speaker for helping me and I would like to inform the House that if there are any changes on that land issue, it is about the valuation law that we have passed in this House, Hon. Speaker. If you go to that schedule, you will see how we are used to collect fees according to the percentage of the previous. Hon. Speaker, you will find those changes but now when we passed the valuation law, there is a difference there.

We have the amendments where we are going to lower the percentage. Hon. Members, this should not worry you because we have taken care of it. I am the Chair of Finance, I am the MCA for Thingithu Ward and I have those issues on my table. Therefore Members, have no worry. We are in town with Hon. Theuri who is the MCA for Nanyuki. Hon. Members do not worry. The Committee will show you everything. Thank you. I only wanted to clarify that issue.

Speaker: Thank you. The floor continues to be for the Hon. Anthony Theuri.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. He was very quick to reply and I agree with that but also on the same, I am not satisfied enough. You know, it is very suspicious. It has come very late and it is a very big booklet. Although I'm used to reading the Bible, and also big volumes of things, it is very suspicious bringing it in a hurry considering that we are going to an Election year.

Mr. Speaker, it was late deliberately. We are here to work for our people, and you know, by tomorrow, we are going for recess. I hope that Hon. Stephen my good friend, a trusted ally is going to work on that. He is going to take us to Nairobi or Nyeri so that we can go through

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this. This is the dependency of Laikipia. The development, the rate collection is where my interest lies.

We had an outcry that we have hiked it and I don't know why. Why should they do that Mr. Speaker? Why now? Mr. Speaker, on the same there are a lot of things we need to worry. Last year, I stood here categorically speaking on the land issues. We said, there is no way and I stand by that. It doesn't matter if I am here to make money for somebody because that is what I know. One man's meat is another man's poison.

I said there is no way that our ranchers could pay Kshs. 25 or Kshs. 30 per acre whereas where I come from, where I cannot even plant three seedlings or three crops for horticultural purposes on 50 by 100 in Likii, Majengo, Kabiru and Muthaiga, we are paying more than Kshs. 4,000 per year. I have no issue with *Mzungu* because I usually consider you one and I have no issues with you, but a *Mzungu* can have thousands of acreages paying Kshs. 25 yet he is making more money than me and somebody from the slums.

Mr. Speaker, you should know there is a conspiracy with the wildlife conservation. Mr. Speaker, one elephant has a bigger budget more than what you spend per year. Mr. Speaker, that is business. They have big hotels. They work on dollars while we work on shillings yet they do minimal. I don't come from Laikipia North but I know considering what they earn and what they give back to the community which is minimal.

I am very happy because when I stand here, some of us will sympathise with me but I understand, behind the back they usually go back and sit with the colonialists. Mr. Speaker, I call them the colonialists and I am told we were auctioned. This House is auctioned with no apology. Some people go behind the back, they are paid, and that's why we have this issue.

At the end of the day, they got back to the court. They do what they do with the court. We have lawyers here who have never won a case for this House yet we are highly paying them. At the end of the day, we don't get it right. Mr. Speaker, what I am saying and I am not threatening that if they are not going to pay more than Kshs. 100 per acre, the same thing should apply to my people, the people in Igwamiti and Marmanet. They should pay Kshs. 60 or even Kshs. 25. We are in the same country, there is no way that the citizen who lives beyond 2 dollars per day can be bearing the cost for the government while the tycoons are enjoying life.

That can never happen. That is what I'm saying, Mr. Speaker. I'm telling you; you are not even going to pay even a shilling if you are not going to get it right. There is no way that can happen.

There is no way, Mr. Speaker, we can be talking each and every year, we are speaking about the same issue yet we have a House here. We are representing our people, and you are not speaking. Right now, someone is very happy, because I'm making money for him or her. At the end of the day, this is what is going to happen.

It is in the public domain. This one is done by design. It is brought late by design. The rates are put there by design. They even know what you are going to do here. They are going to say, they went to the court, this is what they are doing and we are having the negotiation. At the end of the day, someone is getting richer on our behalf, on our soil.

That one is not going to happen. Let it be known. That's why I have said it publicly here, Mr. Speaker, if they are not going to pay as we agreed, Kshs. 100 shillings, then the same law should apply to every person in this county, Mr. Speaker. Let there be paid 100. Let them not say, hey, it is in urban what? Urban what, Mr. Speaker? Yes, I live in an urban area. I don't have an agricultural land.

