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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 29th September, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the Report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Creative Economy and Cooperatives dated 21st September, 2021.

Madam Speaker, I hope everybody has this report on their tables. The Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee comprises of the following members;

1. Hon. Judy Lukio -Chairperson
2. Hon. George Meshami -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Irene Wachuka -Member
4. Hon. Mary Samken -Member
5. Hon. Simon Kanyutu -Member
6. Hon. John Mutahi -Member
7. Hon. Chris Mark -Member

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, I am on a point of order.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): What is it Hon. Ndiritu?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bi Spika, nimefinya hapa na kisheria ni haki Spika kusikiza ni nini Mheshimiwa anataka kusema. Wakati tuko katika Bunge hili, kila Mheshimiwa ana haki ya kuongea. Ningetaka kuelekezwa kidogo kwa sababu tumeelekezwa kwa utaratibu nikiwa bado nimefinya kwa sababu nilikuwa natarajia wewe kama Spika utatuelezea mipango ya kesho na kuendelea.

Bi Spika, tumekuja hapa kwa niaba ya mwananchi na tuko hapa kutetea mwananchi. Wiki jana tulikuwa tumesikizana ya kwamba kutoka wiki ijayo hatutakuwa katika Bunge. Bi. Spika,

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tunaendelea ilhali tunajua kesho ni Alhamisi na pia wakati tuko hapa kuna mambo ambayo hayaendelei vizuri.

Tayari mimi niko na haki yangu kama mwakilishi na mwananchi pia yuko na haki yake. Wakati inafikia mambo ya mwananchi, tunafaa kushikana kama tulivyo sasa. Kama ni mambo yetu ya kufanya kazi, tunafaa kushikana pia. Kitu cha kwanza, nimeona ya kwamba katika yale mafao yangu ambayo ninafaa kupewa, kuna mambo ambayo haijafanyika na sina pahali pengine pa kwenda kulalamika. Kwa hivyo mimi ninaonelea sisi zote kama Wajumbe tungefaa tuelezwe mipango ya wiki ijayo, tunaenda wapi na kazi inaendelea namna gani. Hayo ni mambo ambayo tunafaa kusikizana kabla tuendelee na zile biashara zingine na hiyo ni haki yetu.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Thank you, Hon. Stephen Ndiritu.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bi. Spika. Nilikuwa nataka kuunga ndugu yangu mkono kwa kusema utupatie nafasi kidogo. Uahirishe Bunge hata kama ni kwa dakika thelathini angalau tujuane na tuongee, juu tuko hapa tukijali wananchi na maslahi yetu pia inafaa kujaliwa vile tu tunajali wananchi. Asante.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am surprised and shocked by the way Members want us to run this House. This is a House of order and we are the ones who do business in this House and therefore we are out of order, because we should be following the orders of this House. My plea is that we stick to the orders of the day. Nobody has ever been allowed to bring any business he/she believes is right.

Madam Speaker, if you allow this, we will be running a market in Laikipia. Let us stick to the orders and the Hon. Members who feel like they have got an option, they should bring their business on time. For those of us who are thinking of quorum, you can just walk out if you want but let us remain relative to the business of this House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, you have requested for a message from this Chair in regards to whether we will be in this House next week. The Chair will give a communication once the business of the day has ended. Thank you.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the documents as required prior to tabling it in the House, on behalf of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperative committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the committees report. Madam speaker. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the committee for their valuable contribution during the entire process.

If Members would go to page six, where we have that quorum of subprogram description approved budget, actual payment, variant and absorption rate, we can see the way it has been without going paragraph by paragraph. You can see the way the monies were used, and the absorption rate.

On page seven, Madam. Speaker. During the period under review, the Department had an absorption rate of 5.05%, Kshs. 13,464,163 million was spent against a budget of Kshs. 266, 615,430 million. If we go to committee's observation, the Trade, Tourism Enterprises Development and Cooperatives Committee made the following observations;

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1. There was very low expenditure in almost all the programs, especially in the Co-operative Development and Industrialization Development with absorption rate of 0.58% and 0% respectively.
2. Trade promotion and marketing sub-program had an overspending. As the Approved budget for the subprogram was Kshs. 750,000 and the amount spent for the second quarter was Kshs. 1,221,150 and Kshs. 150,000 spent in the third quarter.

Observation report Madam. Speaker. The committee had the following recommendations;

1. The Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Department should ensure that the budgeted funds are utilized for their intended programs.
2. The County Government to ensure that they develop a work plan before allocation of funds to programs to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated for each program.

Madam Speaker, since nobody of this committee is in to second this motion, I beg to defer it to probably tomorrow if you can allow.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Members, as per the request of the Chairperson of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee, Hon. Judy Lukio to defer this motion, that is granted. Thank you.

(Motion deferred)

CONSIDERED RULING

ADDRESSING OF HOUSE ISSUES

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Members, I know you are not many but I will still say this: it is very important as Members to ensure that if we have a problem or issues that are cropping up, that we solve them internally before bringing them to this House. This is a House of order; this is a Plenary. Before we have exhausted all other mechanisms, it is always important that we come together as Members in a forum as opposed to stopping the House. That is why I did not grant the order to discuss the matter because I felt it had not been exhausted previously through other mechanisms.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 30th September, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 2.44 p.m.

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