REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 15th May, 2024

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have got quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

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

(The quorum bell was rung for 5 minutes)

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Mr. Speaker, we have got quorum.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have got quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: The bell may continue ringing.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, I can see that we are full House.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm to that effect.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Now that we have got quorum, we will proceed with the business of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

INFORMAL MEMBERS MEETING

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I want to bring to your attention information pursuant to our calendar of the Assembly that in due time, in about a week we will be proceeding for our recess. Hon. Members, it is good for us to plan things as a House. So, I want to relay to you that we need to have all Members *kamukunji* after this first session within the chambers. Thank you.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

PROVISION OF FLOOD VICTIMS IN THE COUNTY WITH BASIC NECESSITIES

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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THAT, AWARE THAT, pursuant to article 43 (1c) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, every person has the right to be free from hunger and to have adequate food of acceptable quality;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, The Laikipia County Disaster Risk Management Act, 2019 defines disaster as progressive or a sudden, widespread or localized, natural or human-caused occurrence affecting the functioning of an entire or a section of community which-

a) causes or threatens to cause- death, injury or disease; damage to property, infrastructure or the environment; or disruption of the life of a community; and

b) is of magnitude that exceeds the ability of the community affected by the disaster to cope with its effects using only its own resources;

CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT, the Country has been experiencing heavy downpour rainfall which has caused floods in various parts of the country, leading to destruction of properties and loss of lives;

CONCERNED by the huge damage of farm crops and displacement of people by floods in Laikipia County;

ALARMED by the status of the camping sites where the displaced persons have inadequate food stuffs, blankets and shelter;

APPRECIATING THAT, section 10(2) of the Contingencies Fund and County Emergency Fund Act, 2011 stipulates that, the purpose of the emergency fund is to enable payments to be made in respect of a County when an urgent and unforeseen need for expenditure arises for which there is no specific legislative authority; this House URGES the County government to assist the flood victims with food, blankets and shelter.

REPORT ON STATUS OF STREET AND FLOOD LIGHTS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Caroline Kihika: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report on street lighting and flood lights status at various wards across the county by the County Cohesion Justice and Legal Matters Committee dated 13th February, 2024.

UNCLOGGING OF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN URBAN AREAS

Hon. Caroline Kihika: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that County public works and services, including storm water management systems in built-up areas is a function of the County Government;

NOTING THAT the Country has been experiencing enhanced rains since April, 2024 with alarming levels of rainfall because of El Nino conditions;

CONCERNED THAT El Niño rains have caused widespread and extensive flooding which destroyed property in the County occasioned due to blocked drainage systems in urban centers;

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This House URGES the County government to clear drainages during the rainy season to avert artificial flooding of the urban areas and to build and maintain proper drainage systems and culverts to divert excess water.

PROVISION OF WAIVER ON LAND RATES ACCUMULATED INTEREST AND PENALTIES

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

NOTING THAT Section 159 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 empowers the County Executive Committee member for finance with the approval of County Assembly to waive county tax, fee or charge imposed by the County Government and its entities;

FURTHER NOTING THAT most of the Land Owners are hesitant to pay for land rates because of the accumulated interest and penalties due to adverse external factors including a depressed economy, prolonged drought and subsequent floods which have affected citizens' ability to pay which amounts to Kshs. 922,817,891;

This House URGES the County Government pursuant to the provisions of Section 159 of Public Finance Management Act, 2012 to provide 100% waiver on accrued penalties and interests on land rates for a period of one month with effect from 17th May, 2024 to 17th June, 2024 to offer much-needed relief to rate payers.

ASSESSMENT OF LOSSES AND PROVISION OF SEEDS TO FLOOD AFFECTED FARMERS

Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that Agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry is a function of the County Government;

FURTHER AWARE THAT firefighting services and disaster management is a function of the County Government;

CONCERNED of the ongoing heavy rains experienced in the Country which has damaged crops by washing away seeds, seedlings and mature plants leading to significant losses to farmers; this House URGES the County Government to undertake an assessment of the losses caused by the floods and supply available seeds to flood-affected farmers so they can plant and regain a harvest as flood waters recede.

MOTIONS

ASSESS AND REPAIR ROADS DAMAGED BY FLOODING FROM EL-NINO RAINS

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

THAT, Aware that Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that County transport, including county roads is a function of the County Government;

NOTING THAT the Country has been experiencing enhanced rains since April, 2024 with alarming levels of rainfall because of El Nino conditions;

CONCERNED that El Niño rains can have had significant impacts on roads and infrastructure in the County; Further Concerned that the heavy rainfall has led to

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erosion, flooding, damaging roads, bridges and other infrastructure which has resulted to road closures, travel disruptions and increased maintenance costs for repairs;

this House URGES the County Government to assess the extent of the damage occasioned by the floods, to determine the scope of the repairs needed and prioritize repairs based on the severity of the damage and the importance of the road in the transportation network.

Bwana Spika, huu ni mswada ambao unazungumzia kuhusu barabara zetu ambazo tunapitia na ziko chini ya Serikali ya Kaunti. Kuna Barabara ambazo ni za Serikali Kuu na zile za serikali ya ugatuzi na barabara ambazo nazungumzia hapa ni zile za serikali ya ugatuzi, ikizingatiwa ya kwamba serikali ya ugatuzi ndiyo iko na jukumu ya kuhakikisha barabara za *feeder roads* na barabara kuu, zingine zinafaa kuangaliwa kila wakati na kufanyiwa marekebisho.

Kwa sasa, ningetaka kufahamisha Wabunge kama vile wanavyoelewa ya kwamba kulikuwa na mvua ya El-nino ambayo imeweza kunyesha katika Taifa letu la Kenya na Laikipia haikuepuka hiyo mvua. Ndio maana nimeleta huu mswada ndio serikali kupitia wahandisi ambao wameajiriwa kwa pesa ya umma na pia Idara ya Ujenzi na Barabara waweze kuingia katika hizo barabara, kuziangalia na kuhakikisha ya kwamba zile ambazo zimeharibika tumeambiwa ni kiwango kipi.

Hii mvua, kuna sehemu ambazo ilinyesha zaidi kama sehemu za Ngobit, Marmanet, Sosian, Tigithi na sehemu zote kuanzia Umande hadi Laikipia Magharibi na pia Laikipia Mashariki. Hata ukiangalia kwa mitandao, sio Laikipia pekee lakini kuna sehemu zingine ambapo wananchi wamebebwa na maji. Tuliona lori ambayo ilifyekwa na maji ikiwa imebeba wananchi. Kwa hivyo, hiyo mvua ilikuwa ikipita kwa Barabara ikiwa inaharibu culverts na pia kukata Barabara. Ni jukumu la serikali kutembea wadi zote na kukagua kiwango ambacho kimeharibiwa na mvua hii.

Bwana Spika, kwa mfano, mahali nimetoka kuna barabara ambayo imetoka *Blue Gum* kuelekea Baraka na imekatika mara mbili. Hata *culverts* zimekatwa. Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri wahandisi waweze kufika pale kuiangalia na pia kuitengeneza. Hofu ambayo niliyo nayo ni ya wale wakandarasi ambao wamepewa kazi katika Laikipia. Wengine wakati tunapoongea hapa, Barabara ambazo zilitengenezwa na huyo mtu hajapewa cheti wala kufanyiwa ukaguzi, zingine zimesobwa na maji.

Ndio maana nataka serikali iamke haraka ili iweze kuangalia na kujua wale wakandarasi ambao walikuwa wamepatiwa kazi na kumaliza lakini idara ikazembea na kukosa kufanya ukaguzi kabla ya mvua kunyesha na kusomba Barabara hizo. Wajue vile watagharamia pamoja na wale wakandarasi kwa sababu itakuwa sio jambo la busara ya kwamba kuna mamilioni ya pesa hapo, serikali wako pale na hawaendi kukagua halafu mvua ikija inakata. Hii mvua ilinyesha hadi lami zikakatwa. Sasa mimi najiuliza, zile Barabara ambazo ziko huko mashinani, ziko katika hali gani?