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Mr. Speaker, 96% percent, if not 97, of my youth are unemployed. The services are minimal. So, I'm not enjoying what the government should be providing for me. So, someone who is living in ranches, is living a better life than anyone else in this country, Mr. Speaker. If you're not going to have equality on this thing then I'm not threatening, but I'm going to mobilise my people, and I'm going to speak as their representative. We have no problem with the government, but what we are saying, let the same law apply to every person in this county. I rest my case, and I believe and I trust the committee is going to deliver justice. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to support the agenda of the finance minister. However, I have a question and it's based on page 55. If at all the chairman of the committee, as we engage as an Assembly, this goes to all members on page 55 at all, you can be able to check on matters of conservancy. As a committee of finance and committee of budget, we had a meeting with the relevant parties on matters of conservancy, the stakeholders that manages the conservancy. We agreed on a Kshs.60 shillings per acre per year.

As I can see, there's 2023, 2022 and 2024 charges, its Kshs. 60. 2024/2025 is Kshs. 60, but on 2025/2026, they scale it down to Kshs.40 shillings. I wonder if at all these were done by design, Mr. Speaker, as the Deputy Speaker has said, or this is what we agreed. We agreed, as per year, the increment should be on gradual basis on a certain percentage per year. Whereas they're reducing, we agreed on Kshs. 60 and then they reduce it to Kshs. 40, we wonder if at all this is what we agreed upon, or this is something that has been infiltrated or something that was done by design so that maybe we can come approve in a hurry. A law that undermines on what was passed by the Assembly, and what we agreed as both committees.

Whereas we agree upon an issue that should be a law by itself, and it should be passed in this assembly. As we are discussing this, each and every Member in this House should know, some people in this Laikipia County don't want to pay land rates as per what was agreed. They can be able to coin anything, or maybe they can be able to do anything so that it can be reduced or they can do it in any way so that it can be reduced.

If at all, they think we don't read documents, we read documents. If at all we cannot be able to agree upon an issue and it be expedited, Mr. Speaker, then it shows someone somewhere is doing as they had done previously, last time in the document there was a page that was missing on matters of conservancy. The committee of finance did a very difficult job, to make sure that the page that was missing was brought back in this document. If at all after it was brought back, in this document, these people, they think it's an error, but it's not an error. This was done; this was done within the purview of the people who prepared this document. I think there's a matter, someone wants to sabotage the committee of finance, Mr. Speaker.

I wonder if at all they had gone through this document, Mr. Speaker and read it page by page? They should know something is still amiss in this page. This is because the conservancies don't want to pay land rates. We had discussed it with the Honourable Lempaira, he was present with the guys from the conservancies. We agreed on Kshs.60 shillings, and still, Kshs. 60 shillings is very minimal. These are mere cents if at all these guys are doing big businesses in their ranches.

You may say the value of the land, but the same land, whatever it is bringing in as commercial, is very high. If at all they don't want to pay for whatever they do with their conservancies, then we should increase the land rates. As we had agreed, this should be done to the letter. We won't relent in this, until it's done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

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Hon. Salim Edung: Asante Bwana Spika. Katika mjadala wa leo, naunga mkono hii Finance Bill. Tunahitaji kuongea ukweli wa mambo. Tukiangalia upande wa ekari, wananchi wanaambiwa walipe ada ambayo inastahili kulingana na sheria na mikakati.

Bwana Spika, nikiangalia kwa umakini, kuna riwaya nilisoma katika kidato cha nne inasema kuhusu Shamba la wanyama. Kuna wanyama ambao ni zaidi ya wengine. Katika hii sheria hatutaki kurejelea kile kitabu. Kwamba kuna watu wanalipa asilimia fulani na wengine fulani. Nikinukuu Mheshimiwa Anthony na Nicholas, vile waliongea nimetazama kwamba yule alichapisha hii daftari hakuchapisha kulingana na ile ripoti ya kamati ya shilingi 60 kwa kila ekari.

