REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 7th July, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk kindly confirm if we have quorum

(Lack of Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Clerk kindly confirm if we have achieved quorum

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to stop the bell.

MOTION

[Resumption of previous debate dated 06/07/2021]

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CAR AND MORTGAGE FUND REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you Mr. Speaker, indeed we did the report yesterday and Members did contribute and it is clear from the Financial statement that the fund was totally used by the nine members of the Executive the CECM. We have recommended as a committee that it is also good they refuse the regulations and amend so that the Members of the staff can benefit from the fund.

Mr. Speaker we have noted that there is withdrawal of funds from UNISON Sacco to the government accounts as per other Financial Statements that are in custody of the committee. It is not very clear on how they are administering the fund. We as the committee have written to the CECM for Finance to furnish the Committee with a clear list of the beneficiaries since the beginning of this government.

Mr. Speaker it is clear that the fund was well administered, there was efficiency, transparency and everything is clear from the report. We thank the Hon. Members for their contribution and also urge them to continue supporting the report so that we can also bring other quarterly reports because they are also ready, thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The Hon. Chair for Education and ICT Committee, Hon. Catherine Kibue.

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE EDUCATION AND ICT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

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THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Education and ICT services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended September, 2019 dated 1st July, 2021.

Mr Speaker Sir, on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education and ICT Services in pursuant to the provision of standing order No. 191/5 (f), It is my pleasure and duty to present to the house, the Committee's report on County Government of Laikipia(Executive) Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended September 2019.

Committee Membership

The Committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following members:

1. Hon Catherine Kibue - Chairperson
2. Hon Daniel Mugweru - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon Jacob Endom - Member
4. Hon. Chalumbo Ole Kaparo - Member
5. Hon. Joseph Kiguru - Member

Committee Mandate

The Committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191 which provides that it shall consider, for approval of the House appointments under Article 179 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya.

Committee Meetings

The Committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document as required prior to tabling it in the House. On behalf of the Education and ICT services Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process?

The Committee on Education and ICT Services was constituted by the House on 28th September 2017 during the First Session of the Second Assembly in Laikipia County. It is one of the Sectorial Committees established under Standing Order No. 191(g) with the mandate to make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Statement of management responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Executive Member for Finance and County Planning is responsible for preparation and presentation of the County Governments Financial Statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Government for and as at the end of this quarter ended 31st March 2019. This responsibility includes:

1. Maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period.
2. Maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the County Government.
3. Designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud.

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4. Safeguarding the assets of the County Government.
5. Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies.
6. Making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Mr, Speaker Sir the County government's financial statements were approved and signed by the CEC Member for Finance on 26th October 2019.

Background Information.

Mr. Speaker. Sir pursuant to the public Finance Management Act 2012, Section 166 which stipulates that not later than one month after end of each quarter, and the County Treasury shall:

1. Consolidate the quarterly reports and submit them to the Assembly.
2. Deliver copies to the Controller of Budget, National Treasury and Commission on revenue allocation, and
3. Publish and publicise them.

In compliance to the above regulation, the County Government of Laikipia Submitted the Quarterly report and Financial Statements for the Quarter ended September 2019 to the County Assembly.

Comparison of budget actual amounts (recurrent and development combined).

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during this first quarter of the financial year 2019/2020 the county operated on a 30% recurrent vote on account, which was used as the basis for computing the budget. There was underutilization in most categories Education department being one of them of the budget in this first quarter because there was late budget execution.

Disclosure statement on budget execution breakdown by programs in the education and social services department.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Education and Social Services department is one of the key departments in the County Government. Its seeks to promote the development of basic school infrastructure, improve early childhood education through construction of ECDE's centres, provision of furniture, learning materials and capacity building of teachers. It seeks to provide quality education, training and skills development in vocational training centres.

Mr. Speaker, Sir. The County Government Reports and Financial Statement for the Department of Education and Social Services on budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes for FY 2019/2020 first quarter is as follows: allow me not to go through the table because each and every Member has got the copy.