Ukienda hapa Majengo na ni mjini, barabara imekatika. Ukienda sehemu zingine kama Ngobit, barabara imekatwa katikati kama kilomita tatu na hiyo barabara ilikuwa nzuri. Nasema hivyo ili Mheshimiwa Kihika asiende kwa sababu yeye anaelewa haya mambo ya ujenzi na pia yeye ndiye atakayeafiki wa huu mswada. Kwa hivyo, itakuwa ni jambo la busara kama tutaelewa ni nini tutakachofanya. Naomba serikali kupitia kwa Waziri Nabos na Mhandisi Macharia waweze kuingia katika Barabara zetu na wapate kujua zimeharibika kwa kiwango kipi.

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Bwana Spika, kuna pesa ambazo huwekwa za dharura na kisheria lazima ziwe pale lakini hatujui hizi pesa huwa zinapelekwa wapi. Kwa wakati ndio tunafaa kuona hizo pesa zikifanya kazi. Sheria husema 2% ya bilioni saba zinafaa kuwa pale lakini mwishowe hatujui huwa zinaenda wapi? Ama ni Msalaba Nyekundu ipi ambayo iko ndani ya serikali ambayo huwa ikibeba pesa zote na kwa hivyo, ni lazima tuwe macho. Hizo pesa zote tunataka zichukuliwe zitengeneze zile Barabara ambazo zimeharibika na pia zile *culverts* ambazo zimekatika ziongezewe kwa sababu ninajua ya kwamba ni pesa nyingi na huwa tunapitishia bajeti hapa.

Bwana Spika, kwa sababu tuko na biashara zingine ambazo tunapitisha, bila kuzungumza mengi, hawa wabunge wanajua mahali ambapo wametoka. Sioni mtu ambaye anaweza kujidai ya kwamba yeye hukaa kwa ghorofa na hushuka kwa lami na kuingia kwa Bunge. Hata kama yuko, lazima awe na nyanya mahali ambapo huwa anatembea kama Umande, Ngobit au Mukogodo huko mashinani.

Kama upande wa Magharibi Bwana Spika, unajua huko ni kubaya kwa sababu Barabara za huko zimekatwa. Huko Barabara ni mchanga na maji huwa ikipita na huo mchanga. Ni vizuri tuungane ili tuambie serikali ya kwamba huu ni wakati wa kuangalia pesa za dharura ili zichukuliwe mara moja. Tuambie serikali ya kwamba huu ni wakati wa kuchukua pesa za dharura kwa maana hizo huwa hazihitaji mikakati mingi. Kwa hayo machache, naomba Mheshimiwa Caroline Kihika kutoka Marmanet na anajua vile mvua ilinyesha huko, aweze kuunga huu mswada mkono. Asante.

Hon. Caroline Kihika: Thank you, I rise to second the motion. I am very grateful that our member of the Assembly has noticed that. It has been a concern to everybody because there was a nature calamity. The county has got disaster money and therefore, it is upon the House to join hands and have the nature and destruction analysed and this be done with speed since some of these roads that have been destroyed. We have kids passing by them on their way to school and they are using longer routes to get to school. Patients need to be taken to the hospitals and roads are impassible. So, I beg the House to join hands and let the disaster money be used to repair roads.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga huu mswada mkono. Kama vile Mjumbe mwenzangu amesema, mvua imeleta madhara mengi sana. Hakuna mahali ambapo hii mvua haijaguza. Mimi binafsi, siku ambazo zimepita, maji yamekuja kwa njia kubwa na kubeba nyumba na kuleta hasara nyingi sana. Hivi karibuni, natoa tahadhari na taarifa ya kwamba mambo katika hili Bunge yatabadilika kwa sababu tutaanza kuleta taarifa baada ya taarifa na tutakalisha watu katika viti za miiba na hatutacheka nao tena. Sisi tumechaguliwa kama vile Mheshimiwa Wachuka husema ya kwamba alipigana na wanaume kumi na wanne na akashinda. Pia sisi tulishinda na kuapishwa hapa, kwa hivyo tupewe heshima.

Bwana Spika, ni aibu sana ya kwamba sisi tulivyochaguliwa na wananchi, kabla mtu apigie daktari au askari, sisi ndio huwa tunapigiwa. Mimi wakati hayo maafa yalitokea, nilipigiwa na wananchi wenzangu lakini sasa sisi hatuna pesa na hiyo ndiyo ukweli. Hatuna pesa zetu kama CDF au NGAF. Wale watu ambao tumeaminia pesa zetu ni hawa mawaziri na naibu wao. Waheshimiwa wakisimama, waongee ukweli. Unapigia mtu simu na kwa sababu yeye aliajiriwa na Gavana, haoni kama sisi tulimpitisha hapa. Watu wanakufa na ukimpigia simu hawezi akachukua Bwana Spika, kwa sababu sisi ni maskini na wanaiba pesa zetu.

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Tutaanza kuwakalisha hapa na taarifa ya kwanza ambayo nitaleta hapa ni ya kwamba kutoka hapa na ieleweke ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Anthony Theuri, Mjumbe ambaye amechaguliwa na watu wa Wadi ya Nanyuki ambaye pia ni naibu wa Spika, hakuna kitu kama *acting*. Kama sheria inasema ni miezi sita, wacha iwe miezi sita kwa sababu hao watu hakuna mahali wanaweza kuajibika. Mtu mwenyewe hauwezi kumuuliza swali na ukimwuliza, anaweka sheria mbele yako. Hivi sasa napiga hesabu na hatuwezi kujua mahali milioni mia moja na arobaini huwa inaenda.

Sasa hivi ukienda katika hii hospitali na ndio huwa inabeba pesa nyingi sana, hakuna madawa. Ikienda kuuliza mtu anasema ya kwamba ako *acting*. Tunataka watu wawajibike. Pesa zetu nyingi zimelala huko na zitarudishwa. Sasa mwaka wa serikali utakuwa unaisha baada ya wiki tatu. Tulikuja hapa na Mheshimiwa Wachuka, Nyokabi, Nicholas na tukaongea na Wabunge wenzetu na kuwaambia ya kwamba watupe pesa ili tutengeneze hospitali kwetu kwa sababu tunaumia na watu wamekuwa wengi. Wakatuonea huruma na kutoa pesa za barabara, maji na shule na kutuambia ziende zikatengeneze hospitali. Ni aibu kubwa kwa sababu sasa hivi tunapoongea hapa hakuna kitu ambacho kimefanywa katika wadi zetu na ninajua ya kwamba Mheshimiwa wachuka akisimama, atasema ni ukweli. Hakuna hospitali na hakuna pesa.

Bwana Spika, kuna shida nyingi katika hii Kenya na tunajua ya kwamba watu wanahitaji pesa. Wakati pesa inawekwa na kurudi huko Nairobi, pesa huwa inapunguzwa na kuonekana ni kama tuliuma ugali kubwa kuliko mdomo yetu. Pesa yetu huwa inapotelea huko. Sasa hivi tunapoongea Bwana Spika na ningeomba uwe makini ili usikie ule uchungu ambao tuko nao, zile Barabara ambazo tumetengeneza juzi, ni aibu kwa sababu ni mwaka wa pili lakini hakuna Mjumbe hapa ambaye amejenga zaidi ya kilomita thelathini. Shida kubwa ni ajira. Kama hatutengenezi Barabara, ajira haitapatikana. Tukipeleka pesa yote hospitali, hao wagonjwa wetu watapelekwa wapi au watapitishwa wapi. Labda tuseme ya kwamba tutatengeneza uwanja wa ndege ili wawe wakipelekwa na *helicopter* kwa sababu hakuna Barabara.

