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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have the quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: I direct that the bell be rang for ten minutes

(Quorum bell rung for two minutes)

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, do we have the quorum now?

(Clerk confirmed lack of quorum)

Speaker: I am directing the Members to Standing Order No. 35 (2). It says;-

'if there is no a quorum present when the Chair is taken, at that time appointed for a meeting of the Assembly, immediately after the saying of prayer, the Speaker shall order the bell to be rung for ten minutes, and if no quorum present at the expiration of the ten minutes, the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes and if there is still no quorum present, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly forthwith to the next sitting'.

Therefore, I direct that the bell be rang for the next five minutes.

(The quorum bell was rung for five more minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have the quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of quorum)

MOTION

SUPPORT FOR THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT Article 54 of the Constitution of Kenya provides that a person with any disability is entitled to access educational institutions and facilities for persons with disabilities that are integrated into society to the extent compatible with the interests of the person;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the process of registration and categorization of Persons with Disabilities has not been easy;

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NOTING THAT there is lengthy wait of medical assessments reports due to distance travelled, a prerequisite for registration of Persons With Disabilities hindered their prompt registration and hence the low number in the Council's database;

CONCERNED THAT there is inadequate support for the Persons with Disabilities in accessing some of the vital services;

This House urges the County Government to provide an information desk for the persons with disabilities, provide a support mechanism to the responsible department and agencies in order to access the vast regions in the County, and to develop and maintain an updated database on people with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform this House that the issue at hand is a sensitive one because it touches our brothers, sisters and parents who are living with disabilities. The idea of coming up with this motion is because these people are travelling so far for them to get services, registrations and the benefits which they are entitled.

I would like to inform the House that there was an Act which was passed here called Laikipia County Social Assistance Act, 2017 which if implemented well, I am 100% sure that this issue for people with disabilities will be sorted once and for all. Since we have a committee which is capable in this House, Committee on Implementation, I would urge them to make follow up on this implantation Act so that these people could get assistance.

I would also urge the County Executive to move with haste for them to implement this motion so that the people living with disabilities would also feel that they are part of this county. They are not supposed to be feeling as if they are neglected because they are our sisters and brothers. So coming up with this motion, I just want to ask my colleagues to support me in this so that these people will feel as if they are also our people in this county. With those few remarks, I would like to call upon Hon. Mugweru to second. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second this motion that has been brought by the Hon. Member representing the people of Ngobit who happens to come to this House through election. The motion which she has brought today shows how concerned she us about the people living with disabilities in this great County of Laikipia.

Hon. Speaker, this motion is of much benefit to everybody in this House and everybody else in Laikipia. If one is not disabled in one way or the other, you will find that in your family there is someone living with disability. If not your family, your neighbour is living with disability. Therefore, these people need a lot of care and love from all of us. They are entitled to so many benefits according to this government and therefore it is our responsibility as the County Government of Laikipia and also the Assembly to push for this motion to be passed, and after passing we make a proper follow up with the Committee of Implementation to ensure that it is implemented to the letter.

Hon. Speaker, today when I have somebody living with disability from Umande, I am forced to get a vehicle to bring that person to Nanyuki Referral and Teaching Hospital for a check-up and the tests they go through for him/her to get the cards that entitle them to the government benefits. What is the cost of bringing somebody to Nanyuki Hospital from Umande? It would cost me a lot of money bringing one person all the way from Umande. I am talking of Umande, which is just next to Nanyuki Town, what about somebody coming from the furthest corner of Sosian and needs to be taken to Nanyuki or Nyahururu. Why is it hard for the County Government of Laikipia?

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One, today in our hospitals for example the Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital, Nyahururu and Rumuruti, what is the cost of having a desk in that hospital that takes care of people living with disability. You come with somebody on a wheel chair, bring him/her to a hospital and queue like any other patient instead of having a special desk where their issues needs to be addressed. What is the cost of us as a County Government giving out one vehicle that is supposed to move from Nanyuki to Ngobit?