Mr. Speaker, Sir as at 30th September 2019, no expenditures were paid for the department despite the CECM Finance and County Planning reporting that the County received the total disbursement for that quarter as compared to the similar period during the previous financial year 2018/2019.

As at 30th September, 2019, the department had an outstanding balance of Kshs. 101,191,534. This has grown from Kshs. 56,757,254 outstanding balance for FY 2017/2018 and Kshs 44,434,280 outstanding balance for FY 2018/2019.

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The outstanding pending amounts of Kshs 101,191,534 were brought forward to FY 2019/2020 first quarter from the previous two years. The composition of the pending bills are both recurrent and Development in nature.

Committee observations

1. That the department had 0% uptake of its first quarter budget by the department.
2. That there is slowness in allocating funds to the department by the County treasury.

Recommendation

1. That the department should prioritise on payments of the pending bills to avoid bringing them forward in the subsequent financial year.
2. That the County Treasury should ensure equity in allocating funds to departments in every exchequer release.

Committee conclusion

Mr, Speaker, Sir, that this house adopts the Education, ICT Services Committee report.

Mr. Speaker, as per the report, the committee has indicated that there is a low allocation to this department by the treasury. I therefore ask the treasury to ensure equity and fairness in the allocation fund to the department. May I call my able Committee Member, the Majority Leader to second this report? Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I first want to congratulate my able Chair and also the committee membership for the work well done. As the recommendation of the committee, this department needs the support of this House in terms of allocating more money. In fact, this department is one of the poorest even in effecting and implementing issues pertaining to ECDE classrooms. So we need to support this department and I know that through the changes which the Executive did the other day like changing the CECM and a new Chief Officer, and also the able committee, I believe that we are going to bring into this House a recommendation on allocation of budget to ensure that the ECDE classrooms and teachers are well supported. So I second and also urge the Members to support and approve this report.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hii ripoti ambayo imetengenezwa na kamati na wameweza kuipitia kulingana na vile idara imeituma. Wameweza pia kuangalia mianya ambayo imesumbua katika hiyo idara.

Kwanza ningetaka tuelezwe kwa sababu hizi ripoti za mahesabu ambazo zimeletwa ni za mwaka wa 2019 na sasa tuko mwaka wa 2021. Kwa hivyo mimi nafikiria ya kwamba zile shida ambazo tuko nazo katika hii idara hazijaanza sasa hivi kwa sababu mambo ya madeni imekuwa ni shida.

Ukiangalia katika idara zote unapata katika robo ya kwanza hakuna kazi ambayo imefanyika. Nafikiri sisi kama Bunge ndipo tunafaa kuona ya kwamba Bunge inalegea kidogo. Na kwa sababu kazi yetu ni ya uangalizi, tunafaa angalau kuwa na muda wa kuweza kukagua hizi mahesabu na kukimbiza hata zile ambazo zinafanywa huu mwaka kwa sababu hapo ndipo shida itakuwa.

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Sasa hivi tunaona katika hii idara mambo ya madeni katika mwaka wa 2019 wanasema ya kwamba ni milioni 101. Hiyo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba 2020 hadi 2022 kama kila mwaka watakuwa na deni la milioni 101, kwa jumla itakuwa 303. Hiyo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba idara moja iko nazo. Ukihesabu katika idara zote na kunazo zingine ziko na deni kubwa, basi kuna shida. Ndiyo maana hata leo tunapojaribu kufanya bajeti unakuta ya kwamba bajeti ambayo tunafanya inaenda kulipa madeni na tunaachwa bila pesa ya kufanya maendeleo.

Zile maendeleo ambazo tulikuwa tumefanya kitambo kama za barabara, unapata ya kwamba zimeharibika. Kama jana nilikuwa nimesema ya kwamba kuna barabara ambazo ziko katika wadi yangu ambapo mkandarasi alijenga mwaka moja uliopita na hiyo barabara imetumika na iko karibu kuisha na bado hajalipwa hata shilingi moja. Tuliona ya kwamba hapa ndipo maneno yako na kuna shida. Kwa hivyo nakubaliana na kamati kwa sababu wameanza kuangalia na kutoa mapendekezo yao. Ninaona ya kwamba wameongea mambo ya kugawiwa pesa kwa usawa katika idara kwa sababu hiyo ndiyo imekuwa shida katika hizi idara.