La pili, wale ambao huwa wakienda kazi au shule, watakuwa wakipitia wapi? Mnachukua pesa hapa kwa sababu hili Bunge linaonekana ni kwamba limejigawa. Ninaomba kwa jina la Bwana Yesu hizo mirengo zipate kushindwa na watu warudi laini kwa sababu tunaumizana. Wanachukua pesa na kupelekwa kwa kilimo. Tutaanza kuchunguza hayo mambo yote na kuyaleta hapa. Utakuta ya kwamba Wizara ya Kilimo inapatiwa pesa na kusema ya kwamba watapatiana mbegu Umande, Marmanet au Doldol lakini ukweli wa mambo ni ya kwamba Doldol hakuna mashamba ya kulima. Tunajua ya kwamba pande zingine za Mukogodo Mashariki ni mchanga na Sosian. Watu wameanza kuiba pesa ya serikali wakijificha ilhali wananchi wenzetu wanaumia. Hiyo pesa yote inafaa kupelekwa mahali ambapo itasaidia watu.

Sasa hivi Bwana Spika, utashangaa hiyo hesabu ikiletwa hapa. Kati ya hizo pesa zaidi ya milioni mia moja na arobaini, utakuta ya kwamba nusu ya zile pesa zimetumika. Utapata wakisema ya kwamba walienda Likii wakapeana. Nilikuwa huko na hawakupatiana vitu ambavyo vilipitisha elfu arobaini. Sisi tulipewa pesa na watu wa Msalaba Mwekundu. Tulipatiwa blanketi na godoro. CECM naye na abarikiwe sana, alituletea gunia kadhaa ya mchele na maharagwe. Naomba hili Bunge kwa wakati wa kwanza kwa sababu hatutaishi hapa milele na wale ambao watasaidiwa na Mungu warudi kama mimi, tusimame na watu wetu wakati huu wa hili janga. Hiyo pesa itumiwe vizuri.

Kwangu hakuna Barabara na zilikuwa nzuri. Watu hawaendi shule na wengine wanazunguka shule ya msingi ya Thingithu ambayo nilisomea zaidi ya kilomita nane kwa

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sababu daraja ilienda na maji. Hadi sasa hiv,i huyo Waziri Nabos kwa sababu hata nilimsahau kwa sababu hawana haja nasi kwa sababu walitutumia kama karatasi ya choo, hautawahi kuona, hakienda kuona hata mara moja. Hata hajui yale madhara ambayo iko.

Bwana Spika, ningeomba kwa mara ya kwanza tuwe makini na hiyo pesa, kazi ifanywe sababu tunaaibika na mvua haijaisha. Kwa hayo mengi ama machache, ninaomba huu mswada uchukuliwe... *(off record)* Naona niko na watu wananiunga mkono na ni vizuri sana. Huu mswada usiwe kama ile miswada ingine za kusukuma. Tuwe makini na hiyo pesa tuitishe, heri igawanywe watu waende hivyo.

Saa hizi, ninasikia Igwamiti kuna watu wamekufa. Juzi nimepigiwa na Mheshimiwa ananiamba yuko mazishi na wengine hawapatikani. Zile barabara ambazo alikua anaringa nazo sasa hakuna, sijui ataambia wananchi namna gani. Saa hizi, kuna magonjwa yamejitokeza ya tumbo na kuhara. Utaenda upate hakuna dawa na pesa ziko huko. Ningeomba hili Bunge tusimame na watu wetu sababu siku moja tutasimama mbele ya Mungu na kila mtu atahukumiwa na zile vitendo ambazo amefanya. Asanteni sana na muunge huu mswada mkono.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anthony Theuri allow me to cross the floor and give the chance to Hon. Wachuka.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante Sana, Bwana Spika. Ningemuuliza Naibu Spika na Hon. Catherine Nyokabi tusikilizane. Kitu ya kwanza nashukuru yule ambaye ameleta huu mjadala. Ya pili, nataka kumwambia mwenye Nyumba ambaye ni Naibu wa Spika arudishe watoto wake kwa laini. Wewe mwenyewe kama Naibu wa Spika tulikushika mkono tukakuleta na wewe ni Baba katika hili Bunge. Uturudishe kwa laini kama sisi watoto tumetoka nje.

Na kila boma ina shida, watoto wanatoka. Sasa ni wakati wako wa kuturudisha laini tujenge hili Bunge. Nimefurahia sana kwa vile nimepata akiongea kuhusu vile ambavyo mambo imeendelea. Kama kuna mtu yuko na uchungu, isipokua ni vile sijamaliza ule uchungu wa mzee, mimi ningepigana na hawa watu wa Gavana. Mmoja akiwa CO ambaye anaitwa Kenneth Kibara na siogopi nikitaja.

Hii sio kwa utaratibu. Mimi nilichaguliwa na watu wa Igwamiti 53,602. Idadi ya watu wa Igwamiti wakaona mimi ninaweza. Nilikuwa nimechaguliwa hapa mara mbili. Mara ya pili tukawa tumechaguliwa tukiwa na Mheshimiwa Catherine Nyokabi tukarudi hapa. Mimi nataka kuongea kinagaubaga. Siogopi hata kama ni vyombo vya habari nitaita. Ukisikia kwamba mimi nimeamua, mimi vita yangu huwa sirudi nyuma.

Liwe liwalo, lazima itapiganwa. Labda Gavana aite watu wake na aite maafisa wake wakuu. Kama hawataki kazi warudishe viti vyetu waende wafanye siasa kwa sababu hatutakubali. Wako mashinani wakifanya siasa badala ya kufanyia watu kazi? Mimi ninaongea kitu hata Gavana akija hapa nitasema. Leo nilimtafuta ikawa yuko na mkutano. Sitaki kutuma mtu, naenda kuonana na yeye ana kwa ana nimwambie kwamba alituletea watu ambao ni wanasiasa. Kazi yao ni siasa.

Unakuta wengine wako Ol-Moran, mwingine anakuja kwangu, saa hii Kenneth Kibara ni yeye Mwakilishi wa Bunge la Kaunti na yeye ndio Ofisa Mkuu. Nataka kujua na kabla sijaambia watu wa Igwamiti tuchukue matawi, wacha mimi nijisaidie. Juzi nilikuwa Kijiji cha Maina. Nyumba ya familia tatu ilichomeka. Nililala huko kutoka saa nane za usiku hadi asubuhi. Wakati tulisema tulete vitu, mimi sikuwa na pesa, nilipeleka godoro kumi na tano kutoka kwa mshahara yangu.

Ilikuwa Ijumaa na siku iliyofuata Waziri wa Mambo ya Utawala kwenye Kaunti akasema ataleta vitu na akaleta Jumamosi. Watu wa Kijiji ya Kiamiana wakamuuliza kwa nini

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mama yao hakukuja hapa na yeye ndio mwenyeji. Kwa nini hangetaka mimi niende. Alileta vitu za Kaunti blanketi na godoro akasema ni zake. Hii ni kwa utaratibu kweli? Tunapitisha bajeti hapa halafu inakua ya kujenga wanasiasa?

Kwa hivyo, mimi nataka kusema hivi, kama vitu vimetoka katika Kaunti iletwe na isemekane hii ni ya Majanga. Ni kweli ama sio kweli? Kama unataka kuuliza ni sawa tu nitakaa chini tuuulize. Nimekasirika sana. Kama hujaguswa mimi nimeguswa. Wakati kama vile Naibu wa Spika amesema, wananchi hawatauliza Gavana, hatauliza wale, atauliza wewe ambaye ulipewa kura na wananchi.

Ulipewa kura utetee wananchi na sisi hatujashindwa na kazi yetu lakini tumekatwa mikono, tumefungwa miguu. Gavana anawapatia kazi lakini hawafanyi kazi, kazi yao ni siasa huko mashinani. Barabara leo mimi ningetaka kuuliza walio kwenye kiti, Waheshimiwa kumi na tano mketi chini mjue vile barabara zitatengenezwa. Mimi nilikua nimemaliza barabara tatu na zikawa sawa, juzi Mwenyekiti wa Kamati alikuwa kwangu, zote zimeharibika; labda tuanze upya.

Sio kwangu pekee, nafikiria mvua ilinyesha kila wadi ila sio Igwamiti pekee yake. Wadi zote ziko na shida, kila wadi imeguzwa na hili janga la mvua. Kwa hivyo, wakati Naibu wa Spika anaongea, anaongea kitu ambacho kinakera kila mtu ndio maana namwambia arudishe nyumba yake pamoja tukae chini tuongee sisi wote Ishirini na moja tujue jinsi tutaendelea.