We are supposed to go to them and not them coming to us for registration. We are supposed to have at least a day for example in Umande, where we will be registering those people from the central part of Umande and the following day they go to another ward instead of bringing somebody to Umande, another brings from Thingithu and another from Sosian. You know people living with disability, for you to bring them to town; you also need to carry their wheelchair. Today if you look at the vehicles we are having here, how many wheel chairs and people can you carry in your vehicle? You can only carry one and when dropping that person, you might find that even the wheelchair has damaged your vehicle.

It is so easy to get data of those people. Go to them; register them so that they may benefits from government. Otherwise, the government is saying it is giving a lot of money but you find in our county they are so many people who do not have even the idea that those cards can help them. I see few of them who are registered from my ward get two thousand shillings every month from the government. If we are not registered, we will not be getting the two thousand. Why don't we come up with an idea and say in Laikipia County, all people living with disability will benefit from money set aside by the National Government.

It will ease our burden and ease the burden of the people who take their responsibility, it will also attract blessing to us as an Assembly who approved this Hon. Speaker. There so many people in our villages who even shy off to speak and say they have a person living in their house with disability. They are so many who live with disability, so many others are tied with chains so that they may not be seen by the community. We are having that problem and the only way when you hear as a family or as a father that you want to bring your son to be registered as living with disability in Nanyuki.

You imagine the length and the depth of disability your son is living with. You feel disgrace that you are bringing that person to Nanyuki town. As a government, we can decide to go to them then we register them from where they are. Hon. Speaker, this is a very timely motion and we need to think about them. Previously, a year ago the people living with disability had a petition in this House, which has never been looked at. It is still hanging there, it has never been looked at and it is there it is lagging there. They come here a thousand times and nothing has been done, it is still pending.

These people will feel as if we are segregating them and putting them aside. Hon. Speaker, through this motion we need to make a proper follow up and show seriousness. We should understand how such a petition could come to this House whether it is good or bad. Let us discuss it and say how it is, lets table facts on the so that the people living with disability may understand that we are taking care of them.

In the last Assembly and I can say this with confidence, we stayed for five years complaining that the people living with disability do not have a representative in the House. In five years, they did not have somebody representing them. This is now the third Assembly and we do not have one; the same story is moving around. Unless we have someone like Hon. Nyokabi who is standing for them who else will stand for them. We need to take this mantle and stand for those people.

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Otherwise, we are the representative of all the people in Laikipia people living with disability, people who do not live with disability we are still their representatives. Hon. Speaker, as I second this motion, I call Hon. Members to support this motion. I wish to continue congratulating the Hon. Member, who has seen it wise in her heart to stand for them in this House. Probably, nobody has been designated to be their representative.

As the Bible says, we are supposed to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Hon. Members, I second and believe that in this House we will support this motion and follow it to make sure that it is implemented so that the people of Laikipia living with disabilities will benefit thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Members as proposed, I will now open the floor for contribution to the Members. I would like to invite the Hon. George Karuiru

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate this time, I want to congratulate the Hon. Member Catherine Nyokabi for the noble motion. It is always good and Biblical as it is that we should think of the less fortunate. I must apologise on behalf of the Hon. Nderitu, you know in the second Assembly, Hon. Nderitu stood as one of the people with disability as a representative that is why he is maybe on a rush to support the motion.

Mr. Speaker, I think I will start after congratulating my fellow Hon. Member for the noble motion; I would first like to criticize the Hon. House that we are in. We find that they have continuously come to this Assembly; we do not have ways of accessing offices. The only thing that we have is for those with capacity of movement is maybe one without a leg. I think as a law-making House, we should think of how this building itself should be modified so that all those people can access.

Despite of the so many movements from one place to another. I think the people living with disability have actually been overburdened. In my Olmoran Ward, I get notifications at times that we need to move to Rumuruti or Nyahururu. From Sipili or Olmoran or even to the large Laikipia County from Louniek going to Nyahururu for assessment. The last time assessment was done, It was done two weeks ago and it was done in one of my towns in Sipili. People come from Marmanet, Githiga, and Sosian. This were volunteers sent by the government or they volunteered themselves but come through the government.