Idara ya Elimu inapopokea *exchequer release*, nafikiria huwa wanaangalia ni idara ipi itakayopewa na ni gani ambayo haitapewa na hapo ndipo shida ilipo. Sisi kama Bunge kwa sababu tuko na nguvu ya kusema na Executive upande huo, tunafaa kuangalia *exchequer* inapokuja, kama *exchequer* imekuja ya milioni mia moja, wacha idara zote zigawie ili ziweze kulipa madeni yao.

Mwaka uliyopita tuliweza kusikia Waziri wa fedha akisema ya kwamba madeni yote inawekwa kwa idara zote na kwa hivyo ikija pale anachagua ni ipi ambayo atalipa na ni gani ambayo hatalipa. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri tupatie kila wizara nguvu na tutaipatia nguvu kama sisi wenyewe tutahakikisha ya kwamba kila idara inapata pesa wakati *exchequer* inapokuja. Kwa hayo machache nataka kuunga mkono hii ripoti na pia kumpongeza Mwenyekiti kwa sababu ya ukakamavu na ushujaa na kuonyesha uongozi katika hiyo kamati kwa kutoa ripoti ambazo ni za kusaidia hili Bunge. Nashukuru.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika, kwa kunipa hii nafasi. Namshukuru pia Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Elimu kwa kufikisha mambo mahali yalipo sasa. Nashukuru pia Uongozi wote ambao ulisaidia Waheshimiwa wote, akina mama walio katika hili Bunge kuonyesha kwamba kazi imeendelea sambamba. Nashukuru pia Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi ambaye aliona umuhimu wa kusimama na akina mama Waheshimiwa walio hapa. Nashukuru Kamati ya Elimu.

Singetaka kurudia mambo mengi sana kama ambavyo Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema. Ukweli wa mambo ni kwamba hili Jumba ni la muhimu na inafaa iheshimiwe na Serikali ya Utekelezaji. Jambo la kwanza, inafaa tuketi chini sisi sote tukiwa Waheshimiwa ishirini na watatu na tujiulize pesa tunayopitisha inaenda wapi. Tunapitisha pesa kila wakati. Kama ni Bunge ingepatiwa hii pesa igawe, hili Bunge ambalo wewe Bwana Spika ndiye baba yake, ingekuwa vizuri kwa sababu kila idara...

Kama unavyosikia, ni watu wangapi ambao wameenda hospitali? Ni watu wangapi waliofariki katika Laikipia kwa sababu waliomba pesa kutoka benki? Leo baadhi yao wako mchangani. Leo kuna wengine wamechotwa, Mimi nikiwa shahidi, nasema mbele ya Mwenyezi Mungu na sio siasa. Ni watu wangapi wameuza gari zao na wake zao wametoroka kwa sababu ya pesa ambayo ilichukuliwa?

Ni kitu ya uchungu sana tungali tuko serikalini na sisi ndio tunaangaliwa na *Wanjiku*. Pesa yetu ya Laikipia inaingia kila mwaka. 2019 kuna pesa hadi za ufadhili wa karo ya shule hazikupeanwa. Hatujui hiyo pesa ilienda wapi. Mimi nimesimama hapa kusema sisi kama

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Waheshimiwa 24 tushikane kama siafu tukae chini tutasema msemo mmoja. Tuko na nguvu ya kutoa hii pesa mahali imefichwa.

Wakati huu wale Waheshimiwa 15 wamechaguliwa mtu anaweza ingia kwao usiku juu kila mtu anakuja. Juzi niliona Mheshimiwa Kiguru amesimamiwa na wakandarasi karibu saba nikatoroka; Nikajua yuko na shida. Shida wakaambia Mheshimiwa Kiguru pia wananitafuta. Nauliza serikali ya Nderitu Muriithi atoe pesa ya wananchi wa Laikipia. Alipe madeni.