Bwana Spika, ukiangalia 2023/2024 ada ilikuwa shilingi 60. Ukienda 2024/2025 ada ni shilingi 60. Ukija 2025/2026 ada imekuwa shilingi 40. Ukiangalia hizo miaka mbona ada inarudi chini? Mimi naona kuna dosari kwa uchapishaji. Yale mapendekezo ya kamati ilipitisha shilingi 60 kwa kila ekari.

Bwana Spika, ukiangalia kwa umakini hawa wenye hizi mbuga kama Olpejeta, kulala siku moja ni elfu thelathini. Nashangaa shilingi 60 inapatia watu kiwewe na wanakosa usingizi na kwenda kortini na kusema irudishwe chini ilhali wanapata pesa mingi kuliko ile shilingi 60. Hii ni Nyumba ya sheria. Sheria ikiwekwa vile imewekwa. Katika Bunge kuu, utakuta rais akisema wanafunzi wote walioko nyumbani kupitia machifu hao wanafunzi wapelekwe shuleni. Hio ni sheria ya Rais.

Bwana Spika, hatuwezi kubaliana kitu hapa, kesho wanageuka. Itamaanisha kwamba kuna watu wanakutana mahali ndiposa hii mambo inakuwa tofauti kulingana na hii kitabu. Mbona mama mboga alipe na ikifikia wenye mbuga, kunakuwa na mambo mengi na kelele nyingi? Watu wanaketi, kwenda kortini na kusema hawalipi. Itakuwa ni hao wanatunga sheria ama ni sisi kulingana na mpangilio uliowekwa? Huu mswada wa Fedha unastahili tuuchambue kwa undani kabla ya somo la tatu (*3rd reading*). Asante kwa nafasi hio.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Mheshimiwa Spika, nashukuru kwa hii nafasi ambayo umenikabidhi. Nataka kuchangia huu mswada wa fedha mwaka huu na ningetaka tuangalie ukurasa wa 15(8). Mahali ambapo nimetoka eneo la Sosian, bila shaka naona ya kwamba mambo ya vichinjio hapa inaongewa vile ng'ombe ikichinjwa, ngamia ikichinjwa na mbuzi ikichinjwa lakini la kushangaza ni ya kwamba katika haya maeneo kuna vichinjio viwili. Kichinjio cha Rumuruti na lingine Suguta.

Hili ni jambo ambalo ni la aibu sana kwa sababu ukiingia Posta hakuna kichinjio wala daktari wa kuangalia nyama. Ukiingia mahali pale jamii ambazo hutembea pale siku ya Jumatatu wakija sokoni asilimia tisini hutoka Kenya nzima. Ninaona ya kwamba timu ya fedha wametuambia ya kwamba tunafaa kulipa ng'ombe ikichinjwa na mahali pale hakuna kichinjio. Inabidi mifugo iende ikachinjiwe Suguta na ushuru uende Kaunti ya Samburu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hili ni jambo la kushangaza kuona ya kwamba ikiwa kwangu labda niende nichukue nyama Sipili ili nipate daktari lakini watu asilimia 80% wa Posta, Kilimon, Pimwani na Olmotunyi huwa wanakula nyama ambayo haijakaguliwa ilhali hapa naambiwa niweze kulipa ushuru na hakuna daktari wala kichinjio. Ninafaa kulipa namna gani na nyama iende Rumuruti iletewe watu wa Posta. Nyama iende Suguta na ushuru ubaki Kaunti ya Samburu.

Ninatetea kwa sababu najua ya kwamba kama itakuwa sawa, kichinjio kiwekwe mahali pale kwa sababu kutoka Lonyek kwenda Suguta, ni zaidi ya kilomita arobaini. Kutoka Posta

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kuendea Rumuruti ni zaidi ya kilomita 35. Kwa hivyo, mtu huonelea ni heri achinjie msituni na kuweka *butchery* na watu wale nyama ambayo haijakaguliwa. Katika eneo letu la Sosian…

Speaker: Hon. Benson, just a minute. What is it Hon. Mugambi?

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, I am standing on a point of clarification. Most Members do not understand what we are debating here. This is not a wrestling and what Hon. Mwaniki and Hon. Kamala are saying, we need to clarify because these points are going to record for public consumption. If this thing goes to the public, it is like we are exposing ourselves like we don't know what we are doing. One, we want to clarify that the 60 bob we are talking about on conservancy, it was an agreement between the Executive, the conservancies and the committee.

