REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 30st August, 2023

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum?

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell be rang for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for two minutes)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Speaker has just arrived.

Speaker: Now that the Deputy Speaker has arrived, Clerk confirm if we have quorum we have the quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: If we now have the quorum let us proceed to the order of the day.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WHOLE HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Speaker: Hon. Members, I would like to communicate that we shall have another Whole House committee after the session.

NOTICE OF MOTION

PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL MANAGEMENT

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

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(iii) Organize regular clean-up events where volunteers and community members come together to pick up litter from streets, parks, and other public spaces.

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I urge this House to support this motion so that we can keep our people from unsafe and unhealthy environment. I ask Hon. Umija to second this motion.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second this motion brought by Hon. Kihika in regards to refuse collection in our places. We want people to take responsibility of ensuring that the quarters that we are living in are clean and that we are collecting all the refuse because we are the ones who are contributing to the refuse disposal. I know the County Government sends the waste collectors from time in various estates, but because they collect refuse once in a week, in six days the refuse is disposed in one place.

After a few days you will see that everyone is just littering. Later on, after one day, the County Garbage Collectors come in to collect. I feel that because we are the ones who are producing this waste, let us take the responsibility of collecting as people to ensure that the places we are in are clean. I have heard Hon. Kihika saying that we have the functions of ensuring that we have waste clean-up exercises within our areas and I urge all the members.

This is a good initiative of helping the members of the public be aware that refuse disposal is our responsibility. We should dispose refuse in the right places. If there are others that can be recycled, we can have recycling plants to ensure that the recycled waste is recycled and the ones that cannot be recycled well, are properly disposed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Kihaka. Ameuleta kwa wakati ambao unafaa. Nimeangalia Mswada nikaona unaongelea mazingara. Jambo ambalo nimeona ni vizuri kama viongozi tuwe mstari wa mbele tuone tumetunza mazingara yetu.

Bwana Spika nilipokuwa mdogo nilikuwa natembea mitaa mingi. Nilikuwa naona hizo mitaa zikiwa chafu na bila mipangilio. Wakati huu tumeinua hali hio na sasa ni vigumu kuona takataka zikiwa zimetapakaa. Hiyo ni njia moja ya kuonyesha tunaendelea kama Laikipia.

Bwana Spika, uchafu ni sisi kama binadamu huleta na ni jambo ambalo tunafaa tulizungumzia kwa undani. Watu wengi hawaelewi ukitupa takataka pahali popote ni vibaya. Mheshimiwa Kihika amesema tuwaelimishe wananchi. Ukikula peremende usitupe karatasi hapo maana unaharibu mazingara. Hueda hatuna apesa za kutosha ama ya kuajiri watu waokote zile takataka.

Bwana Spika, Mheshimiwa Kihika amezungumzia vitu tatu, na nitataja;

'CONCERNED THAT Litter contaminates the environment by releasing harmful chemicals and toxins as it decomposes and that this pollution can negatively affect soil quality, waterways, and air quality.'

Bwana Spika, ukiangalia hayo mambo matatu ni mambo ambayo tunafaa kuzungumzia kwa undani. Tunaweka maisha ya wananchi kwa hatari. Hizi kemikali sio za kukupatia afya bali zinaadhiri kwa jambo moja ama lingine.

Katika uharibifu wa mchanga, katika Taifa letu la Kenya hutegemea mchanga sana kwa maana wengi wetu ni wakulima na wafugaji. Tunapoharibu mchanga ni kumaanisha ya kwamba wale wanyama ambao tunafuga hawatapata nyasi kwa sababu nyasi haiwezi kumea kwa machanga ambao umeharibika.

Bwana Spika, vilevile mimea hauwezi kumea kwa mchanga ambao umeharibika. Nimeangalia Mheshimiwa Kihika na kuona ya kwamba ni mtu aliye na maono na anaangalia mambo ya vizazi vitakavyokuja baadaye. Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri sisi kama watu wa Laikipia tuwe mfano mwema na kielelezo ya kwamba utaweza kupata mtu hapa mjini akinywa maziwa halafu anatupa takataka. Mwingine anaenda akivuta sigara na akimaliza anatupa mabaki chini na hayo ni mambo ambayo tunafaa kuangalia kwa maana huo ni uchafu.

Ni vizuri kutunza mazingira hadi huko mashinani kwa maana taka huwa ya aina yote hadi taka ya binadamu ambayo watu wengine hutupa ovyo ovyo. Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri tuelimishe watu jinsi ya kutupa taka kama hizo.