Mr. Speaker, I am telling you we had over 200 attendees, people with disability and it is traumatizing when these people came. Others cannot even walk, others cannot even talk. When they come for assessment, not all of them were attended to. It is a wonder that that particular day was the only day that they had forfeited to be in Sipili. We do not know another time they will be there. So I should think as the Hon. Member has put it, we need to have a database; we need to have standby plan as well. As we talking about facilitating our Hospitals because I know it is quite a big process.

We should simplify this topic, Mr. Speaker I know they will be a few even those who will call themselves people with disability. Those who are going for assessments are actually in need of that help Mr. Speaker. Sometimes, before I came to this Honourable House I used to see people with disability managing or doing businesses and the county council by then had no order or sympathy. They used to harass them. I would beg this House, as long as we are advocating for good, we follow up for people with disability.

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We should formulate a simplified system whereby the assessments will be going on as well as being given cards to do business. I know it is tasking Mr. Speaker because I always come to the office here that we have for the County for people living with disability and sometimes these people like those ones who filled cards for disability that they can be helped and exempted from paying the KRA. Those cards are still held in Nairobi because I know the process is a little bit long. If this House follows the department that is concerned and the department concerned with people with disability follows, we are going to help our people as we are talking about standardization.

I know one of our Serjeant at Arms, Juliana has gone through the training of people with disability. I know if we empower such because it is a lot of devotion that Juliana found it better to go that way.

If we could empower those people that can facilitate people living with disabilities, those people will not feel left out and they will be part of the society. We are going to end well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hoja ambayo imeletwa na Mheshimiwa Catherine Nyokabi ya kuweza kuwaunga mkono kwa sababu mimi naelewa hawa walemavu wanapitia shida nyingi. Walemavu ambao tuko nao katika Kaunti hii, mimi naelewa wako na shida. Kwa hivyo, ni wakati mzuri nimeona Mheshimiwa Nyokabi akiwa na mswada huu ambao umekuja wakati unaofaa na pia wakati tunafaa kuwajali hawa walemavu kwa sababu ni haki yao kushughulikiwa na viongozi ambao walichaguliwa na serikali yetu ya Laikipia.

Ningetaka kusema ya kwamba kila mmoja hapa anaweza kuwa mlemavu kesho, na kwa hivyo, leo unaweza kuwa mzima na kesho uwe mlemavu. Wakati tunaongea kuhusu walemavu, ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kuangalia kwa njia inayofaa zaidi ili hawa wananchi washughulikiwe na wapewe nguvu ya kutosha.

Mimi katika Wadi ambayo nawakilisha, kuna walemavu wengi ambao huja kwangu kuniuliza vile wanaweza pata ile kadi ya walemavu. Kama vile Mheshimiwa amesema hapa, tunastahili tuwe na meza katika Laikipia kwenye hospitali zetu ili tuweze kuwashughulikia kwa urahisi na haraka. Mimi naelewa hawa walemavu wako na shida na ningeona badala ya kuweka meza huko, serikali iko na uwezo wa kuchukua mmoja wa wafanyikazi na aweze kupewa jukumu la kuzunguka katika kila Kijiji ili tujue ni watu wangapi wako na ulemavu na ni nini wanahitaji na tutawashughulikia namna gani.

Tukisema wote waletwe hapa, hata wengine kufika ni shida. Na kwa sababu serikali iko na uwezo na kuna wafanyikazi wa kutosha, mmoja akipewa ile kazi atazunguka Kaunti yote na kuwe na orodha ya watu ni wangapi na kila mtu anakiliwe ulemavu wake ni wa aina gani. Hivyo ndivyo tunaweza wasaidia kabisa. Mimi haswa naelewa wale wanakaa na wale walemavu ile shida ambayo wanapitia.