Hospitalini hakuna madawa. Juzi walizunguka huko na hakuna madawa. Watu wanawekwa huko kusema dawa ziko. Niseme hivi, tuko na nguvu tikishikana. Tulipe pesa mambo ya elimu iendelee. Hakuna kitu mzuri duniani kwa mzazi kama elimu na afya nzuri. Tunalaumiwa na Wanjiku lakini tuko na makosa kwa kukosa kushikana. Kiongozi wa wengi Bungeni utushikanishe na utushikilie utuonyeshe njia. Hapa sio mapendeleo ama kubembeleza mtu kama pesa ni za Wanjiku. Tuko na haki. Sitiki kuongea sana. Mkumbuke ni siku ya saba saba. Nataka kwenda nje nitoe taarifa nikikumbuka hayati Matiba ambaye alipigania nchi hii ya Kenya; Shujaa wa Kenya. Asante sana.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First is to commend this committee led by the iron lady there. You see these things were not coming in the first, I don't know which magic the leader of majority is doing but at least we are seeing business. My worry is when they say there was zero payment, money was budget and not disbursed/ utilized, it means people were in office getting salaries and remunerations without there being an output. That begs the question, does that mean that department is irrelevant? It means that money meant to be there was take somewhere else?

These are the questions that someone is worried about. The committee observed 0% uptake of its first quarter. It wonder, where did money go to? Was it diverted? It raises even the audit queries. Audit query is not just money disappearing even money intended for purpose 'A' then taken to purpose 'B' it's an Audit query. I won't say a lot but any time I see pending bills I get worried.

I remember this Assembly, there is a time it allocated a certain amount. I can't recall the exact amount. I expected to see a difference but the wage bill continued ballooning. I don't know whether the Executive of this County is irrespective of the President. The President issued a National Order that these pending Bills are to be paid. It is a conversation that we need. I don't know whether we will bring all the stakeholders in Laikipia and we see the modalities. Any time it continued being a pending bill, the day my good friend Hon. Ikunyua will be running on zero deficit in the County. If we don't sort it now it will be a big problem.

It is good we sit and see what is the issue of these pending bills? Why don't they reduce? What can be done in every allocation? We cannot continue like a song. If something is said over and over and there is no solution, it becomes a headache. Otherwise I commend the committee and its work and I am looking forward to the ones that are recent because I can see this one is for September, 2019. Thank you and I urge Members to support.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante Bwana Spika. Nataka kushukuru kamati ya Elimu kwa kuleta ripoti katika hii Bunge ya robo mwaka. Najua ya kwamba wamejikakamua. Hii ndio wizara ambayo iko na shida. Walimu wa ECDE walienda kortini kwa sababu hawalipwi ile pesa kidogo wanafaa kulipwa wakifanya kazi. Kulingana na kujua kwangu najua walimu wameshinda kesi.

Tunatarajia kama Bunge kamati ya elimu watafuatilia wajue baada ya kushinda serikali imefanya nini? Tusiwe na uzoefu mtu akisimamishwa na korti sisi tunasimama na wale ambao

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wanakataa kufuata masharti ya koti. Tunangojea hio ripoti kama wamelipwa na kama bado tujue kumefanyika nini.

La pili, hii kamati imeonelea wawekwe sawa na wengine. Wale wanaleta makadirio ya bajeti walete hapa na inaonekana pesa za hii wizara ni kidogo. Serikali wakiweka pesa waweke yenye inatosha ndiposa tusaidie watoto wetu na tulipe walimu wa ECDE. Tujaze madarasa viti. Hatutaki kujenga nyumba bila msingi. Ukipanda mti unatafuta mchanga nyororo na nyasi ya kuweka juu ndio huo mmea umee vizuri. Ukikosa msingi mwema wa watoto wetu wachanga ni kumaanisha masomo yetu inadhoofika huko juu. Tunasema hii wizara ichukulie hii maneno kwa umakini zaidi.