Isipokua ni vile sioni Mwenyekiti wa Bajeti, ningetaka nijue katika wadi yangu ya Igwamiti, pesa ambayo tulipeana kwa bajeti ya mwaka uliopita ilifanya nini na nini, nijue ilifanya hii na hii na imebakisha hii. Hii bajeti ingine ninaweka inaenda kufanya nini. Nafikiria pesa nyingi sana ambayo wadi hupewa kwa bajeti ni ya Hospitali kwa sababu kila mtu anakua mgonjwa na hakuna mtu anakuwa na shida wakati anapitisha bajeti ya Hospitali au ya Maji au ya Kilimo.

Ningetaka kujua hata kama umepewa milioni Ishirini kwa Wadi yako, imetumika aje? Sasa, hapa ni giza tu, ni giza tu. Kwa nini Mheshimiwa Irene Wachuka anapopewa pesa, yeye kama CECM anatoroka anaenda kufanya siasa. Naongea kitu ambaye siogopi nikiongea. Sikuchaguliwa niwe nikija kuficha maneno kama yameharibika. Mimi niko hapa kusimama na wakazi wa Igwamiti na nitaendelea kusimama nao kwa sababu ni hao walinileta hapa.

Isipokuwa ni yeye, angefika hapa na singepatana na wajumbe wale wengine. Kwa sababu hatukuja kupiga mtu, sisi tunaongea mambo ambayo yako ndani na Waheshimiwa wako kumi na tano, najua kila Wadi iko na uchungu wake. Tuko wale ambao hatuna mtu wa kutusaidia, kama Mheshimiwa Catherine Nyokabi alitembea pekee yake kila Wadi kuangalia barabara. Kwangu alisema kuna mahali iko na shida na lazima irekebishwe.

Nasimama kuunga mkono na kusema kama bajeti itawekwa irudishe mambo ya barabara na iongezwe juu hakuna barabara. Msiende kusema mtajenga barabara, mtarudi nyumbani nikienda kwa sababu mvua haikukuja kuchagua ila ilifagilia kila kitu. Ikiwa inabeba hadi lami, ni hizi tunajenga na ni mawe tu itabakisha? Nasimama kusema Waheshimiwa wenzangu, tafadhalini tushikane mikono ndio tufanye kazi pamoja.

Tuwe kitu kimoja. Tuwe Muungano. Ndio maana nimesihi Naibu wa Spika, anafaa afanye kazi na watu wake, asiende kusema hapa na pale watu walienda. Wewe ndio ambaye tunakuangalia, sio Spika. Spika ana kazi yake na kazi ya Naibu wake ni kushika watoto wake Ishirini na moja tukae chini pamoja, tuongee pamoja na tujue shida iko wapi. Kama ni sisi tuko na shida, tukae chini tutoe shida tuko nayo tuende pamoja tusimame na serikali hii ya Bunge.

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Bwana Spika tunakueleza sisi tutakuwa kitu kimoja, tutafanya kazi pamoja kutoka leo. Kama mtu anasikia hawezi kufanya kazi na yule, wewe tembea na Yesu na sisi ambao tutabaki, tutabaki tukiendeleza kazi. Asante sana, kwa hayo mengi na machache, asanteni sana wajumbe wenzangu. Ngojeni tusimame na msimamo.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Irene Wachuka. Members, I would like to bring to your attention to standing order number 74 and allow me to read it. It says; *'the proceedings to be kept in Kiswahili English or Kenyan Sign Language.'* All proceedings of the assembly shall be conducted in Kiswahili English or Kenyan Sign Language.

To a member who begins a speech in any of the languages provided under paragraph one, shall continue in the same language until the conclusion of that Members speech. I urge the Members, for a long time, this standing order has been contravened. We need to begin our conversations and debates in either of the three Languages. In English from the start to the end, or Kiswahili from start to the end or Sign Language from start to the end.

I would implore the Members, if there is any Member who would wish to use sign language, kindly notify us in advance so that we can procure the services of an interpreter. Thank you so much. As I said, I am going to criss-cross the floor, I want to cross to this other side and give to Hon. Joseph Gitahi.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am appreciative because I got this at the right time. I know the Honourable Member has a lot to say and I know that all Members also have a lot to say because they have weighty statements.

Let me say it so that I know they have heavy and weighty statements. Hon. Speaker, I stand to support this motion brought forward by Hon. Stephen Ndiritu regarding the repair of damaged roads and infrastructure across the county. Hon. Speaker, since the rains started, a lot of infrastructure have been damaged whether touching on trade, transport and also in our health centres.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon this government to respond to these issues. Hon. Speaker, as we are speaking the reason you saw I was itching to speak let me support the motion then I will talk about other things later. Roads have been damaged. As we are speaking to you, there is a road that connects at Tandare centre and another one that goes to Miteta, Karumaindo and Kamwenje. This road is very important for security matters. Even though the Members of the County Assembly are not party to the security mechanisms in our areas, we are contributors and stakeholders.

Hon. Speaker, I already made a mistake. This is because the people who are being targeted in our wards are our parents. Hon. Speaker, before they became voters, they were our parents, brothers, sisters, friends and village mates. It is important that we respond to whenever they are in danger. Hon. Speaker, if bandits were to strike today, our people will be vulnerable and they will be left to mercies of these bandits. We do not have urgent response from our security forces because of the nature of the rains that have hit us.

Today if I give you my call logs and messages, I have a lot of complaints in that ward concerning roads that are not able to help security forces to respond to security threats. Additionally, Hon. Speaker, we are a small and fragile economy. Even in our areas we are small and fragile economies that rely on bodaboda and other things. If we cut off trade, we are stifling our people from getting livelihood and food and stuffs and other things. These are issues that we should attend to.

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With regards to issues on budgeting and where the money went to, I support what Hon. Wachuka is saying today that even if we want to support the issues of health centres and infrastructure, I urge Hon. Members that it is good that we listen because we also listened to you. Hon. Speaker, I think we should maintain that discipline so that when one Member is speaking and I am not yelling nonsense here, I am speaking issues.

Hon. Speaker, I am talking about even if we invest in other issues of health and trade, if we leave out roads, then that is logic upside down. So, these issues of budgeting and roads should be taken care of. As I finish Hon. Speaker, while I seated here, I was consuming some statements that are so hypocritical. I am a rebel and I speak my mind on what is in my heart. Some of these Members speaking here are so hypocritical.

As a Member of this County Assembly and as a journalist, I have investigated. Some of these Members took gossip to the Executive to an extent that today, a number of Members of the County Assembly cannot be attended to by Chief Officers and CECM's. I am saying things that I will repeat because tomorrow, I will be in one of the media stations and I am going to repeat exactly this that this Assembly has Members that went to the Executive to take gossip.

Today, I am cut off between the Members of the County Assembly and the Executive. I am wondering which issues are they attending. Do they even understand what is happening in Githiga? When I call a Chief Officer for three consecutive weeks is so that we salvage a situation that is in Githiga yet they cannot pick. I then get an official communication that they were instructed to never to pick calls from some of the Members of the County Assembly.

This is contravention of justice and we will talk about these things even at the top of mountains. Some of these things are so unethical and unprofessional. Some of these people came here and they said that they are very professional. Today, the kind of things that get out of their mouth, it is in such times that it is so difficult to be a Member of the County Assembly. I have all the complaints and the grievances from my ward.

Yesterday, another Chief Officer as late as yesterday lies to me that they are not in the office only to find them in a bar with some of the Members of the County Assembly here. Such things are so shameful when some people are now claiming here that some Chief Officers are roaming all over their wards. It is them who told these Chief Officers that sometimes not to pick calls from so and so. There is no problem because people can see because they are not fools.