Some Members of the Assembly were present at the Governor's office. The reason we settled on 40 bob is because the ranchers went to court and they did not even pay the previous charges and we were losing money. I would like the Members to listen carefully because whatever you are saying going on record will be wrong information to the public and of course when the public get that information, we are the people who are going to carry the cross in this House. We had the meeting at Governor's office with the conservancies, the Finance Committee and some Members of Budget. I remember the Chairperson for Budget, Hon. Mwaniki was present and I can confirm that.

We are losing a lot of money because when the conservancies go to court they do not pay because the court says that until you agree on something that is when the payment will be made. So, we agreed on out of court agreement. I would like the Member, Hon. Gathoni to listen. We agreed on an outside court agreement whereby the conservancies pays the arrears and they paid. Then our condition was that they remove the case from the court and they removed it. We also agreed that they will not be paying Kshs.35 and all the sectors who were there agreed that we start with Kshs.40.

The other clarification is what Hon. Kamala is saying that at a place called Posta in Sosian we don't have a slaughterhouse but we are telling them to pay. For your information, we don't pay anywhere where there is no slaughterhouse. This finance bill talks of where there is a slaughterhouse. So, we are not telling the community to pay if there is no slaughterhouse.

Secondly, you are part of a government and not a voter in Sosian but a leader. The budget is made here and so it is the high time you make a budget coordinating the with the area MCA, Hon. Lekopien and put a budget. I would like to tell the Members here that when a budget is presented by the Executive, this House has got the permission by the constitution to change all that budget. You can remove money for water and put in slaughterhouse. So, let us be clear and know where we are talking from.

Let us not talk like a voter in Sosian because when you put it on record that the people in Sosian are being told, this and that, you are now subjecting Hon. Lekopien to harshness. The people of Sosian will think that the one who is passing this finance bill is Hon. Lekopien for the people of Posta to be paying somewhere where there is no slaughterhouse. I am saying this in good faith. As a House we need to give the correct information. Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to clarify.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mugambi, the floor is still held by Hon. Benson.:

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa ushauri ambao nimeweza kupokea kwa Mheshimiwa Mugambi kutoka Salama. Nitaweza kuwasiliana na Mheshimiwa Mwaniki ambaye ndiye mwenyekiti wa bajeti ili tuweze kutenda yale ambayo nimeweza kupatiwa

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ushauri na Mheshimiwa Mugambi.. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Mugambi kwa huo ushauri na sitaweza kuongezea hapa. Asante.

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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) took the Chair]

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to contribute on this finance bill. First of all I thank the Chair of that committee because when I asked the question pertaining this, I got one. So, I have been able to go through it and I have just a few concerns. I would wish that if it were possible we get proper clarification or explanation.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the Chair has got that copy and therefore let us go to page 17. We have got artificial insemination in partnership with dairy cooperatives. We have already fixed a fee of Kshs.500. I am not opposing fixing of the fee. We have got cargreek semen that is being charged Kshs.500 and sect semen being charge Kshs.750. If it is a new fee that we are starting, why don't we start with the minimal even if it is 100 or 200 because it seems that previously we never used to charge? I am also a farmer and this fee being fixed in our finance bill will be devolved to our farmers.

Mr. Speaker, there is another concern on page 23 pertaining impounding. I am happy because it has been brought in the finance bill. This issue has been terrorizing residents in our areas and they are claiming that we charge 2% value of the item. Sometimes these issues are impounded without the awareness of the owner. 2% is giving a leeway whereby our business people will be oppressed. I think this one needs to be clarified or proper explanation given so that we know how they came up with the value of 2% of the impounding fee and also storage. The cause also should be properly elaborated because you might give an open way whereby our people are oppressed.

Mr. Speaker, when you go to page 50. Thompsons Falls is one of our sites where the tourists enjoy and we are happy whenever we have tourists there. I don't know what caused the increase from Kshs.1,000 to 10,000. I am shocked because even if we were to increase, we would rather double or multiply by three. Non-citizens and non-residents outside East Africa, commercial video shooting at Thompsons Falls per day is not there.

