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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

BILL

Second Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BILL, 2020

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the chair Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee, Hon. Patricia Muthoni. I would like to move the Laikipia County Youth Service Bill 2020 Second reading, Laikipia County Bill number three of 2020.

Mr. Speaker, as I request the Bill to be read second time, this Bill will enrich the services of the County Government and also to give our youth a say in establishment of the leadership. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Committee of Labour, I would just like to request Members to support this Bill.

The establishment of the youth services if you go to the functions the function of the service shall be;

(a) Training of youths to serve the county

(b) The implement of its members to undertake tasks and services in the developed functions of the county or otherwise in the service of the county.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are a lot of benefits with our youths to be part of the organizations that will be organizing the functions of the County Government. Them being in the table they will have bargaining power, so if we support this kind of a Bill we are supporting the youth of this county and the youth of Kenya as a country at large.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I urge Members to make sure that though we do not have time to amend the Bill at this stage. It is good to hear the input of Members so that at the stage of amending or adding a lot of other requirements to make it more viable. I urge Members to contribute and bring their inputs. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

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Speaker: Someone to second

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Okay, thank you I would like to call upon Hon. Simon Kanyutu who as I can see is at that age group of youth, Hon. Kanyutu to second the Bill.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this Bill for the youth. It is unfortunate because the Hon. Member is stating that I am still in that age. I am just one-year-old from the youth age bracket because I am 36 years now. I would wish that the ones who are within that age bracket to benefit from this Bill and that we ensure that they get maximum of what the county entails. So I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Bill. First of all, I wish to thank the Hon. Member who decided to bring it. He has worked very hard to bring a Bill in this House. I know that Hon. Chris Mark is very passionate about the youth and he would love to leave a legacy because it is always advisable that whenever you are given a responsibility, leave a legacy while departing. Therefore, I wish to congratulate him in absentia because he is still young and because of his effort.

Coming up with a Bill is not easy and not many counties have managed to come up with many Bills like Laikipia. This Bill is really going to help our people and especially those youths because we are going to bring every youth from this county and from every tribe. As you know, our county is cosmopolitan and when they interact and work together, we are going to reduce tribal crises. Our county is a peaceful county and therefore if we continue embracing and bringing them together, they will continue keeping this county in peace.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill will also instill a culture of patriotism which is very good because it is going to make our youth very responsible and avoid strolling around in this town. Nowadays as you know, instead of doing exercises most of the youth are smoking bhang because they are idle. If we keep them busy by bringing them together, we are going to reduce that idleness and they will stop smoking bhang. Nowadays they don't smoke the normal cigarettes but other things which alter their thinking. That is why people are killing each other because they are idle. Therefore, I support this Bill because it is going to help our youth in their way of living. Thank you.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi ya kutia mchango wangu kwa mswada ulioletwa na Mheshimiwa Chris Mark kuhusiana na wanarika katika Kaunti ya Laikipia inayosomwa kwa mara ya pili.

Bwana Spika, wacha kwanza nirudishe kongole kwa ndugu yangu Mheshimiwa Chris ambaye ni mwakilishi wa wanarika katika Kaunti nzima ya Laikipia. Tunaona kwa kweli anafanya vizuri kuangalia maslahi ya wanarika katika Kaunti nzima. Ukiangalia haya mawazo ya ndugu yetu, na uangalie Kaunti ya Isiolo kuna *Youth Service* ambayo iliweza kupitishwa. Ni vyema kabisa kwamba wanarika katika hili Bunge waweze kupelekwa mafunzo ya ziada. Wajumbe wote

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pia wanafaa kupelekewa mafunzo ya ziada ili kupata umuhimu wa *Youth Service* katika Bunge letu.

Bwana Spika, ukiangalia ukurasa wa nne, umeongea sana kuhusu mambo ya wanalika kupunguza umaskini na kuweka uajiri wa kutosha na kujidhamirisha kama wanalika katika Kaunti ya Laikipia na kuweza kupatia vijana fursa ya kujiunga na michezo ya tabaka mbali mbali. Itatuonyesha pia mambo ya kitamaduni na pia watalii wataweza kuingia katika kaunti yetu na kuiga mfano ule vijana katika kaunti letu.

Mengi imeweza kuongelewa katika huu mswada na ni vizuri tutaweza kupitia ndio tuone umuhimu wa kuwa na huu mswada mbele ya hili Bunge. Tunaona ya kwamba kutakuwa na sherehe mbali mbali ambazo zitapatia wanarika mafunzo ya ziada na za kutosha ndio waweze kuepukana na mihadarati na madawa za kulevya na pia kuepukana na wizi na sanaa za dunia. Tunaona ya kwamba itaweza kuwapatia elimu na kuwa na heshima na kujistawi kama wanalika katika Kaunti ya Laikipia kwa sababu Waswahili husema ya kwamba ukweli wauma.

Tuliweza kusomewa na Gavana hotuba yake na kusema ya kwamba kutakuwa na uajiri wa vijana zaidi ya 30,000 lakini mpaka leo haijaweza kutimia na ninaona ya kwamba huu mswada ambao umeweza kuletwa na Chris Mark unaweza kusaidia wanarika katika Kaunti nzima. Mimi sina mengi na ninaomba Wajumbe wenzangu waweze kutilia maanani na waweze kuisoma kwa sababu huu mswada sasa unasomwa mara ya pili ambao utakuwa wa manufaa kwa Wajumbe wote ambao waliweza kuteuliwa na italeta ajira zaidi kule mashinani.