Kuna mmoja wa wale walemavu alifika kwangu akiomba kiti wa gurudumu na wakati nilizunguka hivi nikaongea na mwalimu mmoja wa hapa Thingithu na akanieleza tunaweza pata ile kiti wa gurudumu. Yule mlemavu alikuwa anatoka Nyahururu aletwe hapa maana kiti wa gurudumu haiwezi tolewa hapa ipelekwe huko na ikabidi mlemavu aletwe hapa ili aweze kupimwa hiyo kijigari.

Mimi niliona ile shida ambayo huyo mama alipitia kuleta huyo mlemavu hapa na kwa hivyo, wakati tunapoongea kuhusu hawa walemavu, tunaongea tukijua ya kwamba kesho mimi naona Mheshimiwa Karuiru akiwa hapa na nafurahi. Wakati nimefinya kipaza sauti baada yake

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lakini umemuona mbele kwa sababu najua unaangalia umri na uzee. Nikaona ni vizuri niweze…

Speaker: Hold on Hon. Stephen Nderitu …

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of Order. I do not see how you are discriminative and this is not a House you can come and judge it. I beg Hon. Stephen Nderitu, to withdraw those statements because you are not discriminative and as well you have not judged on the basis of age. I can stand the whole day and I cannot understand what he is up to.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen Nderitu, I would like you to confirm saying that the House is discriminative.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimetoa yale matamshi kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Karuiru ni mkubwa wangu na pia namheshimu. Mimi niseme ya kwamba wakati tulipochaguliwa wakati wa uchaguzi, kuna vile mambo ilienda hivi na tukawa hatuna mlemavu katika hili Bunge. Wakati walienda kwa korti walienda wakasema waliona mlemavu kwa hii Bunge. Mheshimiwa Spika kwa sababu niliingia Bunge hii nikiwa nimetoka kwenye hospitali wakati ambapo nilikuwa nimepata ajali na nilikuwa natembea na magongo.

Wakati yule Jaji alitoa hukumu, alisema ya kwamba kuna mtu yuko na ulemavu na anafahamika kama Kagondu wakati huo. Ningelaumu yule Hakimu kwa sababu yeye hakujua kwa kweli huyu mtu ni mlemavu ama alikuwa ameanguka. Sikumaanisha kwamba ukiwa na magongo wewe ni mlemavu, unaweza kuteleza na kuanguka na ikaenda hivyo.

Hata kama tunasema Bunge haina mlemavu ndani, kila mtu ambaye yuko hapa tukiongozwa na Mheshimiwa Karuiru, Mugweru na wale wengine tuko na jukumu la kusimamia pia wale walemavu. Kila mtu mahali ametoka, kama kuna mlemavu unamwakilisha hapa. Hakuna vile tutasema unawakilisha watu Fulani na unabakisha wengine, tunawakilisha wote. Mimi saa hii nitasema ya kwamba Bunge, kila mtu amewakilishwa. Hata wazee tutasema wanastahili kuwakilishwa hapa wale wakongwe ambao wanapata pesa ya uzee. Wanafaa kuwa na mtu ambaye anashughulikia maslahi yao katika hili Bunge lakini hawana.

Tusiseme ya kwamba ni lazima fulani ama fulani, tusisitize hapo kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Karuiru hapa akiwakilisha watu wa Olmoran, anawakilisha kila mtu hata yule hatoki kwa nyumba. Kama mlemavu, wazee, vijana na pia mama hapa. Kwa hivyo, pia kuna wale wa *Gender-Top-up* wamekuja kuwakilisha wanawake. Kila mtu katika Bunge hili anawakilishwa ila sisi tuseme kuna watu hatuwakilishi.

Mimi nikisimama hapa nawakilisha kila mtu na siwezi simama hapa nilaumu kwamba kuna mtu hajawakilishwa. kwani hawa wote wanafanya nini? Wanawakilisha watu wa Laikipia, pia yule ambaye hajiwezi. Nimeona Mheshimiwa Nyokabi ameleta Mswada wa maana na naomba kesho nione Mheshimiwa Kuria na Karuiru wakileta mswada wa wale wazee hawatoki kwa nyumba kwa sababu wanatoka upande wa Ol Moran.