That would kill tourism in our area. The falls are in Igwamiti Ward but they also serve us as people of Laikipia West. I would wish that even if we were to increase from Kshs.1,000 that was previously charged, why we even put 5,000. Mr. Speaker safeguard me because, the chairman is interrupting.

Deputy Speaker: Order! Order Hon. Stephen! The chance belongs to one Honourable Member and, that is Hon. Simon Kanyutu. You are protected.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I wanted to make a clarification.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, the has Speaker ruled. Hon. Simon Kanyutu the floor is yours. You will get your right as you reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am thrilled that I got your protection. When I am in this Assembly, I not only represent Marmanet but also represent all the people that visit my area. I represent not only my ward but also my constituency. I now understand the point of view he is talking from of residents and non-residents. Mr. Speaker when the business is undermined within our locality, we are the people who will be affected and Mr. Speaker, I think you need to check.

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The people who have no representation in this House, they also need to feel represented. Mr. Speaker, I am also concerned with that section on page 60. All of us lately, we are computer literate unlike other constituencies where I heard that all of their youth should be computer illiterate. Renewal of underground Coptic cable previously started from Kshs.30 to 30,000. Mr. Speaker, that beats logic. Renewal of overhead fibre Coptic cables on poles, per post per year comes from Kshs.250 to 30,000.

Mr. Speaker, even if we need to make money in our county, let us feel that these are some of the things that concern us. It is really unfortunate that some of those amendments requires our attention. That is the reason I was requesting that; we need to have these copies. I am sure that these copies never reached the ground when the members of the public were asking for the memorandum to bring to the committee.

I would wish that because, we have the power given to us by our people, rectification should be done so that by the time this financial bill is going to the public, whatever we see that it oppresses people should be removed. Mr. Speaker, I support that we remove the charges that are imposing on our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the finance bill but with those amendments.

Deputy Speaker: We have Hon. Mwaniki and I am going to reserve it so that Hon. Stephen can give Hon. Nicholas time. You have the floor Hon. Nicholas for the point of clarification.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am rising on a point of clarification.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nicholas, I am being guided that you had contributed. On what order are you standing on?

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Point of clarification.

Deputy Speaker: You have the floor.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is concerning page 21 on electricity post. In 2023/2024 it was charged Kshs.200, 2024/2025 it was charged Kshs.50 shillings and 2025/2026 was being charged Kshs.50 shillings. Hon. Speaker, I would like to get clarification from the Finance Committee, on matter of charges on electricity post across Laikipia County. If this is a charge that is being remitted to the Laikipia County, previously I have tried to engage Kenya Power Company on relocation of the electricity post which are within the roads that we are building.

I was requested to report to the Kenya Power, so that they can give me a quotation cost incurred by the County Government so that the Kenya Power company can get paid by the County Government so that they can relocate their own posts. I know that they cannot pay not even a single cent to Laikipia County Government because they have erected electricity posts within Laikipia.

This an urgent matter Mr. Speaker and I would like an indulgence from the committee of finance so that they could be able to rectify these issues concerning electricity post erected inside our roads by the Kenya Power company. They are charging the County Government to relocate their own posts. Kenya Power Company to relocate their own post and they have to be paid by the County Government despite that, they are not submitting any funds to Laikipia County on matters of having erected posts within Laikipia County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is a point of clarification.

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. Members I would like to give this chance to the mover of the motion to reply but let us first hear from Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I am on the floor.

Speaker: I can see you are on the floor but I would like to hear from Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am just wondering why the Chair is in a rush to conclude the motion and yet we still have issues to discuss? So, relax. First, I have concern on page 40 on issue of British Training Sites Permits. If my mind serves me right, last time we went to a Million and we all agreed to a million. Hon. Theuri can attest to that. I am wondering how it was reduced to 800,000 last year and the course of this year.

I remember in this House we passed Kshs.1 million. We also want to get clarification from the Chair of how we can know that this camp is small, medium or large. They can classify large camp as small and decide to give us the least amount. Mr. Speaker when we put these loopholes into the Finance Bill it means we will never reach our target. This is Kenya, people go and agree on few issues and make what they want out of it.