Bwana Spika, nilipata kutembea nje ya Laikipia na nikapata ya kwamba hakuna vioo na sio kupenda kwa hao wananchi kwa sababu hawaoni kama ni vibaya. Unakuta ya kwamba yale mambo ambayo yanafanyika ni kama yake ambayo Mheshimiwa Kanyutu amesema. Mtu anafika hapo ana mbwa anamuokotea na huyo mwananchi sio kupenda kwake bali ni kutojua. Kwa hivyo, tunaendelea kuharibu mazingira na hewa. Hayo ni mambo ambayo naona yakiwa muhimu na ni vizuri tuweze kuelimisha wananchi wetu.

Bwana Spika, kuna wakati nilibahatika nikaweza kutembea na rafiki yangu katika nchi Jirani na nikatembelea mbuga la Wanyama. Nilikuta ubao ambao ulikuwa umeandikwa usitupe takataka lakini sisi ni Waafrika na wakati mwingine sisi husahau. Nilijipata nimetupa takataka kwa bahati mbaya lakini wale ambao tulikuwa nao wakasema ni lazima tusimamishe gari ili

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tuweze kuokota hiyo taka. Nikajiuliza, ala? Kwani nimefanya kitu kibaya? Kwa hivyo, ni vizuri tuendelee kukumbusha wananchi kuhusu kutupa tatataka mahali panapofaa.

Tunapowaelezea jinsi ya kutupa takataka, tunafaa pia kukinga vizazi ambavyo vinakuja. Vilevile katika miji yetu tusiwe tukitupa taka taka ovyo ovyo. Ile takataka nyingi ambayo huwa ikiokotwa katika mji wetu ni ile ambayo hutupwa na watu kiholela. Kwa hivyo kama tutaweza kuelimisha watu maana ya kutupa takataka vizuri, itakuwa ni jambo la busara na tuweze kutafuta chombo cha kutupia taka kama vile Mheshimiwa Kihika amesema. Tuwe na vyombo vya kutupia taka ili mtu akitaka kutupa uchafu anapeleka mahali panapostahili na hayo ndiyo mambo ambayo tunataka ili tuwe kielelezo. Mji wetu utakuwa msafi kila mahali.

Bwana Spika, nilibahatika pia kutembea katika nchi Jirani katika Mji wa Addis Ababa. Huko watu huwa hawatupi takataka na hakuna mtu ambaye anakwambia usitupe. Imeandikwa kwa kila kichochoro na kumewekwa vyombo vya kutupia taka. Kama umekula peremende unapeleka uchafu wako pale ili watu ambao wanafanya kazi ya kuokota wanafanya hiyo kazi kwa urahisi na kuipeleka mahali panapofaa.

Kwa hivyo, mimi nimeangalia hayo mambo matatu na kuona kweli ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Kihika alikuwa ameangalia mambo kwa njia inayofaa. La Kwanza amesema ya kwamba; *implement public awareness campaigns to educate residents and visitors about the importance of proper ways of disposal and the harmful effects of littering.* Nimeongea kuhusu kampeni za kufahamisha watu.

Sisi wakati wa kampeni huwa tunatembea kila mahali tukisema tuchaguliwe na pia kujulisha watu agenda zako na sera zako. Hayo ndiyo yale mambo ambayo tunataka. Ukienda kwa mkutano, ni vizuri kukumbusha wananchi ya kwamba mazingira ni muhimu na lazima yatunzwe. Kuiongea mambo mawili ama matatu kwa mkutano, ni vizuri kukumbusha watu kuhusu kutunza mazingira safi.

Amesema ya kwamba, '*ensure that there are enough trash bins'* na hiyo ni kweli. Kama huu Mji wetu wa Nanyuki, utapata ya kwamba kama chombo kimoja cha kutupiwa taka kiko KFA, utakuja kupata ingine karibu na KCB lakini hapo katikati hakuna chombo kingine. Kuna vyombo kubwa pia ambazo zinafaa kutumiwa na wafanyibiashara ili Lori la taka likija liweze kuchuka na kupeleka kutupa lakini hiyo hatujaweza kupata. Nakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Kihika ya kwamba, '*we are urging the County Government to provide litter bins, organize regular clean up events where volunteers and community members come together to pick up litter from streets, parks and other public places.'*

Watu wengi wanaelewa kazi ya kushirikiana ya kwamba si lazima ulipwe na pia wanajua maana ya kutunza mazingira. Kama watu wanaelewa hivyo, itakuwa jambo la busara kila kiongozi kuita watu siku moja wadi yake na kusafisha. Tumeona ya kwamba nchi ya Rais Kagame kuna siku ya kufanya usafi. Tuwe tunatenga siku ya usafi na kila mtu anaamka na vifagio na kuosha Barabara. Tunapoosha Barabara, tukumbuke pia kujisafisha na kujiosha lakini tusisafishe tu Barabara na kujisahau. Tunafaa kusukuma serikali ili tuweze kupata siku ya kufanya usafi.