Najua kuna vita na ninaelewa ya kwamba kuna shida kwa sababu pia kutoka kwa boma hawatoki. Afadhali kwetu hakuna amri ya kutotoka nje lakini mimi naelewa tuko na matatizo na pia shida lakini wale ambao wanatoka huko wanastahili kuwashughulikia ndiyo wakati wanapotoroka huko wapate magari ya kuwatoa kwa sababu wako na magari walinunuliwa na Bunge…….

Speaker: What is it, Hon. Karuiru?

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Hon. George Karuiru: It is a point of information, Mr. Speaker. I would want to enlighten the Hon. Nderitu, through you Mr. Speaker. While we have representatives of youths, it is only the youths that feel the pinch while they are doing what they are doing. They want their representatives and they want their grievances to be heard.

Why we have people with disabilities? It is because they are the only ones who know their pain. We are here to represent even the cows that we have, the PWDs and the youths regardless that; we are men. That is why we have gender. It is constitutional and I want to inform Hon. Nderitu, that if we do not have PWDs here their representation is little. If the youths are not represented, their grievances will not be taken forth like any other ordinary person.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Mheshimiwa Spika, unajua mimi nimeona ya kwamba ni kama unampendelea Mheshimiwa Karuiru, ndiyo maana nilisema kutoka mwanzo. Mheshimiwa Karuiru anasimama kwa hoja ya ushauri. Nami hujanipa nafasi ya kuniuliza kama nataka kufahamishwa. Mimi hiyo Habari sijasikia na sitaki kufahamishwa kwa wakati kuu kwa sababu hainisaidii.

Mimi najua umepatia Mheshimiwa Karuiru nafasi mzuri kuliko mimi, lakini ninaelewa ni kwa sababu nimekaa hapa. Amevuka pia upande wa serikali akatoka upande wa upinzani lakini tunamkaribisha. Mimi ningependa kusema hivi nikikamilisha, hata kama mambo yote iko kisheria, mimi ni kijana barubaru kwa sababu niko na miaka arobaini.

Inasemekana na wale ambao ni wabeberu ya kwamba Maisha huanza katika miaka ya arobaini. Saa hii ndiyo naanza Maisha, saa hii ndiyo niko na meno, saa hii ndiyo naweza fanya kazi ambayo sikuwa nafanya awali na wakati huu ndiyo niko na nguvu. Wakati nasikia kuwa watu fulani lazima wawakilishwe na hiyo nafasi ya kusimama. Mimi nasimamia kila mtu na ndiyo maana nasema hata kama vijana wako na nafasi ya kuwa Bunge, Mheshimiwa Anthony ni kijana na yuko nyuma yangu na wengine hapa kadhaa ambao sitashinda nikiwataja majina; wako nyuma yangu.

Wakati walichaguliwa, walichaguliwa wakiwa na umri mdogo na wakati wanawakilisha wazee, wazee wanafaa pia kuwa na haki. Ndio maana unakuta wazee wako na pesa ambayo wanapatiwa na serikali. Hiyo iko kwa sheria. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, naona kila kitu kinaenda vizuri. Tunafaa kuwashughulikia walemavu na tuwapatie kile ambacho mwenye huu mswada amesema.

Mimi nampatia hongera kwa sababu amesimama nafasi ya wengine ambao hawako hapa. Ningeomba wakati mtakuwa wazee na wengine wastaafu, mimi nitazidi kuwashughulikia mpaka dakika ya mwisho. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono huu mswada.

Hon. Antony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this motion. I understand in the society that we are living in, the PWDs need us more than we need them. I believe everyone in this House has an experience with PWDs in one way or the other. I have a personal experience that is very painful of my late mother during her last days who was a PWD. Likewise, my grandmother and may their souls rest in peace.

I believe Hon. Leshuel my friend will be here in the afternoon because whatever we are discussing here needs to be implemented. However, having said that, on my second point, I have just listened to Hon. Ndiritu and Hon. Karuiru and I believe every Member who is here was elected to represent everybody. When Hon. Mugweru is not in this House, I represent the people of Umande. When Hon. Nyokabi is not here, I represent Ngobit.