La Pili Bwana Spika, nimeona hii idara iko na madeni mengi. Kwa hivyo kuna watu wengi sana wanalia huko nyuma. Nakumbuka wakati tulikuwa tunachaguliwa mwaka wa 2017 na 2018 kuna pesa ambayo ilikuwa imepitishwa na serikali iliyokuwa hapo mbeleni. Wakati tulifika hapa kabla tupangwe, mikora wengine walipatiwa hizo kandarasi na zingine walipeana haziko. Mpaka siku ya leo wenye kandarasi wanalia. Walipatiwa kazi ili wajenge choo na sidhani kuna wodi haijajengwa choo lakini hazijalipwa.

Juzi nilipigiwa simu na mkandarasi mmoja na kuniambia yuko karibu kuchotwa kitanda ambacho analalia. Aliniambia atabomoa hizo choo lakini nilijaribu kumbembeleza lakini ndani ya roho yangu nilikuwa nasema hata kama ni kubomoa anaweza tu. Bwana Spika, utapatia aje mtu kandarasi na haijawekwa kwa bajeti. Huwezi patia mtu kandarasi ya mwaka wa 2017 na 2018 na hadi wa leo haijalipwa. Hiyo si haki. Tunahitaji kuwaangalia na Serikali Tekelezi iache kuchukulia wanalaikipia mzaha.

Kama nilivyosema jana Bwana Spika, tuliahidi wanalaikipia kwamba hatutachukua kandarasi nje ya Kaunti na kama tutachukua ni asilimia thelathini nayo asilimia sabini itoke Laikipia. Wale ambao wamepata kandarasi kutoka Kaunti wanaangamia. Kwa hivyo tutasimama kama Bunge na tuseme zile pesa ambazo tulipitisha tujue zilifanya kazi gani na zililipa kandarasi ngapi. Ni madeni gani ambazo tumepunguza. Hayo ni maneno ambayo tunahitaji kujua kutoka kwa kila idara na si tu Idara ya Elimu kwa sababu idara nyingi ziko na madeni hayajalipwa. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono ripoti ya Kamati ya Elimu.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to support this report. Mr. Speaker, it is true there is a vision. First I congratulate the committee for the job well done. Mr. Speaker, if you look at the cover of the report it is dated 2018/2019. If there is a hell department, is the Education Department because since inception there has been no changes. When we were vetting the CECM, Education we did not have one. Currently I do not know the CECM for Education.

Mr. Speaker, I think there is a lot of incompetence on the Executive side because the delay of these pending bills and the allocation show there is a big problem in the department. Mr. Speaker, one of the issues that pertains to the department is that there has been a big delay on implementation of projects. For example, the ECD classes in Ol Moran Ward and it has been indicated here there was a problem of the allocation of ECD class but when the contractor went on the ground he alleged that the money allocated for that classroom, because of cotton soil, it was not possible for it to be constructed.

The same contractor after being changed to the following year 2019, the class was again interchanged. Mr. Speaker, I want to assure this House that as we talk, there are contractors with LSOs and they have not done any construction because of fear for not being paid. I think because we have an able committee led by Hon. Chris Mark, the CPAIC Committee should

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interrogate the department so that we know why the LSOs are in the contractor's pocket and they are not working.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to know the limitations of whether there is an expiry of LSO when issued. The other one is that I would like to blame the Executive. There is either lack of involvement during Budget Making Process. Mr. Speaker, since we started the second Assembly we had no money for sports. This is a big challenge because of our youth who are in this department and the allocation of money. We try to amend and shed what figures we can allocate because as long as we love our youth and sports we cannot cut the budget for bursaries to allocate sports.

For this incompetence, the Governor should know that there are delayed projects because of incompetence from that side. Mr. Speaker, education is the key to success and I am happy that this House even if the law will be passed, we have degrees like my friend Stephen Ndiritu who is pursuing his masters. There is a problem because if we do not remember where we came from, it is the ECD classes that uplifted us.