Similarly, we also agreed on the matter of research institutes. On the issues of whether above 200 or 100 students, we need to be guided how much every student pays to join this Research Institute so that we can determine it. We might be charging Kshs.30,000 whereas they are paying millions of moneys every day to be there.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it means we are still disadvantaged here and there are things that need to be addressed before we pass the final document. When you go to page 55, I somehow agree and disagree on the issue Hon. Gatati said about us agreeing on 40. I attended the same meeting and we agreed on Kshs.40 shillings for that month and year, an increase of ten shillings every year. So, it was supposed to be 50 this year, not 40. Next year it is supposed to be 60, as we all want.

Hon. Speaker, this brings another question; the Finance Committee needs to tell us who paid and who did not because we do not have the facts on that. A number of these ranches are good at dodging what they are required to do. They have formed an organization called LCA. I am sure they are now ready to go to court and stop the entire proceedings if we increase any amount.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, when we go for public participation, we should be very clear on what we are telling them so that we can agree before going into this thing. I have also seen in page 53 that we put a bodaboda charges per month. In big towns it is Kshs.300, medium towns 200 and small towns 100. I am not sure whether we normally collect this money or we just include it here for decoration.

Hon. Speaker, as we move towards the Third Reading, we need to be given clarification whether this money is being paid or not. On the issue of page 50, commercial shooting at Thomson Falls per day, I think I agree with what Hon. Kanyutu has said, that we need to look at our own tourism attraction site. If we increase our own attraction sites' charges to be Kshs.10,000, and yet we are charging lower fees at the private conservancies, people will go for the private conservancy shootings, and leave the county-managed tourism attraction sites without generating any money. Therefore, we want to ask the Chair that we reduce this to a reasonable amount. Let us stick to 1,000, or at least to 2,000, instead of jumping from 1,000 to 10,000. That is quite a lot.

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Hon. Speaker, I also look at the professionals' certificates, especially in these large organisations. The last time we agreed on the issue of the legal firms, I didn't see it anywhere here. So, I don't know whether they have removed it deliberately, or they have just put it within the others so that they can hide inside the others to pay what they want. Therefore, we also want to know whether there are some things we left aside or not.

Hon. Speaker, last time we discussed a lot on the issue of health certificates. These health certificates encourage people to follow the right procedure. However, if we say we charge 500 for a certificate per herd, we are limiting people not to export their livestock to other countries or to other regions.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we need also to discuss that so that when we are going to pass the final document, we all come to an agreement on exactly what we are saying. What the Hon. Kamara said that we are putting quite a lot of money here that we need to charge many different things; the Executive has responsibility to make sure that these services are available in these towns so that we collect enough money.

Hon. Speaker, I want to say that, yes, we are one county, but everyone has different responsibilities. So, as we look at what needs to be charged, let us also look at the main essential services that are needed in our town so that we collect more revenue. If it is a slaughter house that is needed, it is good that the Executive proposes it so that when it comes here, we pass it. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lempaira. I now call upon the mover of the motion to reply. Hon. Stephen?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nilikuwa nimepimia kwa sababu nilienda kusimama nikaambiwa nina haraka, ndipo nikaona ni vizuri kutulia ili kila mtu apate nafasi.

Jambo la kwanza ninalotaka kuwapongeza Wabunge walio hapa ni kuzungumza kuhusu haya mambo ya *Finance Bill.* Hii bili inaongea kuhusu uokotaji wa ushuru kutoka kwenye sekta zote zinazopaswa kutozwa ushuru. Vilevile, ni vyema kuwakumbusha kuwa pesa tunayokusanya kupitia huu mswada wa fedha ndiyo itaamua kazi tutakayofanya kwenye wadi zetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tunaweza kusimama hapa na kusema hatutaki kuokota hiki ama kile. Tukisema hivyo, basi tuwe pia tayari kusema hatutaki barabara, maji na yale mengine. Huwezi kusema hutaki ushuru kisha useme hutaki pia maendeleo. Hivo ni vitu viwili tofauti. Kwa hivyo, Waheshimiwa, tunapojadili huu mswada wa fedha tuwe makini kwa yale yote tunayoyasema.