Sasa hivi tunajua ni msimu wa kutafuta kura na pia itaweza kupatia ndugu zetu nguvu pale mashinani waliweza kuonyesha hawa vijana ya kwamba wanaweza na pia ya kwamba wako na haki katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Sina mengi na ninaomba Wajumbe wenzangu waweze kuiunga mkono ili iweze kupita na wanarika wawe na manufaa katika serikali. Asante.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in support of the 2nd reading of the Youth Service Bill. First I wish to congratulate Hon. Chris Mark for having thought of this Bill and also for working hard to ensure that the Bill comes to this level.

Speaker: Hon. Zamzam, kindly be seated.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I was saying that I wish to congratulate Hon. Chris Mark because it is a responsibility. If you are brought here by the people of Marmanet, you need to feel that there is a contribution that you made for the people of Marmanet so that they can benefit. The same way I have been brought by the people from Umande and I should make sure that they benefit from something that I say in this House. So Hon. Chris Mark being a representative of the young people, it is important that even in future it will be read that when Hon. Chris Mark was representing young people something good happened to the young people including those who are young now and the ones who will come.

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I am giving an example of Hon. Kanyutu because he is not a youth but he always remembers that he was a young person and therefore every time he speaks he supports the young people because once he was there. Now he is working for his sons and daughters because they are young. The Bill which we are having here is meant to benefit the people of Laikipia including the ones who are there and even the ones who have not been born yet. So Hon. Chris has thought of many generations to come.

Therefore, every time he speaks he supports the young people because he was there once and now he is working for his sons and daughters because they are young. The bill that we are having here is to benefit the young people of Laikipia, those who are there and those who will be born many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Chris Mark has thought of the generations that are to come. I believe it will work well because we are supporting it whole heartedly and it will work well for the people of Laikipia. Just as Hon. Veronica has said, the young people who are taking bhang and those who are moving out thinking that they can get wealth in a day, if they get into this service they will get the discipline that is mentioned here and they will learn to be self-reliant.

The old people will even benefit in a way because when our young people are self-reliant, responsible and they are taking care of themselves they will be allowing us to improve our lives without thinking about them. Mr. Speaker, apart from the young people we are also beneficiaries indirectly. I believe even our grandfathers will benefit from this because when our young people are strong, we also grow strong. I support, thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hata kama nimechelewa. Nitaongea kuhusu muswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Chris Mark ambaye ni kijana. Analeta ili iwasaidie vijana ambao wako mashinani. Vijana wengi wamepotelea vijijini kwa sababu ya kukosa kazi; wanavuta Bangi na madawa ya kulevya. Ningeomba Waheshimiwa wapitishe huu muswada ili tuone kama tutasaidia kizazi chetu.

Naunga mkono na naomba Waheshimiwa waunge mkono huu muswada ili tuone vile hawa vijana watasaidiwa baada ya kukunywa Pombe na dawa za kulevya. Wanaweza kuendelea na wapate fedha ama kazi ili wajisaidie. Si lazima waajiriwe lakini wakipata hela kidogo zitasaidia. Siku hizi vijana wanajaribu kutengeneza sabuni na kuuza na vibuyu. Wengine wanatengeneza *sanitizer* na kuuza barakoa. Kwa hivyo wakati wako na kazi hawatafanya zile mambo huwa wanafanya.

Wakati wanafanya hiyo siyo kupenda kwao mbali ni kukosa kazi. Wakati hauna kazi unavuta bangi na madawa ukifikiria unajisaidia. Kama kijana anasahau akivuta bangi shida ambayo yuko nayo ataamkia apate hana. Kwa hivyo naunga mkono na naeleza Waheshimiwa wapitishe huu muswada. Asante.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the second reading of this bill because firstly, it has come at a very timely moment for Laikipia. Just the other day

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under the Department of Trade and Finance, they have a docket on innovation where the Chief Officer is a young lady who understands how best to handle the youth. She understands what they go through because she is of their age set.

Therefore, I believe this bill could not have come at a better time. Secondly Hon. Speaker, one of the things the BBI advocates for is a tax holiday for youth. I believe this bill goes hand in hand with that to ensure that the youth are recognized and they are involved in the work that they do. Mr. Speaker, I support. Thank you.

Speaker: May I now call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. On behalf of the Committee on Labour led by Hon. Chair Patricia Muthoni, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hon. Members for their input to make sure that we have a bill that will guide our youth. The good thing about this bill is representation. The youth will come from every ward, the organisation and members of the service. The members of the service shall be recruited from every ward in the county. The Executive Committee shall engage trainers and officers to aid in the recruitment process as it may be required.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you go through the bill you will find the things we are lacking in our youth like discipline, if we have character issues then we will lack leadership tomorrow. This bill will make sure the county is going to engage youth at the leadership level. I agree with Hon. Members that this is the way to go as Laikipia to make sure we have proper representation of our youth in governance process.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I urge Members to make sure as we proceed to the next level of amending and adding value to this bill, we shall go together in making sure that our youth are well represented. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERED RULING

BENEFITS OF THE BILL TO THE YOUTH

Speaker: I just wish to make a comment because this is one of the bills that can help our young people that addresses the plight of our young people. I may not make a lot of comments now until it has gone through all the stages then I will make a few remarks on it. I know it is an important bill and it can help our people. It can transform the lives of our youth. It is something we have always been proud of that members of the County Assembly stood in this House and this bill was passed.

That will inform other County Assemblies and County Executives that will come after this in all the years because this is a law of this House. Hon. Members, thank you for the contributions.

ADJOURNMENT

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Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 12th May, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9:29 a.m.

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