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Everyone must be included in this House. We have a trend in this country where people are taking advantage of. I was elected as a youth. We have women here and all the tribes. If you try to go to that area of the whole compound of this County Assembly Premises, which sits on a two to three acres of land; this is an Assembly. The Kikuyu, Kirinyaga, Embu, Meru and others will want to be represented.

People are taking advantage of that and we must not take that route. We cannot satisfy every person as much as we were elected here. We need to do our roads and we need to represent them. The best thing we can do is about money and allocation. We have the PWDs and let them be given unto them. That is all we need. We have the facilities and what I will do for now is providing them with free NHIF cards.

If there are job opportunities, I can proudly say I will award them. I have three opportunities I can give them and I gave them one because I believe in them. Mr. Speaker, I can tell you whether you like it or not that even if God blesses you with 100 years, I can tell you in five years you shall become a PWD. They say it is Karma. How you treat them, it will come back to you.

Let us look at this motion soberly. Let us not be emotional and at the same time let us not try to take advantage of it. We have seen the PWDs from our neighbouring countries taking advantage of this country especially in Nanyuki. Our police officers cannot work well because they are taking advantage of them. They will come with a small child who is a PWD and the officer cannot work because he is fearing the repercussions.

However, we need everyone to be productive. If we have nine people who are healthy and one PWD, all of them need equal opportunities because at the end of the day, life must continue. I support this motion and I pray that whatever we are going to discuss today is going to be implemented. We are becoming a country of many wards with zero action. It is the high time if we discuss one motion; we pass it and implement it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support this motion.

Hon. Salim Edung: Nashukuru sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Kwanza napongeza dada yangu Mheshimiwa Catherine kwa kuleta huu mswada katika Bunge hili kuhusu walemavu. Katika Kitabu cha Riwaya ya wanyama (shamba la wanyama), walikuwa wanasema ya kwamba kuna wanyama wengine zaidi ya wengine. Katika taswira, kuna watu wanaangaliwa sana kuliko wengi ilhali watu walemavu hawakuangaliwa kwa makini sana. Kuna watu ambao wanafuata kitabu cha zamani cha shamba la wanyama.

Pili katika hii dunia, katika nchi za mbali unakuta watu ambao hawajiwezi ndio wanawekwa kipao mbele. Ukiangalia katika pesa za wazee, *cash transfer* kama hii ilianza USA. Mtoto anapozaliwa, mtoto anaandikishwa kwa hilo taifa na akiwa mzee anaanza kupokea hizo pesa. Katika Nchi yetu tuliona kwamba hawa watu hawastahili kupatiwa pesa. Juzi wakati *cash transfer* ilifika katika nchi yetu, nchi zingine zilienda mbele miaka thelathini iliyopita na walikuwa wakipata hizo pesa.

Naunga mkono huu mswada na kusema ya kwamba watu walemavu wanafaa kuwa na kikapu chao katika Bunge hili. Tunapopitisha mswada tupitishe mswada wao ili wapate kusaidika kama Wakenya wengine. Katika nchi yetu, mara mingi watu wengi huwa wanapuuza jambo linapotokea mahali. Hilo jambo halitekelezwi. Kuna Wazungu ambao hukuja Ol Pejeta na kuna mmoja alikuwa amebeba gurudumu nyingi kwa gari lake.

Aliuliza wafanyikazi wa Ol Pejeta mahali atapeana hizo gurudumu kwa sababu wako nazo nyingi katika hifadhi zao. Hao wakumbwa walianza kuongea na sisi na ndiposa tukapata

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watu ambao walisaidika katika hizi vifaa. Kuna mtu ambaye alitoka Lukusero mpaka Tanki Nyeusi ili achukue hilo kiti wa gurudumu wakati Mheshimiwa aliongea hapa. Hawa watu wanapohitaji usaidizi ni lazima kuwe na watu ambao wanawakilisha.