Bwana Spika, niliona ya kwamba katika Kaunti ya Kiambu Gavana wao alikuwa ameanza siku ya kusafisha lakini sasa sijui Waafrika tuko namna gani. Niliona wamefanya siku mbili lakini sasa siwaoni. Bwana Spika, ninataka tuanzie hapa Kaunti yetu. Hata wewe Bwana Spika katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia wewe ni nambari tatu kutoka kwa Gavana, naibu wake na wewe ukiwa wa tatu. Unaweza pia kutuongoza na kusema ya kwamba kutakuwa na siku ya Bunge kwenda kusafisha na twende tusafishe kama Wajumbe kwa sababu lazima kama viongozi tuwe mifano.

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Mimi nichukue kifagio niende nikafagie barabara na nikiangalia nyuma yangu nipate kuona Mheshimiwa Leila na pande zingine naona Mheshimiwa Gitahi, Joali na kijana barumaru; Mheshimiwa Kanyutu. Tufanye huu mji wetu uwe safi na hayo ni mambo ambayo tunafaa kujitolea. Tukiamua kujitolea masaa mbili tunaenda kwa sababu Kaunti ni yetu na wananchi ni wetu na tunafaa kujitolea.

Siku hiyo hatutaki hata malipo, ili tuwe kielelezo kwa wale wengine, ili wananchi kule mbele waweze kufanya hivyo. Nilikuwa nasikia tu kama nina mori ya kuongea. Nimepandwa na mori kwa sababu ningetaka tuyatunze mazingira, lakini kwa sababu ya muda, na najua wengine wangetaka pia kuchangia kwenye huu mswada, naomba kukomea hapo. Naunga mkono huu mswada na kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Kihika kwa kuleta mswada ambao ni wa maana na ambao utatunza mazingira yetu mahali tunapoishi. Kwa hayo machache, nashukuru kwa kunipa hii nafasi. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. It is really wonderful thinking of us Members leading the public to clean up our town. Hon. Majority Leader, the floor is yours.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Ningetaka kwanza kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Kihika kwa huu mswada. Unapoingia kwenye Jiji la Mombasa, sijui hapo panaitwaje kwa sababu mimi si mkaazi wa huko bali naenda tu kama mgeni; lakini nimewahi kutoka hapa Laikipia kuenda kujionea nikapata kuwa mahali palipokuwa na takataka, sasa ni pahali pa kuvutia watalii. Nilipata kuna mhisani mmoja anayemiliki kiwanda cha Mombasa Cement amebadilisha kutoka kuwa mahali pa takataka hadi mahali panapoleta pesa kwa serikali ya Kaunti.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna wakati pia nilikuwa Dubai nikakuta mlima mkubwa sana wa takataka unaoweza kuchukua takriban ekari thelathini, umetengenezwa ukawa sehemu ya kuvutia. Mimi najua kuna vile takataka inaweza kubadilishwa kuwa makaa, hata hapa Kenya kuna mashine inayoweza kubadilisha takataka kuwa makaa au mbolea itakayowasaidia wananchi. Kwa hivyo, naomba tu kwamba hii serikali yetu ambayo mimi nawakilisha nikiwa Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi watafute watu walio na huo ujuzi tuje tufanye hiyo kazi pamoja tuhakikishe ya kwamba hizi takataka hazipotei tu bali tunaokota na inaenda kuwa vitu vingine vinavyoweza kusaidia wananchi. Kwa hivyo, naunga huu mswada mkono na kuomba Wabunge wote waunge mkono. Asante sana.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion by Hon. Kihika though there is a point that on my part I cannot support. He has clearly stated that we do the campaigns. If we do the campaigns, I am sure that we will reduce the litter that is on our streets. Once we reduce the litter and we also have enough bins for collection of this litter, at the end she has stated that we employ street cleaning crews to do that work. This point of regular cleaners by volunteers, I wholly object. I cannot promise that I will accompany you here in Nanyuki to go and clean the streets.

On my part, I will not be part and parcel, because somebody who will be obliged to do that work will forfeit doing it expecting that there is a certain day I will go and clean on his behalf. If there is such a plan, on my part I will not be part and parcel. I had better be open because even if I can clean, I need… Even in my home I am not the one who does the cleaning. There are people. If there is someone who has been dedicated to do that work, let each and every person do their work. I support the motion but on point number 3, because I have read it, I categorically object to that point of organizing a cleanup. In case I can organize, I had better do it in my area where I have been elected, not coming to town and cleaning it for other people. Thank you.

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. Sentiments well received in the motion. Thank you, Hon. Members. As I see the mood of the House, I will request Hon. Kihika to reply to the motion.

Hon. Caroline Wanjiku: I thank the Members for supporting my motion and I am grateful.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kihika.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 31st August, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.10 p.m.

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