Nikizungumza kuhusu Thompson’s Falls, hicho kimekuwa kivutio chetu cha watalii. Wasio wakaazi wakienda hapo, wanatoa tu ile pesa kidogo sana tunayolipisha. Ukiangalia huo ukurasa utaona kuwa tumeweka mambo ya wakaazi; Ila sio sisi tumeweka bali ni *Revenue Board.* Wameweka mambo ya wakaazi na wasio wakaazi. Hio inamanisha kuwa wamefanya utafiti na kugundua kuwa pesa tunayopoteza ni mingi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nakumbuka kuna wakati walituita kama kamati na kutueleza hilo jambo, tulijadili na kusikizana. Mambo tuliyosikizana ni kwa niaba ya hili Jumba. Hatuwezi kusikizana kuhusu mambo ya kibinafsi. Hio ndio maana hii nakala lazima ije hapa ili sote tukubaliane kuwa hii ndiyo *Finance Bill.*

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Ningewasihi, Waheshimiwa, hii mara ya kwanza tujaribu elfu kumi. Tukipoteza, tuwaite *Revenue Board* na kuwauliza vile wamefanya. Kisha tutakuja hapa na kujadiliana kisha tupunguze kulingana na utafiti utakaokuwa umefanywa. Sisi huangalia tu, hatufanyi utafiti. Ukiniuliza kuhusu Thomson's Falls, nilienda hapo miaka iliyopita. *Revenue Board* hushinda hapo. Wana habari yote kuhusu hilo eneo. Kwa hivyo, jambo kama hili tunafaa kulipima kwanza tuone iwapo tutaokota pesa ya kuweza kulipa.

Pili, Mheshimiwa Spika, nitaongea kuhusu Kenya Power. Mheshimiwa Mwaniki ameibua swala la kuondoa huo mti na kuuweka tena. Hili ni jambo tunalopaswa kuangalia na kuelezwa na idara iwapo tunaongea kuhusu mambo ya Kenya Power au mtu binafsi. Kenya Power wamekuwa madikteta, wanakata stima kila wakati. Ukienda mtaa wa Nanyuki, hakuna stima ilhali tumelipa tayari. Wao wanataka tuwaache waguse mchanga yetu bila kuwauliza. Hilo ni jambo tunalofaa kuangalia. Kama ni wao wanastahili kulipa, basi walipe. Hilo ni jambo tunalofaa kuja kulizungumza hapa

Mheshimiwa Spika, jambo lingine ni hawa watu wa mtandao. Sisi sote, hata hapa, tunatumia mtandao. Nakumbuka mwaka uliopita Bodi ya Huduma iliposema inataka pesa ya kulipia hivyo vitu vyote, waliitisha mamilioni ya pesa. Hata hivyo, hao wanataka kuachiliwa waende huru baada ya kufukua mchanga na kupitisha nyaya zao chini. Waheshimiwa, hebu tuwe macho. Nikiitisha mtandao kwangu, natozwa elfu tano au kumi. Tunasema yeye asilipe ilhali yeye anakulipisha akija kwako.

Waheshimiwa, hebu tujue tunazungumza kuhusu nini na ni nini tunalenga, ili tunapoleta marekebisho, tulete marekebisho ambayo yatasaidia mwananchi wa kawaida. Tutaleta marekebisho ya mswada kusema hawa watu wa mtandao hawatatozwa chochote, basi tukubaliane hata mimi nikiitisha mtandao, nipewe bure. Iwapo wanalipisha, pia wao walipe. Ndiposa wananchi wetu wapate barabara, maji, watoto wapate msaada wa karo, na mambo mengineyo.

Ningewauliza Waheshimiwa, wakiona hii nakala, sio ya kibinafsi. Hii si nakala ya kamati au serikali pekee. Hii ni nakala ya mwananchi kwa sababu inabeba uzito wa maendeleo ya mwananchi. Kwa hivyo, tujadili kwa njia inayofaa. Nimekubaliana na Waheshimiwa kwa waliyoyasema. Nawaomba watupe marekebisho au maoni yao leo ili kufikia kesho saa nane tufanye Kamati ya Jumba lote na kupitisha. Nimesema hivyo ili Mheshimiwa Kanyutu aelewe. Yeye anajua kuangalia hii nakala ila ukimpa anasema hajaiona. Nataka kumpa ukiona ili akija kesho asiseme hana. Mheshimiwa Kamara ameelezwa na Mheshimiwa Gatati na amesema ameelewa na watazungumza na mwakilishi wa wadi. Nashukuru na Mungu awabariki.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today, Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.13 a.m.

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