Hon. Speaker, I want to make this statement that you can silence somebody but it doesn't mean you have converted them. You can contravene all their rights but we will be there to fight on. On that matter, we will listen to reggae. There is a musician called Bob Marley and as he finishes his redemption song, he says that *"I am not afraid of any atomic energy, none of them are going to stop the times."*

It is important that we get sober. It is also important that we get clear on the matters that we are saying. Hon. Speaker, you cannot speak from both sides of the mouth. Today you come and speak this and tomorrow you speak the other thing. We are watching and you know the history of this context, some of us have nothing else to lose. We are no longer chairpersons but we will continue asking from accountability from this government from morning to evening and we will not count.

These are the things I am going to speak from now, to the media and other entities so that this County gets back. Mr. Speaker, how do we explain that today, I will have an issue with hospitals. The Chief Officer has decided not to work and some of them, I want to say

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without avoidance even working with former competitors; I am asking what is happening to this county.

Some of them have lied to H.E the Governor to an extent that to date, we do not have ward administrators. Fortunately, Hon. Wachuka had an emergency at her ward and she was attended to. Mine has never been attended to. People had an inferno. They will not attend to my ward but they will attend Wachuka's because of the context of this matter. The citizen can see and it is good to speak people's heart.

Mr. Speaker, the reason as to why you do not see me mostly in these Assembly is because I am in the ground attending to these people. Even if the Chief Officer or the CECM will not pick, I will be there with these people because it is their sentiment that due to the ignorance of some people here, to me this Assembly session is already lost. I am on the ground praying that I come for another one term here.

Next time when we come here, we will not repeat some of the grievous mistakes that have been repeated here to the extent there is no difference between a commoner and a Member of the County Assembly. So, Hon. Speaker, before the issues get so hot, I support this motion that we have repairs. In the Bible, I do not know where but if the Deputy Speaker was here, he would have reminded me which verse but there is somewhere in the Bible that says there is somebody who spoke to a rock and said even if you do not respond, I have already said and you have heard.

Hon. Speaker, it is important that we attend to the matters that are being raised by these Members. It is so bad, unethical and unprofessional to take some MCAs to sabotage others. Hon. Speaker, it has been said and I will quote it here, there is somebody who is using some MCAs to harass elected leaders. We are going to talk about this today, tomorrow, and until the end of the world so that issues of leadership can be brought back to order and to sense.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am sorry for being in charge but these issues are very important. Thank you, Hon. Speaker and the Hon. Member who brought this motion forward.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Gitahi. I would have wished your robust discussion to be slightly and closely linked to the motion on the table but thank you for airing what you had. As I had said earlier, I will keep on criss-crossing the floor. This time, I give Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity given to me to make my contributions as I support this motion that is timely. As you can see, it has elicited emotions in this House because of what Hon. Members are going through. Whatever they are saying is exactly what all of us are going through. I like the way Hon. Members today are openly speaking their mind. The Honourable gentleman from Githiga and the Hon. Member from Ngobit, today are speaking their mind.

You could hear Hon. Wachuka speaking exactly what is in Nyahururu. Mr. Speaker, before I go to that contribution, this motion has come into this House and I am a Member of the Infrastructure Committee. It has happened that Hon. Kihika was the seconder and last week, the Hon. Members of that committee, Hon. Kamara, Hon. Kihika myself, Hon. Mwaniki, Hon. Kanyutu and Hon. Lempaira were traversing this county as a team to see what exactly the rains have done.

Hon. Speaker, it is true that this motion has come at the right time and as Hon. Members in this House, we need to stand up for this because everyone is suffering. Every ward has suffered the issues of infrastructure. Roads and bridges are being damaged by the heavy rains. Hon. Speaker, it is unfortunate that we already have Kshs.140 million specifically for

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emergency and nobody can come here to this House and claim that emergency money has been used entirely.

Hon. Speaker, the few emergencies we have seen, in Umande I have seen three in relation to fire. Hon. Speaker, I always see the County Government of Laikipia, any time a House is burnt down, they only come with two plates, two spoons, one cup and a two-inch mattress. That is the most they do and nobody can stand here and say that the budget of over 140 million have been utilised in this county. Hon. Speaker, we need to face reality that Kshs.140 million is a lot.

You could hear Hon. Anthony saying that recently when we had a disaster in Likii, only two bags of beans and maize were brought. They used less than Kshs. 50,000 against 140 million. Hon. Speaker, we are then jokers and this time round, I would like to see the Chair for Budget because he is present. We need to not necessarily set emergency funds but also set routine maintenance funds for this county. We were elected and all of us want to be re-elected. Let nobody lie to you, we want to come back to this House and some of the factors that makes us come back here are those roads that we are talking about here.

Hon. Speaker, the roads are the ones that touches every citizen. When we talk of other issues, we can talk of hospitals which helps all of us but you can take five years before going to the hospitals but you cannot take a day before walking. You must use roads in this county. So, one of the factors that brings us back here is exactly the roads that we are talking about here. Hon. Speaker, when we talk about maintenance of roads we need to take infrastructure seriously.

We do not know whether next year there will be El-Niño. Hon. Speaker, the roads that we made last year, in the next four years they will be damaged and you will try to explain to the community that I did these roads but the rains swept it. That is none of their business. So, Hon. Speaker, as a House we need to set routine maintenance funds for every year. We know that every year we will have rains and our roads will be damaged. Let us have a budget for routine maintenance. An emergency fund that is set here is not necessarily for roads. It is for all departments.

Hon. Speaker, now that the emergency that is here is infrastructure, if you go to a place like Umande today, the students and the entire communities that are from Murungai cannot go to their primary schools and secondary schools because the bridges have been swept away. We do not have any bridge crossing that river. They have been carried away by water and so, it is very unfortunate. When we have that issue when I know my students cannot go to school, then I come here and find out there is no coin for emergency yet we set the budget.

I believe and I am sure there was over Kshs.100 million for that purpose. It is cynical because Hon. Gitahi has just said it here. It will be very unfortunate today that the person who is very responsible, the people we approved in this House cannot even pick a call from the Chairs of the respective committees. Mr. Speaker, it's just because they are mere instructions from people. This House needs to be taken seriously.

We may have differences in hotels and out there but when it comes to businesses of this House, we must be united. We must fight one war and make sure that we speak on behalf of the citizens. Hon. Speaker, we have seen many Members in this House and previously their work is to say not to do this and this. Even the budget lines could be changed that we do not put budgets to this ward. None of them is here. I cannot see any of them who used to do that here.

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Hon. Speaker, the same way when Hon. Members go out there and try to please the Executive. The Executive are not your brothers and sisters and you must know that this House is independent. As an Honourable Member, one of the works that I was given here by the people of Umande is to represent them by representing their issues. If they are unhappy, I must speak and say that they are unhappy.

The other thing that brought me here is oversight. If I go and oversight what the Executive is doing, if it is doing right, I will stand and say that it is doing right. If it is doing wrong, I will stand and say that it is doing wrong. My work is to say when it is doing wrong.

Hon. Speaker, I am a referee. When you see a referee moving around the field, he is not there to celebrate you when you have scored. He is there to tell you when you are offside. He is not celebrating you but he is telling you when you are offside and denying you your success. So, as an independent House, our responsibilities as Hon. Members is oversight. It is telling the Executive enough is enough and, on this route, you are wrong but on this one you are right.

Hon. Speaker, when I say the Executive is wrong, it doesn't mean that I am not supporting them. I am speaking my mind. I am only saying what I am seeing and what is on the ground. Hon. Speaker, I wish the Deputy Speaker was here because Hon. Wachuka has clearly instructed him. This is the high time that we should sit as one as a House. We should call the Chief Officers one by one they be answerable and we set the budget.

This is the high time Hon. Kihika should sit there with the Chief Officer for Infrastructure. You should tell him clearly that you went to Rumuruti and the culverts that were done there were shoddy under your watch. This is the high time that you should tell him to his face that Hon. Gitahi was here and he complained that the bridges of his area have been washed away. This is the high time that we should call all of them here and as I support what the Deputy Speaker has just said, that is why the Chief officer need to be substantive.

Every Accounting Officer should be substantive and not somebody who cannot answer questions. Hon. Speaker, when you are not substantive then you are not answerable to anyone even if we lose millions of monies. You cannot question an acting officer. That person is just helping the county. So, we need substantive Chief Officers and indeed serious people so that they may answer questions that we are asking.