What my fellow Hon. Veronica has said about pending bills is that if this department thinks of employing 870 ECD teachers and they meet the minimum threshold, we will be good to go. Right now our ECD teachers are not recognised. They cannot even go to a loan facility. They are like casual labourers and if we absorb them now that the case has gone, they can feel we are recognising them.

Mr. Speaker, I know the committee is going to fast track and bring the other quarterly reports to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nachukua nafasi hii kushukuru Waheshimiwa wote ambao wameunga, wenye wamenyamaza, wenye wamekanyagia lakini najua ndani yao wanaunga mkono. Naomba Kamati ya Bajeti ambayo inaongozwa na Mwenyekiti aliye katika Bunge hili ashikilie Kamati ya Elimu kwa sababu ndiyo uti wa mgongo wa Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tusiposhikilia elimu, nyinyi ambao mko katika Bunge hili kama hamngesomeshwa na wazazi wenu, mngekuwa wapi?

Tukiangalia viongozi wa Kaunti ya Laikipia wakiongozwa na Gavana Ndiritu Muriithi, kama bajeti tuliokuwa nayo hapo awali walitoa pesa yote wa *bursaries* na kweka sufuri. Sijui kama wanajua umuhimu wa kupatia wale ambao hawana nguvu *bursaries* ili tushikilie watoto wetu. Naomba Wabunge wakati tunaongea kuhusu *bursaries* na *scholarship* tujali hawa watoto.

Waheshimiwa tumesikiza yale ambayo yamesemwa, tumeyasikiza na kama kamati tutafuatilia. Nikijibu Mheshimiwa Karuiru, Kamati ya Elimu haina Waziri, yeye anakaimu ambaye ni Waziri Ndai. Amekuwa hapo kutoka Waziri Mbiriri atoke na aende kortini. Sisi tunafuata na nauliza Waheshimiwa maneno ya madeni yataisha lini ilhali nasikia mkisema *bond* ipitishwe ndio ilipe madeni.

Tutaangamiza wanalaikipia mpaka lini. Naomba tusimame na tuungane mkono sisi wote na tuseme imetosha. *The last minute can save a man*. Jamani mtaacha wanalaikipia wapi? Kwa hayo machache nashukuru waheshimiwa na naomba waendelee kuunga mkono hii kamati. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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PENDING BUSINESSES OF THE ASSEMBLY

Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to make a comment that we are doing excellent work. We have had quite a number of these reports coming to this House for approval. It is very important if we are able to deal with the pending business. We cannot have the moral authority to remind others to deal with their pending bills yet we have not dealt with ours. I am happy with the way for the few months we have been dealing with pending business.

I believe all of you have witnessed that and the Members of the House Business Committee can tell that we have a lot of businesses that if we want to schedule business for next month, we will be in a position. We are doing very well. When Hon. Catherine Kibue was replying, she emphasized that we give a lot of emphasis to Education Department remembering how our parents or whoever sponsored you to Education.

I believe as it was said about Hon. Ndiritu, you are also a beneficiary of the guardians who educated you and I believe not up to Masters' level. Of course you take care of yourself when you come to the Masters' level. Therefore, whatever Master's degree you are pursuing, I want to wish you all the best. It is pleasing when a parent educates you to a certain level and then you can be able to take yourself to the other level. Congratulations though I did not know exactly which course you are taking but you can share with us when we are having a cup of tea.

I know sometimes back I met you undertaking a course in theology. I being a Pastor, I wish you are taking a course in theology and you can become a trainer of bishops. I learnt the other day that you are an elder in your church. Hon. Members, so far so good; you are doing good work and I hope you shall continue in the same spirit. It is very encouraging as we near the end we are doing more work.

Many times in the graph, as people get to the last year of the budget it is assumed the graph goes down. In this case ours is going up. I pray that we keep up.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until later today, Wednesday, 7th July, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9:50 a.m.

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