Hao watu ambao walitoka mbali ili kuchukua hizo viti za gurudumu ambazo zilikuwa chache, wengine pia hawakupata. Kama Bunge hili litakuwa na kikapu ambacho kitawasaidia hao watu ili wapate *cash transfer* kama wale wengine, itakuwa ni njia moja ya kusaidia walemavu. Ukiangalia wanafunzi wengine ambao wanasoma shule, hata kupata vitabu vya kuandikia ni nadra sana. Hakuna wale ambao wanawasimamia na hakuna watetezi lakini tukiwa katika Bunge hili tunafaa kuwatetea wananchi wa Kenya kwa sababu walipiga kura kama wale wengine.

Hapo mbeleni kwa wafugaji, mzungu anapokuja katika eneo fulani watu walikuwa wanawaficha walemavu. Hawakuwa wanatakikana kuonekana. Ilifika mahali tukaanza kuwaelimisha kwamba hawa watu ni kama wale wengine. Wanahitaji kupata usaidizi kama wengine katika serikali. Ndio maana walijitokeza kwa wingi na ikawa sasa watu wachache wananufaika na wale wengine hawanufaiki.

Naomba waheshimiwa ambao wako katika Bunge hili tuunge huu mswada mkono ili watu wetu wapate kusaidika. Naunga mkono asilimia mia kwa mia. Mheshimiwa Catherine alipoleta huu mswada tuliangalia kwa darubini sana na tukapiga msasa na kujua ya kwamba wananchi wa Laikipia watasaidika. Asante.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hii nafasi ambayo umeweza kunipatia. Nikija mbele ya Bunge hili kwa sababu ya huu mswada ambao umeletwa na dada yangu ningependa kulinganisha na Kasisi mmoja ambaye alianzisha huduma ya St. Martin mwaka wa 1996. Alipoweza kutembea boma nyingi watu wengi hawakukubali kutangaza ya kwamba wako na walemavu nyumbani zao ili wasiweze kuaibika.

Nikiunga huu mswada mkono bila shaka tukiwa katika hili jimbo letu na Bunge hili kuwe na sheria dhabiti. Kuwe na watu ambao wanajitolea kutoka kwa roho zao kwa sababu boma nyingi unatembea na kupata hata kama Kasisi Sandro ameanzisha hilo jambo la kujielezea wengi hawajakubali kujielezea kwa sababu wanaibika. Mheshimiwa Spika, huu mswada utafanya hili jimbo la Laikipia kuweza kubadilika nasi tuweze kubarikiwa.

Nasema hivyo kwa sababu najua ya kwamba mimi ni mtarajiwa kwa sababu ninaponenea angani, jambo lolote linaweza kutokea. Huu ni mswada ambao tunafaa kujua ya kwamba tukiupitisha tunajali maisha yetu. Unaweza kusema ya kwamba hutatetea huu mswada lakini ukiwa katika hili Bunge unafaa kuongelea kwa sababu unajua mwenye yuko na lile janga ili tuweze kuungana pamoja kama wajumbe wa jimbo hili la Laikipia.

Naunga mkono na ninashukuru Mheshimiwa Nyokabi kwa sababu ya kutafakari na kujua kuna mwenye yuko na shida na hawezi kujitetea. Ndio maana ameleta huu mswada ili tuweze kusimama na wao. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

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

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First is to congratulate every Member who has contributed and also for those who remained silent. I know they are also in support of this motion. Mr. Speaker, in addition of whatever my colleagues have said, there are some points that I would like to add on this motion;

1. One is that people with disability should be registered in their areas.
2. Share the database with the National Government.

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3. Put in place County Department dealing with people with disability.

Mr. Speaker, I only have those few remarks because my colleagues have supported fully, they have shown that people living with disability are our relatives. I know they are going through whatever I am going through in my ward. It shows that this issue is countywide. The way they have supported shows they are passing through this and these people are going to their homes the way they are coming to me.

If Hon. Ndiritu was here then I would like to answer to him that I was elected to this House as a woman means that I am here to represent everyone. A mother is a mother to everyone. With those few remarks, I continue urging this House to support this motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for a robust motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday 15th March, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.00 a.m.

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