So, Hon. Speaker, I support the motion and call upon Hon. Members to make sure that the emergency funds are driven to wards to repair all those roads. Number two, as we set the budget because we are in the process of budget making, let every ward have a certain amount of money for routine maintenance so that we repair the roads that were done last year. I support and I really thank the Hon. Member who brought this motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mugweru. I will cross to the other side. Hon. Salim.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Kwanza napongeza Wabunge wenzangu kwa kuongea katika Bunge hili kwa sababu ya janga ambalo lilitokea. Pia, kuna jambo Mheshimiwa Gitahi amesema na Waswahili wanasema ya kwamba, *'asiye na lake, hasikii jiwe,'* na kama umesikia vile Mheshimiwa Gitahi amesema, ni vizuri kila mtu aelewe ya kwamba kuna kitu Mheshimiwa Gitahi ameongea.

Nikirejelea katika Biblia, Kitabu cha Kumbukumbu la Torati na wakati mawaziri walikula kiapo, kuna jambo lilisemekana hiyo siku ya kwamba watakula kiapo na wakimaliza kiapo, hata simu zenu hazitachukuliwa. Imedhihirika ya kwamba yale mambo ambayo waliongewa ndio ilirejelea. Sisi sote tunaelewa ya kwamba kuna mambo ambayo yanaendelea.

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Nikiangalia kwa makini sana, kuna mawaziri na wengine ambao wanakalia pesa na kujadiliana katika Kaunti yetu.

Tungehitaji kujua kwamba hizi pesa za dharura ambazo Mheshimiwa Anthony anataja ni pesa nyingi sana. Tunataka kujua kila senti ya hizo pesa zilitoka wapi na zikasaidia wapi. Pesa za dharura huwa zinakuja wakati kama huu wakati watu wamechomewa nyumba, kama mvua imenyesha na kuadhiri watu. Pia katika barabara zetu, sijui ni waziri yupi ataelezea mkandarasi ya kwamba hakufanya kazi yake vizuri. Mvua ambayo ilinyesha siyo mvua ambayo ni kidogo.

Wakati wa Nuhu, watu waliambiwa ya kwamba waje wakajenge safina na katika jiji la Nairobi, watu walikuwa wanatembea kwa mashua kwa sababu maji ilikuwa imejaa kila mahali. Ndio huu wakati kama enzi za Nuhu, wakati kila mahali maji ilikuwa imejaa. Tunasema ya kwamba barabara zetu ambazo zilikuwa zimetengenezwa na mkandarasi, hatutaki kusikia kwamba mkandarasi hakufanya kazi kwa hivyo hatalipwa. Ni lazima alipwe pesa zake kwa sababu alifanya kazi.

Kama wale ambao wako kwenye maofisi waliangalia hizo barabara na kuandika ripoti ya kwamba barabara imemalizika, basi pole kwa sababu huyo mkandarasi anafaa kulipwa pesa zake. Lingine, Bwana Spika, kwa sababu wewe ndiye unaongoza katika Bunge hili, sisi tunahitaji pesa za dharura ziletwe hesabu yake na tuambiwe vile hizo pesa zilifanya kazi, zilifanya kazi katika wadi ipi na zilibaki pesa ngapi.

Tukiwa katika Bunge hili tunahitaji hizo pesa zitengeneze barabara zetu na daraja zetu ambazo zimeharibika na pia zisaidie wananchi mashinani. Sisi hatukuja hapa kubembelezana. Ni wananchi walituleta hapa na sisi ndio waakilishi wa hawa wananchi. Ni lazima yale mambo ambayo sisi tunaongea hapa iwe ikifanyika kwa sababu imekuwa kama Kumbukumbu la Torati.

Leo tunasema hili jambo, kesho tunafanya lingine, kesho kutwa tunafanya lingine, mtondo tunafanya lingine na hakuna kitu ambacho kinafanyika mashinani. Tunahitaji kufanya kazi ambayo wananchi walituleta hapa kufanya. Sisi tufuate kazi ya Serikali Tawala ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba wote wameanza kufanya kazi kulingana na vile inastahili. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Wachuka anaongea katika Bunge hili, watu wamewacha kazi na wameingilia siasa.

Watu ambao wameingilia siasa wanafaa kuwacha kazi tuendelee na siasa ili tupatie watu wengine. Kuliko wao waendelee na siasa wakose kutufanyia kazi ambayo tuliwapatia katika hizo ofisi, wafanye ili tusaidike na wananchi pia waweze kusaidika. Bwana Spika, kama hilo jambo linaendelea, ni afadhali tulete mswada katika Bunge hili tuwaondoe kama ni waziri ili tuwalete wengine ambao watafanya kazi.

Hatuwezi kufanya kazi na wanasiasa wenzetu ilhali pesa za wadi zetu ambazo zinastahili kufanya maendeleo ndizo zinatumika kupeleka blanketi na pesa za wananchi ya Kenya. Nikirejelea katika barabara katika sehemu za Naibor ukielekea Ndikiri, barabara zote zilibebwa na maji. Kuna pesa ambazo tuliweka kwa mambo ya dharura ili zitusaidie katika barabara. Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti ikiwa zimesalia wiki tatu, hizo pesa zitaenda wapi, zitafanya kazi gani na zitafanyia kazi wapi na kwa wadi gani.

Kama tuliweka pesa katika Idara fulani, ni lazima wale ambao wanahusika katika hizo idara wafanye kazi mashinani kwa sababu wananchi wanahitaji maendeleo katika miji yao, vijiji zao na vitongoji vyao. Wanahitaji maendeleo na kama sisi tunawachilia watu wengine watuharibie maendeleo katika Laikipia, sisi hatupendi jambo kama hilo. Sisi tutasimama na

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tutaungana mikono tukiwa pamoja na Spika tukijua ya kwamba tunahitaji maendeleo ifanyike kwa kila wadi.

Hakuna Mbunge ambaye anaweza kusema ya kwamba katika eneo lake mvua haikunyesha. Kama haikunyesha katika hiyo sehemu basi tunajua ya kwamba labda mlikuwa mmeongea na mola kwamba haitanyesha hiki kipindi na labda ni kipindi kingine. Sisi wote tumeadhirika na kama tumeadhirika, basi tuwache kucheza na wale watu ambao wanatukanyanga. Kama unatukanyanga, basi pia sisi tutakukanyanga kwa sababu hakuna kubembelezana.

Watu wa Wadi ya Segera wanangoja maendeleo. Wanangoja hiyo barabara itengenezwe. Vyoo vingi vimebebwa na maji na daraja pia. Ni akina nani watarekebisha isipokuwa ni sisi kukaa pamoja na kujua hizi pesa ziko kwa kiwango kipi na tutagawa aje katika kila wadi ili maendeleo yaendelee kama kawaida? Ninaunga huu mswada mkono kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Ndiritu ameleta mswada kulingana na janga ambalo liko katika Kenya nzima, sio Laikipia pekee.

Ni vizuri tuweke mikakati na tuseme ni lini hizi barabara zitatengenezwa na kumalizwa. Kwa hayo machache, ninaomba wabunge wenzangu waunge mkono huu mswada. Tuangalie kwa umakini ili wale ambao wanaendelea kupiga siasa pale, waangaliwe tukijua kwamba hao watu ni akina nani. Kama hawataki kazi, watuwachie tuwapatie wengine hiyo nafasi ili wajue ya kwamba wakikuja katika Bunge hili, ni budi watufanyie kazi. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Nashukuru Mheshimiwa Salim. Nataka kuchukua nafasi hii kwa mratibu wa majadiliano kurudisha.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Bwana Spika. Nakubaliana na wewe na kwanza nishukuru Waheshimiwa wote kwamba mswada uliokuwa Katika Bunge hili ni wa maana. Yale tumejadiliana ni kwa niamba ya Kaunti yote. Tunajua kuna shida na Kaunti yetu na pia Barabara zetu. Nimesikia yale wajumbe wamesema hasa kuhusu pesa ambazo serikali inatumia. Ni vizuri ni waeleze kwamba serikali hula mtoto wake. Leo tunawashangilia, kesho watatukula wakati mwananchi amekuliwa ni sisi tumekuliwa.

Bwana Spika, ningeeleza wajumbe wote hasa wakati huu tunahudumia wananchi wale walituleta Bungeni, wacha tuungane kabisa kuliko baadaye. Sasa tunaelekea msimo wa kutengeneza bajeti. Kama hatutaweza kuiangalia kwa umakini, tutaweka pesa mingi huko na hawa watu kazi yao ni siasa. Kama unataka kiti, acha kazi enda siasa. Huwezi kuwa unataka kazi na bado unafanya siasa. Huwezi pika nyungu mbili. Moja itaungua.

Ni vizuri tuamue Bwana Spika na tumwambie Gavana mchana. Hua tunasema kiongozi huwa hatolewi nguo. Lakini huambiwa akiwa uchi. Sisi tunataka kumwambia hatutamtoa nguo lakini Gavana huna nguo, uko *free.* Watu wako wamekuacha. Uko hapa ukisema unafanya kazi lakini uko peke yako. Wengine wako shughuli zao.

Ni vizuri wajumbe tuungane. Wale ambao hawafanyi kazi kama ni kung'oa, wacha waede mapema. Wasipoenda wewe ukiwa hapa, jitayarishe kwenda. Ni ubebe msalaba wao ama kila mtu abebe msalaba wake. Nitasema kama vile ilisemekana kitambo. Yesu alibeba kivyake na ndio unaona tuko na Amani. Mimi siwezi mwaga damu juu ya mtu. Kama hutafanya kazi, ukwende nyumbani ufanye siasa. Kwa hayo mchache, nawashukuru kwa sababu ya wakati. Ni afadhali tuuwe wizara zingine zote, tuweke fedha kwa barabara. Kama mbaya, iwe mbaya.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen and all the Members, for a robust contribution to this motion.

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(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

PROVISION OF WAIVER ON LAND RATES ACCUMULATED INTEREST AND PENALTIES

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

NOTING THAT Section 159 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 empowers the County Executive Committee Member for finance with the approval of County Assembly to waive a county tax, fee or charge imposed by the County Government and its entities;

FURTHER NOTING THAT most of the Land Owners are hesitant to pay for land rates because of the accumulated interest and penalties due to adverse external factors including a depressed economy, prolonged drought and subsequent floods which have affected citizens' ability to pay which amounts to Kshs. 922,817,891;

This House URGES the County Government pursuant to the provisions of Section 159 of Public Finance Management Act, 2012 to provide 100% waiver on accrued penalties and interests on land rates for a period of one month with effect from 17th May, 2024 to 17th June, 2024 to offer much-needed relief to rate payers.

Bwana Spika, huu ni mswada mbao nimeuleta kwa niaba ya serikali ndio tuweze kuwa na msamaha wa malipo ya mashamba na serikali. Hii *waiver* tunaleta kwa sababu wananchi wengi wanafaa wawe wamelipa ile land rates lakini, wengine wameshindwa kwa ile shida imekuwa. Kuna mvua mingi ambayo imeleta maafa na watu wengi kushindwa kulipa. Hawa ni wananchi wetu, Likii, Majengo na kwingine.

Wajumbe wengine wanaelewa mambo ya *waiver* na hawa watu ambao ni waakilishi, naomba waangalia mswada huu kwa njia mingi ndio tupitishe na tuokoe wananchi. Wakati nilikuwa naangalia huu mswada, nilionelea ni vyema nipatie Mheshimiwa Mwaniki auunge mkono. Lakini kwa hekima, hapa nyuma yangu kuna Mheshimiwa Cate na ingekuwa ni busara aweze kuongea na kuunga mkono kwa niaba ya Mheshimiwa Mwaniki ambaye pia ni majirani wema.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Kagondu kwa hii nafasi niunge huu mswada mkono. Wewe unajua ule uchungu wa kutafuta kura. Nimeona Bwana Spika, nikifinya mashine niseme jambo lakini hunipei nafasi. Ni makosa sana kunyima watu wa Ngobit haki yao kwa sababu ndio walinileta hapa niwakilishe.

Naunga huu mswada mkono na nimesikia Mheshimiwa Kanyutu ambaye amechaguliwa mara ya pili, pia yeye unamnyima nafasi. Bwana Spika ukiwa kwa hicho kiti chako, ni vizuri uheshimu wale watu wametuleta hapa na pia sisi tupe heshima kidogo. Naunga huu mswada mkono na niseme Mheshimiwa Kagondu asante sana kwa kuleta huu mswada katika Bunge letu. Umeileta wakati unafaa. Kuna janga na shule ndio watoto wanarudi na kwa hivyo, tukipunguza hizi land rates kwa uhakika watapata.

Hapo awali, nilitaka kusema asante kwa Waheshimiwa na kwa sababu nimeona tumefunguka macho na hatustahili kuwa ni sisi tunalia na sisi ndio tuko na panga. Mheshimiwa Wachuka, ukilia CO fulani anakufinya haustahili. Leta jina lake hapa Bunge kwa maana ni sisi tulipitisha yeye na sisi ndio tuko na nguvu ya kuwatuma nyumbani.

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Kwangu Ngobit, barabara zangu ni mbaya na baadhi ya ujumbe napata hapa nikionyesha Mheshimiwa Gitahi walimu wote na barabara za shule hazipitiki. Hadi kanisa. Nasema hivi hiyo bajeti tumesema saa hizi na pia nilisikia Rais akisema kuna bajeti ya dharura ambayo anapatiana kwa Kaunti. Pia sisi tuhusishwe na kamishna wa Kaunti na pia uongozo wote na ndio tufanye kazi kwa umoja. Sisi ndio tunajua shida ambazo ziko mashinani.

Najua wale watu walituleta hapa. Mimi nililetwa na watu wa Ngobit. Wako na Imani na mimi na nawakilisha ipasavyo. Nikihusishwa, nitawaambia zile barabara zimeharibika na tutafanya kazi kwa umoja. Tulichaguliwa kutoka Rais hadi MCA. Tushikane na tufanyie mwananchi kazi.

Kwangu, niko na kilio. Watu wanafanya kazi, takataka zinakusanywa lakini watu wa kuchukua hakuna. CO wako, nikimpigia simu hawezi pokea. Pale sokoni Wiyumiririe, Makutano na Marinam, hatupati mtu wa kuchukua takataka. Nauliza kwa sababu bajeti inaletwa kwa hili Bunge sisi tumekuwa watu wa *Chorus*. Watu wa 'Nay' na 'Ayes'. Huu ni wakati mzuri kama wajumbe wa hili nyumba tujue kazi yetu ni kufanya nini.

Naunga mkono na nasema, mwenye ataletwa kwa hii Bunge ama mwenye tutaona ni muhimu tumpe adabu, atakuwa funzo kwa wengine na kwa hakika, watatupea heshima. Siwezi kuwa ni mimi nilikupitisha hapa lakini nikikupiga simu huwezi pokea. Nikikuambia kilio cha watu wangu, huwezi sikiza.

Naomba hili Bunge, kama vile Mama Yao amesema, tushikane tukae chini tuambiane tunaanza wapi na tunamalizia wapi. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono huu mswada ambao umeletwa na mkubwa wangu, Mheshimiwa Kagondu. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa nafasi hii. Nataka kushukuru Mheshimiwa Ndiritu kwa mjadala huu. Ni kama watu wa Igwamiti walikuwa wanajua. Nilifika hapa saa mbili na nikaona watu wa biashara wakipiga na kuniuliza waiver inaletwa lini. Sikujua mjadala kama huu uko. Ni muhimu sana. Kuna mtu yuko kijiji ya Kiamaina. Wanalipa kodi kwa serikali ya Kaunti. Kuna viongozi wako na nyumba katika Nyahururu, Manguo, Karuga na Muthengera na hao wote ni watu wa Igwamiti.

Tangu tuwe na hili janga la Korona tena mvua, imekuwa shida sana kwa mwananchi. Wakati huu, kuna wazazi hawajapeleka watoto shule. Tulisikia hapa Likii vile kulitokea. Mimi niseme asante. Hata kama tumepatiwa mwezi moja, najua Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha ambaye ni Mheshimiwa Ndiritu, ikiendelea tuone ni mwezi wa Juni na watu hawajamaliziwa. Pengine vile umekiri, tuwaongeze hadi mwezi wa Julai na najua pesa zitakuja kwa serikali. Naunga mkono na naeleza wajumbe wenzangu ndio huu mjadala ukamilike leo.

Pia ningeeleza Serikali kwa sababu kuna watu hawajui kuna hii waiver. Zamani nikiwa kwa hii Bunge, tulikuwa tunaona gari zinazunguka. Ukienda kijiji ya Maina, akina mama wengine hawajui. Lakini akisikia gari na wengine kumi wasikie katika kijiji, watajua. Ningeeleza Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha; Mheshimiwa Ndiritu, naomba watu wafahamishwe na ujumbe uenezwe kwa kila kona na wadi ya kusema kuna *waiver* na ni kwa muda gani. Nasema asante.

Speaker: Thank you. I think you will have a time to reply. Hon. Benson?

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa fursa umenipa. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono huu mjadala. Nasihi mwenyekiti kwa sababu ya ile mikakati iko, awe na hio kamati na mipango ndio tuweze kufikia mwananchi pale chini. Mwaka uliopita huo mpango

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ulikuwa na wananchi wengi hawakufahamu vizuri. Vibandiko ziliwekwa humu mitaani lakini mashinani ule ujumbe haukufika kwa njia iliyo mwafaka.

Bwana Spika, ikiwezekana, Kamati ya Fedha wawe na mpangilio mzuri. MCAs wafike kote katika wadi 15 ili tuone *waiver* imefikia mwananchi wa pale chini kabisa. Wakati huu, kuna mtu anauza ploti yake lakini hawezi kwa sababu ya nauli ya pesa za kodi zenye anaitishwa. Hii kitu imekuja katika Bunge hili ni vyema kuwe na hicho kikao ili tuone wananchi wote wa Laikipia wamefaulu kwa sababu ya huu mswada umeletwa leo.

Bwana Spika, kuna kitu ningegusia kidogo kwa sababu limeletwa hapa na naibu wa Spika. Ni Vyema watu kuambiana ukweli. Biblia inasema, *'muda nilipo ulimwenguni, mimi ni nuru ya ulimwengu.*' Kama angekuwa hapa, ningemjibu. Niseme kwa ufupi kwamba muda niliko katika Bunge hii, mimi ni nuru ya hapa. Mimi ni taa kuu ya jimbo letu la Laikipia.

Bwana Spika, kuna wakati jambo lilitokea hapa na hakuna mtu amewahi uuliza. Mimi ni mzee na niko na familia na lile jambo sijawahi sikia liliongelelewa. Mheshimiwa Gitahi amesema kuna shida na matatizo. Niliona Mheshimiwa Gitahi akiwa ameteguka pale na akachukua Mace ambapo ni kuvunja sheria ilhali, niko hapa kwa sababu ya kutunga na kupanga mambo ya Sheria...

[Interruption from Hon. Gitahi]

Hon. Beson Kuria: Bwana Spika, nilinde na unichunge kutokana na Mheshimiwa Gitahi.

Speaker: Hon. Benson, I wanted to ask the Hon. Member what it is.

Hon. Jospeh Gitahi: Hon. Speaker, I am raising on a point of Order because it is not acceptable to discuss me without a substantive motion.

Speaker: Kindly give me a Standing Order you are referring to?

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: I will research on it; the motion is not about Hon. Gitahi. Unless he brings up a substantive motion to discuss my persona in this Assembly. This is an Honourable House. We are spending a lot of money. You cannot be given a chance to discuss about people. Discuss ideas.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Gitahi as you research the Order.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Mheshimiwa Spika, najua mimi ni nuru katika jimbo la Laikipia. Mimi sio 'kadole'. Niliweza kupata nafasi kati ya wanaume Zaidi ya 100. Nikateuliwa na chama cha UDA. Mimi sio kadole. Ni Mheshimiwa ambaye alichukua Biblia vizuri. Kama mnataka twende safari moja, hio jina ya *'kadole'* mimi sitaki katika jina la yesu. Asante sana.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. I was wondering even in the previous motion; I pressed the button but you never gave me a chance. First, I support the motion by Hon. Ndiritu on the issue pertaining to waiver. I am sure and I am an interested party. With waivers, I will really appreciate. But what other Hon. Members are talking about the Assembly, we are the people who have created that image.

I was shocked yesterday; we had an event at Thingithu and as you can hear Members claiming their phones are not being picked. I am a witness. Even mine are never picked but I really admire. I have heard a Member claiming that he was specially elected by the Party. Personally, I have no party. I am independent. Even if they don't pick my calls, I am comfortable because I like staying with my people.

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Yesterday, I was shocked you being the Chair of the Assembly, when you arrived in the meeting, even a place to sit you were not given. You had to look for a place behind where to sit. I have never experienced that in the last five years. It shows that even the Assembly itself is nowhere in their map. Furthermore, whatever shocked me by the time the Speaker is trying to look on where to sit, a CO is almost in the front seat. That was a very shameful picture.

I was even wondering whether it's the reason you are not giving me a chance to address the Assembly because I witnessed the issue. I would wish, if you want to reclaim the image of the Assembly not unless we are independent. If we are not, there is no way we can reclaim that.

On the previous motion I have to mention, my question is yes, we need an emergency fund to do the repairs of the road within previous projects that we passed. Are we ready to forfeit being implemented so that we put the money for the emergency? Not unless we claim the coming budget, we should allocate money for emergency but not with the budget that we are implementing at the moment.

On my part Mr. Speaker, I would wish all whatever we had agreed on the budget should be properly implemented and next year when we are making the budget, we have the money. On waivers, I wholly support and if possible, it should be implemented immediately for our people to benefit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Hon. Speaker, I support the motion and I want to say that Standing Order No. 84, does not allow any Member in the middle of any motion to discuss anybody. Thank you.

Speaker: The Standing order noted and it will be acted on. Thank you. The mover you may reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mswada huu mkono. Utaweza kusaidia wananchi wa Laikipia. Kama vile umesikia wajumbe wakiongea, ni kweli. Tuko na shida katika Kaunti yetu. Hii shida ambayo imetukumba ni kulingana na kukosa umoja katika Bunge hili. Kila mahali kumechanganyikana. Ukijaribu kusema kitu unaambiwa wachana na hio.

Hapo jana, yale yalifanyika kama vile Mheshimiwa Kanyutu amesema, nilisikia aibu sana kwa sababu nilipopewa muda nilisema Spika amefika lakini vyenye kuliendelea, ilionyesha tuko na shida. Tusiposuluhisha hii shida, itakuwa ngumu kama vile Kanyutu amesema. Ni vizuri tuchukue hatua kitambo kabla tuzame. Meli yetu ikizama, tutazama sisi tukijipiga kifua kisha tuzamishe wafanyakazi ambao hawana hatia.

Namshukuru Mheshimiwa Kamara kwa kuongea kwa ukakamavu na kusema yeye sio 'kadole.' Amesema hio jina ishindwe katika jina la Yesu. Pia mimi nimesema hio jina ishindwe na itokomee, ichomwe katika moshi wa shetani ambao ni wa milele na milele. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono. Asante.

CONSIDERED RULING

RECOGNITION OF THE ASSEMBLY

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Before I stand to put a question, I want to say that indeed truly, the respect of this House must be upheld and maintained at all cost. It is not the first time nor the second that the Assembly has been ignored in official functions. Members of the Assembly are simply asked to stand and waive and sit. This House bares the representation on the ground and it must be therefore, we will device a method and see how to handle this. If there will be no recognition, then we better not attend any meeting where County Assembly is

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not recognized. If the respect has to be upheld the County Assembly must be recognized as an Arm of this Government. Thank you very much.

(Question and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 15th May, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.50 a.m.

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